



## In North Austin, Alamo Drafthouse expands, boutique bowling alley on the way

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Beer, billiards and bowling are all on the menu at a new entertainment venue going up in North Austin.

**The Goodnight will open this spring in the Village Shopping Center, 2700 W. Anderson Lane, filling a 16,000-square-foot spot vacated by Fuddruckers earlier this year.**

A few doors away, Alamo Drafthouse Village is in the middle of renovations that will enlarge the theater's lobby.

Contractors have already stripped the building that will house the Goodnight — a "re-inspired boutique bowling alley and restaurant experience" — to its shell.

In addition to food and drinks, plans call for eight private bowling lanes, conference rooms, pool tables and a variety of games, such as virtual golf.

"The Goodnight will be a one-of-a-kind hot spot, perfect for everything from happy-hour cocktails to the late-night party scene," general manager Stan Smith said.

Smith said he expects to name an executive chef in the coming weeks.

At the Alamo, the lobby will be increased by about 1,000 square feet. Some of the work is already under way, but the theater will close for almost two weeks starting Monday so crews can complete the project.

"The current remodel will enclose the exterior walkway in order to create a new and bigger lobby, allowing guests to wait indoors before movies," said Mike Sherrill, Alamo's chief operating officer. "Additionally, the new lobby will allow for a new bar configuration and a much wider selection of draft beers."

The changes are the latest in a series of tweaks for the four-screen cinema, Sherrill said.

"Over the past several years, the Village has remodeled bathrooms, upgraded seats, put in new screens, invested in the latest digital projection technology and upgraded our point-of-sale system to help expedite service," he said.

Alamo expects to reopen Oct. 28.

Occupancy at the Village Shopping Center now tops 90 percent, said Joe Lamy, co-founder of developer Capital City Partners. Other tenants include Academy of Oriental Medicine at Austin, Chipotle, Cover 3 and Madam Mam's.

"Our most recent deals illustrate what we set out to do when we first acquired the property — transform the property into a meeting place where businesses and entertainment venues can coexist and thrive," Lamy said.



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