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## Mall name remains undecided

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The new retail shopping place for Hammond remains nameless.

Stirling Properties, the company in charge of renovating the Hammond Square complex on Southwest Railroad Avenue, has not yet picked a name for the new open-air shopping complex, said project manager Richard Cyr.

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The company has been reviewing reader suggestions on the Hammond Daily Star's web log, according to Cyr. Readers can still submit their name recommendations at [hammondstar.blogspot.com](http://hammondstar.blogspot.com).

No target date has been set for deciding a name, Cyr said.

Stirling Properties chairman Jimmy Maurin announced the \$100 million renovation plan for the 30-year-old shopping mall on Sept. 13. The mall's size will double to 850,000 square feet.

Dillard's, Sears, AMC Theatre, Chase Bank and Rite Aid will remain at the mall, while the rest of the building will be destroyed and rebuilt.

The increased size will allow for additional shops. Target, Home Depot and J.C. Penney have agreed to open at the new shopping complex.

Outback Steakhouse and Old Navy have expressed interest in opening, but Cyr said he could not comment on the opening of any additional stores. A grocery store also has been mentioned to be included on the site.

"Negotiations are continuing," he said.

An announcement concerning additional stores should come soon, he said.

Renovations at Hammond Square should begin April 1, Cyr said. Once complete, the new mall will be the largest retail complex in Tangipahoa Parish.

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