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**SMITH'S MARKETPLACE STORE UNDER CONTSTRUCTION IN SARATOGA SPRINGS**

(SARATOGA SPRINGS, UT) - Smith's Food & Drug is constructing a new Smith's Marketplace store at the northwest corner of Pioneer Crossing and Redwood Road in Saratoga Springs, Utah.

A groundbreaking at the northernmost location of the building site is taking place on February 2 at 2:00 PM with Saratoga Springs Mayor Jim Miller, members of City Council and Smith's President Jay Cummins.

The 123,500 square foot multi-department store will offer a complete grocery store along with pharmacy, apparel and household needs; Fred Meyer Jewelers; sit-down sushi and hot Asian food bar; fresh made to order baked pizzas, salads and sandwiches; and a Starbucks with indoor fireplace and outdoor seating. In addition, the store will feature an on-site Smith's Fuel Center and two-lane drive through pharmacy.

Smith's Marketplace will anchor the first phase of the 21-acre shopping center named "The Crossing" under development by Boyer Company. The \$26 million Smith's Marketplace will be built by Bateman-Hall Construction. When completed in late 2016, the new store will be the eighth Smith's (and third Marketplace format) to be located in Utah County. The existing Smith's Food & Drug Store at 1320 North Redwood Road opened in 2003, and will be subleased to a new tenant.

"We're excited for the new Smith's Marketplace," said Mayor Jim Miller. "Smith's has been a valuable community partner throughout the years. Their additional investment in our community will not only kick start The Crossing development, but also a new commercial corridor for the city and region."

Saratoga Springs is one of the fastest growing cities in Utah with a population of 25,000 and is the crossroads of northwest Utah County. The City has sites planned for low, medium and high density residential, neighborhood and regional parks, schools, commercial and office uses and large research and development properties. [www.saratogaspringscity.com](http://www.saratogaspringscity.com).

Smith's is a division of the Kroger Co. (NYSE:KR), one of the nation's largest retail grocers and currently operates 51 stores and 50 fuel centers in Utah. Smith's announced plans in 2015 to expand the Marketplace brand in Utah through 2017, representing a construction investment of \$300 million in the state. [www.smithsfoodanddrug.com](http://www.smithsfoodanddrug.com).

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