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**Weekly** Street Corner Market opens in downtown Chattanooga

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**Hours**

Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Saturday, 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Sunday, 11:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.



A customer shops at the Street Corner Market...  
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The Street Corner Market is on the first...  
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The salad bar at the Street Corner Market...  
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It's not quite a full grocery store as some downtown boosters want, but a new neighborhood market featuring a variety of food, drinks and other items has opened on the first floor of the six-floor Clemons Building.

Street Corner Market at the Clemons opened last week to offer a variety of food, flowers, jewelry and other items for anyone in the area.

Elia Gouvista, operating manager for the 3,000-square-foot store across from the Mountain City Club on Chestnut Street, said the store will both prepare and sell packaged food, coffee and other items.

"Our customers will be able to select pastries, chocolate and breads from the Bluff View Art District; Fleetwood and Mayfly coffees, unique jewelry from Elea Blake unusual florals from Grafe Floral Studio and a curated collection of craft beers," Gouvista said. "The market has even secured some exclusive deals such as offering famous Bluff View pretzels all week long and serving Mayfly's cold-pressed coffee on nitro."

A deli within the store offers Boar's Head gourmet sandwiches for lunch; meats and cheeses to take home after work. The store also features the only self-service salad bar in the center of the city.

The market also will soon allow customers to "build a basket" of items they want to pick up on the way home through an online portal, which should be available within the next two months, store owners said. In addition, the owners of the market said they will begin delivery in the fall to area businesses and residents.

"From lunch deliveries to deliveries of fresh flowers and custom-made baskets, we'll be able to meet the needs of busy professionals and residents in downtown," said Gouvista.

Vic Desai, principal at ViaNova Development and the developer of the 54-unit Clemons apartments located above the store, said the Street Corner Market joins the new Epic Optical optometry office and eyeglasses boutique on the ground floor of the historic Clemons Building. Another 2,000 square feet of retail space is

still to be leased, Desai said.

The building at 730 Chestnut St. was originally built for Clemons Brothers Complete House Furnishers a century ago and was later used by Richard Fowler's Galleries and BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee for office space until the insurer built its new corporate office atop Cameron Hill nearly a decade ago.

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