

McAlister's joins growing Esplanade shopping center

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PORTLAND —McAlister's Deli anticipates opening its new location at the Esplanade at Northshore shopping center in Portland.

The restaurant's opening is scheduled for late July or early August said Lynann Pinkham, a real estate broker with Cravey Real Estate Services Inc.

The retail center, in the 1700 block of U.S. Highway 181, has 50,000 square feet of space not including McAlister's.

The center has been attracting businesses since the lease was signed in March 2011 for its first tenant — Northshore Emergency Center, a free-standing emergency room operated by the Corpus Christi Medical Center.

Since then, K-Bob's Steakhouse has opened among other businesses. Pinkham said there are other lease agreements pending that will fill up about 8,500 square feet.

Pinkham said Portland has proved an ideal commercial location as businesses look at the impacts of surrounding industry such as the Tianjin Pipe Co.'s pipe mill project, Kiewit and future developments such as Cheniere LNG's proposed Corpus Christi liquefied natural gas project.



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