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Schuster starts 136-loft Belltown high rise

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The Schuster Group broke ground last week on Walton Lofts, a 12-story Belltown apartment building with 136 loft-style units.

Walton Lofts is scheduled to open in summer 2015, and it is Schuster Group's third residential high rise in Belltown. Last November, Schuster Group opened Joseph Arnold Lofts, or The Joe, a 13-story, 131-unit project that is 60 percent leased, Schuster Group representatives said.

The company's first project in the neighborhood was Mosler Lofts, a 12-story, 148-unit condo building that opened in 2007.

Walton Lofts, at [2521 Western Ave.](#), is on a city-designated green street and is near Belltown's Cottage Park and P-Patch.

Schuster Group is pursuing Three Globes certification from Green Globes, a program developed in the U.S. and Canada, and run by the Green Building Initiative. Three Globes is the equivalent of LEED gold.

Walton Lofts is named for W. Berry Fowler, who mentored Schuster Group CEO Mark Schuster early in his career.

Fowler was a teacher and founded Sylvan Learning Centers, so Schuster decided to have a "grand library" as the main amenity in the complex.

Steve Cox and Via Architecture designed the project, and Turner Construction Co. is the general contractor.

The Schuster Group has been bullish on Belltown for years. Mark Schuster has lived there for the last 12 years, and the company's offices are there.



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