



ALLENTOWN COMMONS IN LEHIGH COUNTY, PA BUZZING WITH NEW OPENINGS AND LEASE ACTIVITY

ALLENTOWN, PA - Allentown Commons, the 71,873 square-foot neighborhood shopping center in the City of Allentown in Lehigh County, PA, is buzzing with activity as new businesses open and others sign onto the diverse tenant roster.

Locally-based pharmacy Be-Well Pharmacy and Tropical Hut African-Caribbean market – which signed leases earlier this year - are now open at Allentown Commons, joining Family Dollar, Popeye's, Planet Fitness, Philly Soft Pretzel Company and others attracting customers at the five-building shopping center. What's more, Metro PCS has recently signed a lease for 1,408 square feet at the complex.

The strong leasing pace at Allentown Commons has left just a limited number of retail and profession office space available, including a 6,000 square -foot buffet style restaurant available for Immediate Occupancy

“Increased leasing during 2010 at Allentown Commons is now coming to fruition with many of the companies who signed earlier this year finishing their build-out and opening for business,” says Victor Kelly, vice president of Raider Realty, the exclusive broker for Larken Associates, the developer/owner/manager of Allentown Commons.

“Local shops and nationally-recognized retailers have taken notice of the tremendous activity and are rushing to Allentown Commons and establish operations in a new, state-of-the-art retail center with a highly-visible location at the intersection of Hanover Avenue and Maxwell Street.”

Additional leasing opportunities at Allentown Center range from 1,408 to 10,358 square-feet. The available retail and offices spaces can be fully-customized to fulfill specific business needs.

Larken has recently completed an aggressive repositioning and conversion of the 6.5-acre Allentown Commons site that now includes separate free-standing buildings – one of which features a drive through that is occupied by Popeyes.

The conversion plan included limited demolition and the construction of four new state-of-the-art commercial buildings. The largest existing building has been reconfigured to make better use of its space. Additional spaces have been added to the parking lot which features manicured islands and is landscaped with trees. The exterior façade of the existing buildings have been updated to include brick veneer, decorative aluminum siding, large storefront windows and a covered walkway.

“In addition to being located in one of the Lehigh Valley's largest Cities, Allentown Commons offers the added benefit of a close proximity to several highly-traveled highways,” adds Robert Marek, another Raider Realty vice president. “Routes 22, 33, 78 & 309 are readily accessible from the complex.”

For additional information on Allentown Commons and other Larken professional and commercial buildings, call Robert Marek or Victor Kelly at (908) 874-8686. Also, be sure to visit Larken's web site at www.larkenassociates.com.