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Construction underway for distribution center



This is an artist's rendering of the 1,000,000-square-foot Dollar General distribution center being built on the Butts County-Spalding County line off Jackson Road. The retailer announced Tuesday that work was underway, with the distribution center projected to open in the fall of 2017.

Dollar General projects a fall 2017 opening

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Dollar General announced Tuesday that construction is underway on the company's 15th distribution center, which is located on the Butts County-Spalding County line.

Located at Jackson and Wallace roads, north of Georgia Highway 16 and west of Interstate 75, the facility is expected to create more than 500 new jobs at full capacity. In a press release, Dollar General

said, "Anyone interested in joining one of America's fastest-growing retailers may apply online at www.dollargeneral.com/careers."

The facility is scheduled to be operational by fall 2017, according to Dollar General. From now until the approximately 1 million-square-foot distribution center is completed, Dollar General anticipates the project to be a local economic development catalyst where hundreds of jobs are expected to support the center's construction.

"This state-of-the-art distribution center will help support our rapid store growth throughout Georgia and the Southeast," said Todd Vasos, chief executive officer of Dollar General. "I want to thank the leadership in Butts and Spalding counties, as well as Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal and the Georgia Department of Economic Development for their support and assistance on this project. It is exciting

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9/11 ANNIVERSARY Church to honor first responders at service

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National radio talk show host and former GOP presidential candidate Herman Cain will be the featured speaker and first responders will be honored at the 9/11 anniversary service to be held at 6 p.m. Sunday at Rock Springs Church in Milner.

This year is the 15th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in the United States.

Every first responder attending the service will receive a gift as a token of appreciation.

Also known as "the Hermanator," Cain grew up in Atlanta and earned degrees from Morehouse College and Purdue University. He worked for Coca-Cola and as a business executive at Burger King. He later revived the Godfather's Pizza chain, where he was chairman and chief executive officer from 1986 to 1996.

Cain entered the political arena in 2004 when he unsuccessfully sought one of Georgia's U.S. Senate seats. He then sought the Republican nomination in the 2012 presidential race.

The author of several books, Cain took over Neal Boortz's syndicated radio talk show in 2013 upon Boortz's retirement. He is currently the chief executive officer of Cain's Solutions Revolution and is an active public speaker on conservative issues.

Concert violinist Jaime Jorge will also be part of Sunday's service. Born in Cuba, Jorge began performing when he was a teen. He has performed in more than 35 countries and released 15 CDs.

Local LDS church members help with Louisiana flood relief

Art in the Garden



Hotel/Museum, 1807 Georgia Highway 42 South, Flowilla. The featured performers are the Aztec Dancers Javier Alfaro and family.

The Grand Entry will take place at noon Saturday and at 1 p.m. Sunday. The hours are from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 10 and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 11. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 5 to 17 years old. There is no admission fee for infants.

For more information call Trina Mansfield at 770-655-5905 or e-mail trinamansfield11@gmail.com or call the Butts County Historical Society at 770-775-3313.

Squarefoot needs volunteers

Squarefoot Ministry is building three new homes on Lynn Lane. These homes will be sold to three great families and the goal is for the families to be in their new homes for Christmas 2016. So far the homes have been framed and siding has been installed but painters are needed. No experience required. Next work day is Saturday Sept. 10. Start time 8:30 a.m. To sign up, or to donate visit www.squarefootministry.org.

UGA to host Art in the Garden

"Art in the UGA Research & Education Garden" will be held on Sunday, Sept. 11, from 1 to 4 p.m. at 129 Ellis Road in Griffin. There will be original art by 30 artists, photographers, potters, jewelry designers, carvers and music by Gary Crenshaw. This free event is sponsored by the Friends of the Garden Volunteers. For more information, call Barbara

GPU to hold women's self defense class

The City of Griffin Police Department will host a Women's Self Defense class at the Griffin Police Department on Saturday, Sept. 17 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Space is limited to the first 20 participants so early registration is encouraged. To register, see the cityofgriffin.com or <https://griffincity.seamlessdocs.com/f/TVfUM>. The suggested dress code is comfortable athletic as there will be light physical activity.

Lodge 413 to hold fundraiser

The Griffin Masonic Lodge 413 Chicken Q is Saturday, Sept. 17, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 1019 West Solomon St. Cost is \$10 a plate for chicken half, cole slaw, other fixin's and tea. Tickets are being presold; contact any member of Lodge 413. All cash buys will be accepted until sold out.

Walker Hill to hold open house

The Walker Hill estate, 708 S. Hill St., is hosting an opening house Sept. 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be a book signing of "A Potpourri of My Life," written by Charles Walker and compiled by his sister Anita W. Hoffman. The Griffin Spalding Art Association will be on-hand selling prints of its works of the property, which used to be an old dairy farm. Admission is free; books are \$20. For more information call Hoffman at 678-643-1796 or visit www.walkerhill.info.

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to see our business continuing to grow and create new jobs across the country."

The project was a joint effort, with the two counties creating the Butts/Spalding Joint Development Authority just for this project, which is issuing \$85 million in bonds for the project. Joint Development Authority member and Griffin-Spalding Development Authority Executive Director David Luckie said, "We are very happy the facility is under construction. It will be the largest building in either Butts or Spalding County."

According to the agreements for the joint authority, the revenue generated from the issuance of permits and assessment of ad valorem taxes will be prorated and shared by the counties based on the square

footage of the development, building and equipment in each county. The issuing county shall be responsible for remitting payment within 30 days of receipt of fees and taxes to the non-issuing county.

The Butts County Water and Sewer Authority extended water and sewer lines across the interstate and up to the county line a few years ago and will provide water and sewerage services to the site. As part of the project, Spalding County will change the intersection of Wallace Road and Jackson Road from a two-way stop to a four-way stop, County Manager William Wilson Jr. said at the time the zoning was finalized in April.

Other conditions for the rezoning from R-2 (single-family residential) and AR-1 (agricultural and residential) to C-1C (light manufacturing) for the 55-acre Spalding County portion of the distribution center site included:

- The property shall be subdivided prior to construction along proposed zoning lines as submitted with application. The entire tract, with an address of 448 Wallace Road, is 137.44 acres, but only 55 acres are being rezoned for the distribution center. The rest remains R-2 and AR-1.

- Site lighting to be designed so as to not glare in adjacent residential areas or onto public streets.

The new distribution center is expected to serve more than 1,000 stores in the Southeast. Dollar General currently has more than 5,000 stores and over 50,000 employees in Georgia. Other Dollar General distribution centers are located in Alabama, California, Florida, Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia.

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