

Village at Pacific Highlands Ranch continues to grow



Construction has begun on new retail and service space as well as a new parking structure. (Karen Billing)

Construction has begun on the next phase of development at the Village of Pacific Highlands Ranch.

The Village currently consists of approximately 160,000 square feet of shopping and restaurants on Carmel Valley Road and Village Center Loop Road, anchored by Trader Joe's, Rite Aid, Crunch Fitness and other services and

boutiques. The new phase will include an additional 25,000 square feet of service and retail as well as a new single-deck parking structure that will bring an additional 140 parking spaces.



The village square and community green will eventually extend and include a community garden, bocce ball court and tot lot. (Karen Billing)

The parking structure will be heavily screened with landscaping. Where the parking garage will front Village Way, there will be enhancements such as decorative lighting and possible kiosks like a flower shop or dry cleaning drop-off to extend the commercial element of the neighboring mixed-use residential and retail project Corallina. The new buildings' design will continue with the Santa Barbara-style architecture.

The construction means the loss of the temporary parking lot across from Crunch Fitness although additional parking can be found in the two new parking structures located behind the Crunch and the Wokou/Casa Rustica buildings.

As construction completes on the Village's residential units, the extension of the village square and community park will continue to open up. Plans for the community park area include a bocce ball court, tot lot, orchard and community garden that will eventually integrate with the civic space of the new Pacific Highlands Ranch Library (targeting a 2021 opening) and provide a connection to the Pacific Highlands Ranch Community Park and Recreation Center across the street, set to open this fall.

A new fast-casual Mexican eatery California Taco Club is set to open next to its sister restaurant Casa Rustica in August.