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The outside of Fort Collins' Midtown King Soopers Marketplace store is pictured during its grand opening Jan. 29, 2025, in Fort Collins. LOGAN NEWELL/THE COLORADOAN

Turnover continues for Midtown shops

A look at what stores are coming to shopping center

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Midtown Fort Collins feels like a row of dominoes right now.

After years sitting vacant, the area's blighted former Kmart, 2535 S. College Ave., was razed in 2023 to make way for the construction of a sprawling new King Soopers Marketplace. The grocery store and attached fuel center opened in 2025.

Once that domino fell, the shopping center to its north came next. CSU Shops at College — a pair of 1970s-era one-story buildings at 2427 and 2439 S. College Ave. — kicked off a monthslong interior and exterior overhaul last June. Almost exactly a year later, it welcomed its first tenant and has at least three more waiting in the wings.

Before its renovation, the shopping center was

home to the Wine and Liquor Specials liquor store, the former Irish Pub, The Joint Smoke Shop, Mountain Mist Spas, a hair salon, an insurance agency, an alterations shop, and a vacant restaurant space formerly occupied by Maza Kabob and Silk Road Kabob House.

Summer also marked the end of Inca. Inca Mexican Restaurant, which was located just east of CSU Shops at College at 2413 S. College Ave., closed May 31. The restaurant had been there for 24 years, but its future had been in flux since the 2021 filing of conceptual plans for a Bank of America on its site. In May 2025, a request for a final

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‘There’s a point where it crosses the line’

Community voices strong opposition to Flock in Wellington

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Over a dozen community members voiced strong opposition of Flock cameras in Wellington during an Aug. 18 town hall.

The Town of Wellington and Larimer County Sheriff's Office hosted a town hall where Sheriff John Feyen shared information about the sheriff's office's use of Flock cameras and the public was invited to provide feedback.

Of the 14 members of the public who provided comment, no one spoke in favor of having Flock cameras in the community. Community members expressed a variety of concerns, from who has access to Flock camera's data to how the data is used and stored.

Wellington Mayor Rebekka Dailey said the town paid \$17,000 for Flock camera operations in 2026, and the current contract with Flock expires Dec. 31, 2026. Dailey said the sheriff's

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Larimer County Sheriff John Feyen presents information about Flock cameras in Wellington during an Aug. 18 town hall at the Leeper Center in Wellington. SADY SWANSON/THE COLORADOAN

Iconic Fort Collins restaurant Yum Yum closing

‘This was our life’

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Lebanon is small.

“It’s like the size of Connecticut,” Denise Hakim explained. Smaller, even. I looked it up. Connecticut has roughly 1,000 square miles on Lebanon.

The sheer size of the United States overwhelmed Denise at first. She was 8 years old when she emigrated here with her younger sister Elianne and their parents Philippe and Samia Hakim during the Lebanese Civil War in 1989. The family only ex-

pected to stay in the U.S. temporarily.

They first landed in Denver, then moved to Fort Collins, where Philippe and Samia Hakim came to their eldest daughter with a plan.

“(They) said we’re opening a restaurant, we’re going to call it Yum Yum. We’re going to be open a year and then we’re going to go back (to Lebanon),” Denise Hakim recalled.

Yum Yum, the family’s cozy Lebanese eatery, opened at 1300 Elizabeth St. in early 1991, Denise Hakim said.

“It was a new language, a new business in a new country and taking care of two kids,” Denise Hakim said, recalling what

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Yum Yum is closing its doors after almost 36 years in Fort Collins. The Lebanese restaurant will close Aug. 29, paving the way for a new concept, Sugar Plum. ERIN UDELL/THE COLORADOAN

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