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**Panera Bread Co.** continues to gobble up available real estate, agreeing to open in the **Village Commons** shopping center in West Palm Beach.

Panera, a "fast casual" restaurant chain that will open before the end of the year, is taking about 4,800 square feet formerly belonging to **Sorrento**, an Italian restaurant. Before that, it was **No Anchovies!**

The 169,000-square-foot Village Commons caters to restaurants, mostly because of the 10,000 or so young professionals who live on or near Village Boulevard. **Outback Steakhouse**, **Gatsby's** and the **John Bull English Pub** have done particularly well at the center.

This will be St. Louis-based Panera's seventh restaurant in Palm Beach County. The chain has restaurants in Palm Beach Gardens, Wellington, Delray Beach, Boynton Beach and two in Boca Raton.

"I think this is going to be a really unique store," said **Tim Sparks**, the local Panera franchisee. "There's a courtyard there and a lot of offices and homes nearby."

**Don DeWoody** of **Compass Realty Advisors** in West Palm Beach brokered the deal. DeWoody also is bringing in another new tenant for Village Commons: ice cream chain **Cold Stone Creamery**.

Scottsdale, Ariz.-based Cold Stone is replacing a health and nutrition store and is expected to open in late summer.

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