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## Monrovia's TJ Maxx/HomeGoods opening this weekend



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Warner Pacific Properties, the developer is keeping the mural and highlighting the historical significance of Monrovia Airport to the city of Monrovia, that once existed across the street from the new Monrovia Landing shopping center in 1928-1953. The new Monrovia Landing shopping center at Huntington and Shamrock is set to be completed this October. A combo TJ Maxx and HomeGoods store, and an Aldi grocery store, will join the plaza. The redesigned Michael's store will be relocated next to the O'Reilly's that is on the west side of the center, while the rest of the center stays mostly the same. The developer and the city are working to get the last 20,000sq. feet of retail space at the east end filled. The new name pays homage to the site's past of being where an old airport used to be in the city.(Photo by Walt Mancini/Pasadena Star-News/SCNG)

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The new TJ Maxx/HomeGoods combo store will finally open its doors at 8 a.m. Sunday at 735 and 737 E. Huntington Drive.

Investment and development company Warner Pacific Properties has worked since early last year to update and fill the 98,000-square-foot retail building, called [Monrovia Landing](#).

Monrovia Landing is part of a larger retail center, referred to as the Shamrock Center, which includes a 24-Hour Fitness, Yoshinoya and Taco Bell. O'Reilly Auto Parts store and Michaels are in the same larger building.

“It has been incredibly rewarding to bring an old building back to life, and recycle structures instead of demolishing them,” said John Odell, principal and co-founder of Warner Pacific Properties.

The mural on the former Albertsons' building that pays homage to the Monrovia Airport that once existed across the street from 1928-1953 has been preserved and included in the updated shopping center.

Grocery retailer ALDI is expected to fill another larger space in Monrovia Landing and will open in early December. O'Dell said ULTA Beauty is tentatively scheduled to open in 2018, while other smaller shop spaces will include My Pet Garden, a local pet store currently in Pasadena.

Details and the other remaining shops are still being worked out.

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