

# Demolition begins at future library site

Marian Shopping Center to become Southpointe Crossing.



*Demolition continues on the Marian Shopping Center on Tuesday. The lot will be the home of the Huber Heights branch of the Dayton Metro Library.*

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## Huber Heights development site

Huber Heights bought this shopping center and the land behind it earlier this year. It will develop the site with retail, commercial and residential components for a nearly \$60 million investment.



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### HUBER HEIGHTS

HUBER HEIGHTS — Construction is starting on the old Marian Shopping Center, which the city of Huber Heights now owns.

The construction at the site so far has been demolition of portions of the buildings and some utility relocations, said Scott Falkowski, interim city manager.

The city plans to call the area, which is at the corner of Brandt Pike and Fishburg Road, Southpointe Crossing. The Huber Heights branch of the Dayton Metro Library will be at this location.

Huber Heights mayor Jeff Gore has said previously the library will be about 27,000 square feet and cost about \$12 million to build.

At least one business, Dogtown, has purchased an acre of land and plans to build a new building at this site, said the city.

Gore said he sees a place where businesses mix with some municipal functions, like the library and some city services, as well as a possibility for a residential area.

“But overall, I see a nice area that people could go to, get out of their cars, walk around, you

know, just be part of the overall project,” Gore said.

He said it was important for that part of Huber Heights to revitalize. But to do that, the city would have to pay to fix it up to get developers interested.

“We had to get to a point where we as a city were willing to make the commitment to reinvest in ourselves,” Gore said.

He noted the shopping center, which was built when Huber Heights was first created in the 1950s, is about 60 years old.

Gore also said the land the city had purchased had been done through unanimous votes on city council. He said the city had purchased about \$12 million worth of land in the last three years, including the shopping center.

Councilman Mark Campbell has been supportive of the project. He said the shopping center is not within Ward 5, which he represents, but it is part of the oldest part of the city and very close to Ward 5.

“What we hope is the city comes in, purchases the property, works with private developers and establishes a public-private partnership like we’ve done many times in the past,” Campbell said.

He added, “Once we breathe new life into that area, it will cause the neighbors in the neighborhood, I believe, to reinvest as well, both residentially and commercially.”