

Avalanche of Job Applications Come in to Walmart

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PHILADELPHIA, PA - This Spring, a new Walmart store will open in the Aramingo Crossings Shopping Center, Aramingo Ave. and Butler Street. Many job seekers rejoiced and are rushing to fill over 300 jobs available at the store- and they ARE rushing!

Since its opening on January 23rd, the Hiring Center for Walmart has taken in over 2,500 applications.

According to store manager Bhupit "Bubba" Bohra, the new store will be hiring both full-time and part-time associates. "We are excited to add this Walmart to Philadelphia and bring good jobs with career opportunities to the area," Bohra said. Bohra began his Walmart career in 2001 as an overnight stocker at a store in Ephrata, Pa.

City Councilman Mark Squilla visited the Hiring Center, located at 2301 E. Allegheny Avenue, last week to find out more about the progress of the store's upcoming opening. Squilla asked Bohra about who the store is looking to hire. Bohra said associates are needed to work in all areas of the new store, including entry level and supervisory positions. "Our primary goal is to hire within the community", he said. Squilla commended the policy, saying that it would be good for the store to have people who can easily travel to work," said Squilla.

Randu Hofer, Director of Marketing at Impact Services Corp. is excited about the last phase of development that's supporting the Aramingo Crossings Shopping Center coming successfully together. Impact Services serves as a liaison between the new store and the City. They supported the application for the zoning variance, and assist with other city services. According to Hofer, seventy-seven businesses signed to support the new Walmart store. "This is all about driving traffic to Aramingo Avenue", he said in respect to nearby businesses. "It will bring people from further distances, and other stores will have the opportunity to serve these people." Hofer called the Walmart store's presence a "win-win" for the local economy. He said that two home improvement stores, Home Depot and Lowes, which are just blocks away from each other, are both doing very well. He said that there's no reason that stores like Target and Kmart won't sustain strong sales with excellent customer service as well. Walmart will just add to the existing successful business climate. Bohra said that most employees will begin working on March 5th to prepare for the store's opening, but many will be training in nearby Walmart stores before that.

The hiring center at 2301 E. Allegheny Avenue will continue accepting applications on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. - 7 p.m., and Saturday from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Interested applicants can also apply online at <http://walmartstores.com/Careers>.