

# **TCBY, Dollar Tree open in Greenport**

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GREENPORT — Two new stores opened recently in the Greenport Commons shopping center.

The Dollar Tree on Saturday had its grand opening inside the plaza, off of Fairview Avenue. The new location, next to the T.J. Maxx store, is about 1 mile north of its former residence in front of the Price Chopper plaza on Fairview Avenue.

Supervisor John Porreca said at the store's ribbon-cutting ceremony the emergence of dollar stores seems to be a trend over the last 15 years.

"People like to save money," Porreca said.

The chain dates back to 1953, when Dollar Tree founder K.R. Perry opened his first store under the name K&K 5&10, according to the company's website.

Kathy Walters, of Stuyvesant, said she used to take her children to dollar stores when they were young.

"You can't beat it," Walters said as she left the store on Wednesday, plastic bags in hand.  
"Everything is a dollar."

On Feb. 1, The Country's Best Yogurt, better known as TCBY, opened its first Columbia County store between the Rue 21 clothing store and the Olympia Sports footwear store, and behind the Applebee's restaurant.

Anne O'Neil, of Chatham, and her son Garrett Jackson ventured into the store for yogurt Wednesday.

"We used to go all the way to East Greenbush just to get froyo," O'Neil said. "We heard they just opened up here and were excited to give it a try."

She pushed down a handle on the yogurt dispensing machine and vanilla, lactose-free frozen yogurt poured into her waffle cone.



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Garrett Jackson, Columbia County resident, serves himself golden vanilla frozen yogurt.

“I like that they have lactose-free stuff,” O’Neil said.

TCBY co-owners Tom Essig and Sue Baer decided to venture into the frozen yogurt business after they bought frozen yogurt at Universal Studios Hollywood in California.

“I saw the self-serve and thought, we don’t have anything like this nearby,” Essig said.

Construction began in July 2014.

“For a snowy, cold February we’re doing pretty well,” Essig said.

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