



LARKEN ASSOCIATES INKS ANOTHER TENANT AT ALLENTOWN COMMONS 11/16/09

ALLENTOWN, PA - Larken Associates has inked another retail tenant at Allentown Commons, adding a local tattoo parlor to the impressive roster of shops, services and restaurants at the 71,873 square-foot neighborhood shopping center.

Forbidden Ink has signed a 1,408 square-foot lease at the recently renovated complex located at 1302 Hanover Avenue in the City of Allentown in Lehigh County, PA., announced Robert Marek, a Vice President of Raider Realty, the exclusive broker for Larken Associates.

The company joins an eclectic mix of established tenants including Planet Fitness, Family Dollar, Chinese American Buffet, Popeye's Chicken and Biscuits, Philly Soft Pretzel Company and others at the five-building shopping center.

"We are pleased to add Forbidden Ink to Allentown Commons," Mr. Marek says. "This lease signing is a perfect example of how this complex can fulfill the needs of both local shops who want to take advantage of its highly-visible location at the intersection of Hanover Avenue

and Maxwell Street and nationally-recognized retailers looking to establish their brand in an area with a booming consumer base."

Leasing opportunities remain available at Allentown Center ranging 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 Victor Kelly, 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.