

T.J. Maxx signs deal to open store in South Lake Tahoe

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T.J. Maxx will be opening in South Lake Tahoe this coming spring.

With the old Mikasa-Miller's Outpost building being vacant for more than two years, it has been a long wait for city residents, officials and the landlord for the building at the Y to be filled.



The South Lake Tahoe Y center has been revamped from its boarded-up days and will have a T.J. Maxx in the spring.

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The discount clothing store filed the necessary paperwork with the city Dec. 29 and the city has sent out a press release saying as much.

However, in an email to *Lake Tahoe News*, Carrie Garfield, T.J. Maxx media relations supervisor, wrote, "We do not have a

lease signed for a new T.J. Maxx store in South Lake Tahoe, so I cannot confirm anything for you at this time.”

While this had been the store long-rumored to go in at that location, differences between the out-of-town landowners and tenants got in the way of this happening sooner. One of the issues was the minimum amount of square footage a T.J. Maxx likes to have. The additional 10,000 square feet was obtained by going into the connecting building.

Who the tenant will be in that section has not been disclosed.

The city says it is expected the store will employ about 70 people, with the bulk being part-time positions. City officials would not estimate what this might mean in terms of revenue for local coffers.

The façade of the store is complete, with more interior work to be done. Expect the doors to open in March or April.