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**More stores slated for Ind. 135 shopping center**  
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More stores soon will be opening in the Allyne Parke shopping center along Ind. 135.

Dawn Lyon, sales and leasing associate for Allen Commercial Group, said the 90,000-square-foot center is 75 percent leased.

"It's getting close," Lyon said. "We've just finished up a few deals and some first-round draft leases for several other tenants."

The anchor store, Stein Mart, opened May 9. Awnings and facades currently are being constructed for Roly Poly and Starbucks. Orec and Fantastic Sams have installed signs.

Other businesses committed to the center include Holder Home Collection, a home furnishing store Clubhouse Cuts for Kids Designs by Kimberly jewelry store and a Christian bookstore.

Also, Lyon said a deal recently was signed for a 6,000-square-foot national chain restaurant. Lyon would not identify the eatery, only to say that it will feature casual dining.

Negotiations are in the works for a 4,800-square-foot breakfast-type restaurant, according to Lyon, but she would not reveal its name.

Other businesses in the negotiation phase include a dry cleaners, an ice cream store and a tanning salon.

"It's going to end up being a great center with a dynamic retail mix," Lyon said.

More business means more traffic. Mike Hofmann, district traffic engineer for the Indiana Department of Transportation Seymour district, said a traffic light agreement is being written. The light would be located at Stonegate Road and Ind. 135.

The majority of businesses might open in September, Lyon said. A grand reopening might be scheduled to welcome the new tenants.

Lyon envisions a renaissance for older buildings along the 135 corridor, citing the old Preston Safeway supermarket site being renovated into a strip shopping center as an example.

"With (Allyne Parke), I think it's starting to change what's happening in that area," Lyon said. "With the older buildings, people are ready to retire them, and they will be redeveloped."

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