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Report: Hi-Lo Foods to close after 47 years; Whole Foods to take place

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By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

After 47 years, a local Jamaica Plain grocery store known for its stock of Latin American foods, including specialty products unavailable at stores elsewhere in the city, will close in several weeks to make way for a national supermarket chain, according to a [Jamaica Plain Gazette report Friday](#).

The newspaper's website, citing an interview with the store's manager, said Hi-Lo Foods on Centre Street will close in around three to four weeks. A chain of Whole Foods Market, founded and headquartered in Texas, will likely to take over the space, the report said.

Hi-Lo Foods' manager was reached by phone, but declined comment to Boston.com Friday evening. He referred questions to the store's Newton-based parent company Knapp Foods, Inc.

Officials there were not immediately available.

A spokeswoman for Whole Foods said the company "announces all new stores on our quarterly earnings calls." The next quarterly earnings call is scheduled for February. She declined to comment further.

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