

Publix to anchor Hanover development

Grocer signs lease for proposed center, plans to open in mid-2018

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A Publix Super Market will anchor a new shopping center proposed for an 18.02-acre site at Mechanicsville Turnpike and Brandy Creek Drive in Hanover County.

The 49,000-square-foot Publix store in the proposed Brandy Creek Commons development will be the Lakeland, Fla.-based grocery retailer's 12th store planned for the Richmond region as it carries out an aggressive plan to open stores in Virginia.

The projected opening date for this store is mid-2018, a Publix spokeswoman said Tuesday.



Publix is building a grocery store at the northeast corner of Nuckols and Twin Hickory roads in western Henrico County. While there is no opening date for the store, the chain said it would open sometime this year.

JOHN FELICO

The store will employ about 140 workers.

Publix is buying 10 area Martin's Food Markets stores, seven of which have already closed and are undergoing renovations to become Publix stores. The company has not said when those stores will open, but the renovation work on the stores is proceeding at a good clip.

In addition, Publix is building a 49,000-square-foot store from the ground up at the northeast corner of Nuckols and

Twin Hickory roads in western Henrico County. It is part of a planned 90,000-square-foot shopping center to be known as Nuckols Place. Construction of that store also is well under way.

Publix announced a year ago this month that it was entering Virginia with a store in Henrico and one in Bristol, which is slated to open in the fourth quarter of 2017.

The chain initially said the Nuckols Place store would open sometime in 2018, but last July moved up the opening date to sometime this year. The company hasn't given an exact opening date for that store.

Charlotte, N.C.-based Morgan Property Group is the developer of the proposed Brandy Creek Commons development, said Zachary Means, vice president of commercial real estate bro-

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Loudoun wine judged as best

The Barns at Hamilton Station wins Governor's Cup for 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon

BY JACK BERNINGER
Special correspondent

In a year when red blends, petit verdots and cabernet francs dominated the Governor's Cup wine competition gold medal list, a lone cabernet sauvignon stood tallest.

The Barns at Hamilton Station Vineyards' 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon was judged best wine in Virginia and was awarded the Governor's Cup on Tuesday night in a gala at the ballroom of the Residence at the John Marshall in downtown Richmond.

In what is one of the most stringent and thorough wine competitions in the country, 23 gold medalists were named after four weeks of blind judging of 494 wines from 102 state wineries. Among the gold medal wines were eight red blends, five petit verdots and four cabernet francs.

The highest-scoring wine was named the Governor's Cup winner, and it was joined by the next 11 best scoring wines to form the Governor's Cup Case.

More than 500 people attended the event, which was sponsored by the Virginia Wineries Association. Gov. Terry McAuliffe presented the award to The Barns.

"My wife (Mayann) and I were thrilled and very surprised," The Barns owner Andrew Fialdini said. "It's such a great honor to be awarded the Cup from such a prestigious wine competition, and it's a testament to our winemaker, Michael Shaps."

Shaps, who owns and operates Michael Shaps Wineworks near Charlottesville, makes wines for 17 wineries and consults for two others. He's no stranger to success.

He won the Governor's Cup in 2004 while at King Family Win-



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Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe (second from left) joined the owners and staff of The Barns at Hamilton Station Vineyards in Loudoun County as they celebrated winning the 2017 Governor's Cup for their 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon. From left: Susan Pratt, Michael Shaps, Andrew Fialdini, Maryann Fialdini and Mike Kinney.

ery, had two gold medal wines in this year's competition after winning five in 2016, and produced two gold medal wines for The Barns this year and another for Upper Shirley Vineyards.

Shaps has been the lynchpin for the success of the wines at The Barns, a 3,000-case-a-year winery located on a refurbished dairy farm in Loudoun County.

"Michael has been a wonderful partner and collaborator," Fialdini said. "Each year at this time, we discuss what our goals are for the next vintage. As the season progresses, we have continual meetings to discuss what is going on in the vineyards,

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2017 Governor's Cup Case

The top 12 scoring wines in the Governor's Cup competition make up the Governor's Cup Case. For 2017, they are (in alphabetical order):

Barboursville Vineyards: 2013 Paxxito (dessert)	Michael Shaps Wineworks: 2014 Meritage
Breaux Vineyards: 2012 Meritage	The Barns at Hamilton Station: 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon
Horton Vineyards: 2015 Viognier	Valley Road Vineyards: 2014 Petit Verdot
Ingleside Vineyards: 2014 Petit Verdot	Veritas Vineyards: 2014 Petit Manseng (dessert)
Jefferson Vineyards: 2014 Petit Verdot	Veritas Vineyards: 2014 Petit Verdot Paul Shaffer 6th Edition.
King Family Vineyards: 2014 Loreley (dessert)	
King Family Vineyards: 2014 Petit Verdot	

Former VCU tennis star Eliasson tapped as president of CSX Corp.

BY JOHN REID BLACKWELL
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CSX Corp., the Jacksonville, Fla., railroad company formerly based in Richmond, has named Virginia Commonwealth University graduate and onetime tennis star Fredrik J. Eliasson as its president.

His appointment was effective Feb. 15.

The transition comes as Michael J. Ward, the company's chairman and CEO, and Clarence W. Gooden, its president, plan to retire from the com-

pany effective May 31.

Eliasson was inducted into the VCU Athletics Hall of Fame in 2000. During his tennis career at VCU from 1991 to 1994, he set what was then a school record with 99 singles wins. He was a member of three Metro Conference championship teams and competed in the NCAA tournament in 1992 and 1993.

Eliasson earned a bachelor's degree in finance and an MBA



Eliasson

from VCU, according to his CSX corporate biography.

"I remember him as a fine athlete, a fine person and a fine student," said George Hoffer, a retired VCU economics professor who taught Eliasson. Hoffer is now a visiting lecturer at the University of Richmond.

Eliasson, 46, is a 22-year veteran of CSX Corp. He has served as its executive vice president and chief sales and marketing officer since 2015.

He previously was chief financial officer from 2012 to

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Va. homebuilders group CEO will retire June 30

20-year lobbyist hailed as 'a great champion' for building industry

BY CAROL HAZARD
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Michael L. "Mike" Toalson, CEO of the Home Builders Association of Virginia, will retire from the organization June 30, the statewide trade group announced Tuesday.

Toalson, 64, has been the CEO and lead lobbyist for the Richmond-based organization for two decades.

"I have enjoyed every day of



Toalson

my 20 years with the association," Toalson said. "I have enjoyed the strategy piece of representing the industry. I have enjoyed all the wonderful relationships with members of the General Assembly and the relationships with regulators that impact our industry."

"I only hope that it can be said that I contributed a little to the business climate of the industry and affordable housing in Virginia."

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