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Doctors Village will have offices open by August, builder says

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The Doctors Village farmers market has become popular with Northwest residents, but in August the property could start to live up to its name and feature doctors' offices.

Mark Rubin, Doctors Village developer and Accubuild Cos. president, said that by August he expects there to be about six offices in temporary buildings while he constructs their permanent homes. Rubin said he hoped to have construction on the 18-acre site on Racetrack Road done by 2011, but the economy slowed his time line.

"Because of the economy and the uncertainty in health care, we had to sort of take our feet off the gas," Rubin said. "But we haven't lost any of our enthusiasm."

AccuBuild spent three years and \$50,000 to research the idea of a Doctors Village. Rubin has said studies show Juling-

ton Creek Plantation and Fruit Cove residents drive between 22 and 32 minutes to doctor's offices, and Julington Creek is not big enough to have its own hospital. That's why he wants to create a community of medical offices in the area that would also have retail stores and a locally run coffee shop.

For the last year, the landscaped site has been the home for a monthly farmers market; Rubin says there are up to 65 vendors and roughly 2,000 people attend. A doctor will often be on-site to answer health questions, he said.

"We are so proud that we have provided a place for the community to come together," he said. "They say if you build it they will come, but that's just in the movies. You never really know. So, we have been so overwhelmed by how many come out here."

Larry Mastrogianakis, a pediatrician, said he hopes to bring his practice to Doctors



Provided by Mark Rubin

The monthly farmers market at the Doctors Village site has become a popular event that will continue through the summer. Mark Rubin of Accubuild Cos. says the Julington Creek-area project should have modular offices open in August.

Village in August.

"I've made a commitment to [Rubin], but I just need to be sure of how large the modular office will be," he said. "But I really would like to move my practice there."

Rubin said the offices will have all the amenities of regular doctor practices.

Mastrogianakis' office is located off San Jose Boulevard and patients from the Northwest help make up his clientele.

"I think there's a lot of

people here who have kids and if you drive around there really isn't a whole lot of doctor's offices" in the Northwest, he said. "I'd like to be more accessible for patients."

Rubin said he also is still looking into bringing a Doctors

Village to the World Golf Village area.

"We are discussing that with a local hospital, and I can't say which one," he said. "We would partner with the hospital for the project. We think it could do really well there."



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