



February due date for new Orland Park store

Retailer Destination Maternity will consolidate two Orland Park stores when it opens a new location next month in Orland Park Place shopping center.

The Philadelphia-based retailer, formerly called Mothers Work, plans a Feb. 24 opening, Judie Ashworth, a spokeswoman for Destination Maternity, said Thursday.

The company operates A Pea in the Pod in Orland Park Place and Motherhood Maternity in Orland Square Mall. Those brands will be sold in the new store, with the other two locations closing, Ashworth said.

Ashworth said she wasn't sure whether employees of the stores slated to close were being hired for the new location.

Lemont-based Englewood Construction is doing the build-out of the new Orland Park Place store, which will be just under 4,000 square feet and will offer a "kiddie corral," juice bar and relaxation section, according to Englewood.

Destination Maternity has been opening more multi-brand stores and expanding its leased locations inside retailers such as Babies R Us, Kmart, Macy's and Sears. It now has 115 maternity departments inside Macy's stores, and that will grow to about 615 next month.

Destination Maternity said it had 690 freestanding stores at the end of December and 1,192 leased locations inside other retailers' stores.

