

## Shopping at OshKosh



**Carefree Caboose:** Take your time mom! There's plenty to keep the kids amused at the new OshKosh B'Gosh store at the Somerset Collection North. Merchandise includes fashions, shoes, outdoor and accessories with special opening events Aug. 15-18: Patticake the Clown, author/illustrator Mark Teague (Saturday 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Sunday 1 p.m.) daily raffles, and B'Gosh Bear with stickers and balloons for all.

## Stores at Somerset

Here's a list of the stores that plan to open at the Somerset Collection North in Troy on Aug. 16. The names of retailers exclusive to Michigan are in bold face: Abercrombie & Fitch, Aldo Shoes, April Cornell, Aveda, EBCG, Bachrach, Bailey Banks & Biddle, Banana Republic, Barami, Barrie's Coffee & Tea, Bath & Body Works, Bentley's Luggage, Bernini, The Body Shop, Bombay Company, Bourbon Street Grill, California Closets, California Pizza Kitchen, Capital Grille, Cacioppe, Carlton Cards, Chinatown, Circuit City Express, Claire's Boutique, D.O.C.,

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Victoria's Secret, Waldenbooks, The Walking Company, Warner Bros. Studio Store, Watch Station, White House and World Bead Company.

## Somerset security is beefed up for the opening events

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Shoppers' eyes will be on the new stores unveiled during the grand opening of the Somerset Collection North Friday, so they'll be glad to know the eyes of the center's security staff will have a different focus.

Teams of veteran security people will work alongside recently trained recruits to provide walking, riding and video recorded coverage in and around the huge facility.

"We have been busy hiring and training new staff people for two months," said Becky Maccardini, director of operations for Forbes/Cohen Properties. "And we are bringing some short-term people on just for the grand opening."

The Somerset Collection has its own, well-established, in-house security staff. They patrol the mall's common areas and parking structures while each individual retailer is responsible for security inside their store.

A computerized applications bank of candidates seeking employment at Somerset North, assisted in the search for security staff members.

"It was a challenge hiring when there is such extremely low unemployment (in Michigan) but we are very active in the market and got a magnificent response," said Maccardini.

Security positions seem to be attractive to applicants seeking a "higher level" position. The job is also appealing to people studying "criminal justice," according to Maccardini.

All new hires were required to complete four days of training in a classroom setting. They were formally introduced to all phases and functions of the job, given tips on how to work in the area

of guest services, and taught how to administer CPR. The ability to quickly peddle across the parking garage to keep an eye on shoppers' cars will be another plus for new security staffers. Bicycle patrols will be a normal part of the scenery on the covered deck parking in Somerset Collection North.

"We are very proactive in security," said Maccardini. "Both of the parking decks (at each end of the mall) will have video cameras and be manned 24-hours a day."

All of the precaution is not to imply that incidents of crime are frequent at Somerset Collection. Quite the contrary, said Maccardini. She said that while crime statistics aren't routinely released, she could safely assert that "there aren't many" incidents to report.

## Few cop calls

Troy Police Chief Lawrence Carey says he agrees with her assessment. Somerset's calls for assistance from his department are few.

"There aren't a very large number of incidents that occur there for a facility that size," he said, adding "Having a thousand more shoppers in the city won't necessarily change that either," said Carey.

"People shopping do not concern us," he laughed. "People not shopping are our concern because that's where the crime would come in."

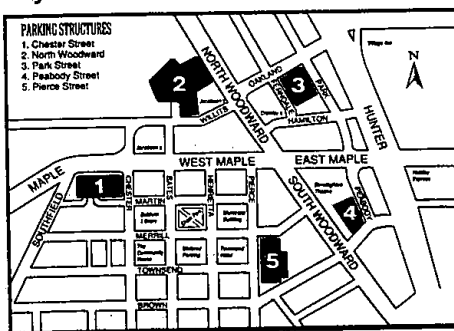
In the meantime, Maccardini is confident her patrol crews are ready to roll and do a great job assisting shoppers once the doors open Aug. 16.

"We take the responsibility of security very seriously," she said. "And right now we are very comfortable."

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