



Markham East

October start slated for Donelson project

Mixed-use Markham East would offer townhomes, commercial space

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An October start is eyed for a mixed-use development with 101 townhomes and a 3,000-square-foot commercial building within walking distance of the Music City Star commuter train stop in Donelson.

The development, to be undertaken by Nashville-based Forbes Plunkett Real Estate & Development and named Markham East, is planned for a multi-parcel site with a main address of 2841 Lebanon Pike.

Nashville-based engineering company S+H Group LLC has requested final site approval for the development, which would sit within the Donelson Urban Design Overlay District.

Forbes Plunkett Real Estate & Development expects to break ground by early October. Pre-sales will begin by Oct. 1 and finished townhomes should be ready for owners to move in by next summer, said Brandon Plunkett, owner of the company.

Plunkett said the development will have a mix of two- and three-story townhomes. About 70 percent of them will have two-car garages on the first level. Townhomes will range from 1,300 to 1,600 square feet and will be priced from about \$240,000 to \$280,000, he said.

The two-story commercial building could accommodate, for example, a coffee shop or a juice bar on the first floor and small offices on the second level, he said.

"It's a great price point and a good location, less than a quarter-mile walk to the train," Plunkett said.

The Music City Star's Donelson station is located at 2705 Lebanon Pike.

Residents can use sidewalks on Lebanon Pike or, in the future, walk to the station along a planned extension of the Stones River Greenway. Plunkett is in discussions with the city to link Markham East with the greenway.

Markham East is an example of trail-oriented development and fits in well with the master plan for the surrounding stretch of Lebanon Pike, said District 15 Metro Councilman Jeff Syracuse, who represents the area.

"This is housing that has accessibility to the Music City Star," he said. "You're creating development that doesn't require a vehicle. The whole idea is to create a walkable town center with multiple housing types."