

What's New In West Chester?

A snapshot of recent developments

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OFFICE AND COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS

West Chester's office market continues to expand, and new upscale commercial developments are bringing convenient shopping and valuable services to residents and employees.

Chico's, a private label women's retailer, announced plans to build a new store in The Streets of West Chester development at I-75 and Union Centre. Construction is expected to begin in Summer 2003. Chico's operates 406 stores in the U.S., three of which are located in the Cincinnati area.

Cleaner Carpet Janitorial leased a 312-square-foot office facility in Beckett Center Office Park on Ohio 747 during April 2003.

Dalton Georgia Carpets opened a new 15,672-square-foot retail facility at 9145 Cincinnati-Columbus Road near Cox Road in April 2003.

First Financial Bank announced in April 2003 it will invest more than \$5 million to open a new state-of-the art hub office near Union Centre Boulevard. First Financial plans to begin work soon on a three-story office building which it hopes to open by the end of the year. It will occupy 75 percent of the building and house consumer banking operations, investment, trust, private banking, commercial and insurance operations.

J. Jill, a retailer of women's apparel, accessories, shoes and gifts, announced plans to open a new location in The Streets of West Chester development at I-75 and Union Centre. Construction is expected to begin in Summer 2003.

Jos. A. Banks, a men's clothing retailer, announced plans to open a new store in The Streets of West Chester development at I-75 and UC. Construction is expected to begin in Summer 2003. Jos. A. Banks' has been in business for nearly 100 years, and has 160 stores nationwide with two of those locations in Cincinnati.

Ohio's Best Mortgage leased a 936-square-foot office facility in Beckett Center Office Park on Ohio 747 during April 2003.

Omni Business Forms leased a 2,606-square-foot facility at 4747 Devitt Drive off Ohio 747 in April 2003.

PC Evolution leased a 150-square-foot office space in Beckett Center Office Park on Ohio 747 during April 2003.

Pinnacle Group (The), leased a 3,651-square-foot office facility in April 2003 at 9075 Centre Pointe Drive in the Centre Pointe Office Park at I075 and Union Centre.

Red Robin Gourmet Burgers & Spirits announced in April 2003 it is building a new 6,346-square-foot restaurant at 9434 Civic Centre Boulevard at The Streets of West Chester, I-75 and Union Centre.

Wal-Mart Supercenter is planning to relocate its existing store on Tylersville Road to a new 200,000-square-foot super center in Neyer Properties' 75-acre development at the northwest corner of I-75 and Cincinnati-Dayton Road. The Wal-Mart Supercenter is expected to open in 2005.

TECH AND INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS

Manufacturers and distribution companies in West Chester continue to be the funding backbone for public services (police and fire protection) and community infrastructure and amenities (improved roads and parks).

Anest Iwata USA, a manufacturer of air compressors, leased a 4,853-square-foot facility at 9920 Windisch Road in the Union Centre Commerce Park during April 2003.

Nova Systems Solutions, a defense contractor that creates software for military radios, announced in May 2003 it will anchor a 72,000-square-foot office facility at 9928 Windisch Road in the Union Centre Commerce Park which is being built by K & W Development. Nova Systems Solutions is a spin-off of the West Chester-based Nova Engineering.

On-Point Packaging leased a new 21,555-square-foot facility at 9536 Glades Drive in Glades Office Park off Muhlhauser Road during April 2003.

Sugarcreek Packing Company, a food service distributor, opened an 85,000-square-foot facility at 4585 Muhlhauser Road in April 2003. This is Sugarcreek's third Ohio plant in addition to its corporate office located in Washington Court House.