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Fan Pier finally gets a grocery store



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Fan Pier construction in 2015.

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Joe Fallon's Fan Pier complex on the South Boston waterfront has finally landed a grocery — but it's going to be a small one.

The developer announced a lease on Wednesday with Frank Scire, the owner of the Going Bananas market in the North End, to open a 2,500-square-foot store called Frank Anthony's Gourmet Market at 11 Fan Pier Boulevard. Scire says it will be "a 21st century version of a neighborhood market."

The Fallon Company

Fallon said the shop will bring an important amenity to that part of the waterfront when it opens later this year: The closest similar grocery is J. Pace & Son, a half mile away, in the Park Lane apartment complex, and there's no supermarket yet on the waterfront.

"It's not just for the [Fan Pier] residents," Fallon said of his new market. "It's for the office workers as well. People will shop and then they'll take food home."

Fallon said he personally invited Scire to join his development, after walking by Scire's shop in the North End. "He's going to make sure he satisfies the needs of not just Fan Pier, but the whole neighborhood."

Fallon said he remains hopeful that WS Development, which is building [the massive Seaport Square project across the street](#), will land a larger supermarket tenant soon.

In all, Fallon announced leases totaling nearly 25,000 square feet on Wednesday, including a 9,000-square-foot spot for the first Boston outpost of the Mastro's seafood restaurant chain. Fallon says about 65,000 square feet of the 90,000 square feet in retail space, spread among five buildings, at Fan Pier has been committed. Much of that retail space is being occupied by restaurants, including Empire Asian Restaurant & Lounge, Strega Waterfront and Babbo Pizzeria.

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