

What's New in West Chester!



WEST CHESTER BUSINESS COMMUNITY THRIVES

In 2020, SitesUSA estimated West Chester Township has 3,610 businesses employing nearly 51,600 people—68 percent of those employed are in the management, business, finance, sales, office and professional services industries.

The diverse, successful local economy of West Chester grew from careful planning and a businessfriendly attitude coupled with ideal location and access. Symbiotic relationships have supported business investment without compromising exceptional residential opportunities making West Chester a place "where families grow and businesses prosper."

West Chester has the amenities to support businesses with nearly 200 restaurants to satisfy all appetites and more than 1,600 hotel rooms available for personal and business travelers—nearly 600 more hotel rooms are under construction. West Chester will have a total of 1.36 million square feet of hotel space to offer business travelers by 2021.

Many of West Chester's businesses form strategic partnerships or alliances, supporting one another in a variety of ways. A recent example is found with AeroFlexx and Fameccanica.

AeroFlexx, a company revolutionizing the packaging industry, will soon open a 27,043 square-foot facility at 8511 Trade Center Drive in the West Chester Trade Center off Union Centre Boulevard.

AeroFlexx offers the only flexible package with an air chamber that provides rigid qualities to a flexible package. The technology originally came from Cincinnati-based Procter & Gamble. Today, AeroFlexx has the exclusive rights to commercialize the technology across all categories and geographies to all partners, including P&G direct competitors. AeroFlexx proprietary package contains at least 50 percent less plastic, allows for greater flexibility in size and shape, provides efficiency in manufacturing, has no label limitations thanks to seamless edge-to-edge artwork, and meets e-commerce and sustainability requirements.

In late 2019, AeroFlexx and Fameccanica, a long-time West Chester international manufacturer of automation and robotic applications, formed a partnership. Fameccanica was selected after a global evaluation of world-class machine manufacturers to design, fabricate and scale the converting and liquid filling equipment for AeroFlexx. This partnership will accelerate the development and manufacture of the packaging solution. Fameccanica recently expanded and relocated its West Chester operations to an 84,843 square-foot facility in the West Chester Trade Center development.

Mutually beneficial partnerships, such as this, within the West Chester business community demonstrate the value of supporting diversity in economic development. Rather than reliance on one

industry, West Chester thrives because of the varied and symbiotic industries finding success here.

West Chester businesses also partner with local educational resources for training, seminars and conferences. Miami University Voice of America Learning Center and Butler Tech Bioscience Campus both partnered with UC Health West Chester Hospital prior to the pandemic to provide classes, training and facility space as needed. Butler Tech students trained at the hospital in their respective fields and Indiana Wesleyan offers professional educational courses, customizing training to business needs.

Schumacher Dugan Construction, a long-time West Chester business in the development industry, partners with other local businesses who plan to grow in the Township. Schumacher Dugan is currently building KEMBA Credit Union's new nine-story, 90,000 square-foot Class A corporate headquarters off Union Centre Boulevard.

There are numerous ancillary service providers—from information technology service providers like E-Technologies, to body shops like Lakota Body Shop, and fire suppression businesses like Johnson Controls—that all provide services to other businesses throughout the Township.

Many West Chester businesses benefit from the strengths each organization brings to the table. West Chester's business community will continue to grow and be successful as they form strategic partnerships and collaborate to support one another whenever possible.

"As the second largest center of commerce in the Tri-State area, trailing only Cincinnati-proper, West Chester offers an environment for business-to-business relationships to thrive. Working in concert with the West Chester-Liberty Chamber Alliance, REDI Cincinnati and other business partners, West Chester Township strives to create these connections where possible," said Aaron Wiegand, Community Development Director at West Chester Township.



WEST CHESTER RETAIL CENTER GETS MAJOR FACELIFT

One of West Chester's oldest and most visible shopping centers has a new look and new residents. Located at the intersection of Cox and Tylersville Roads for more than 30 years, Kingsgate Plaza is now Tylersville Pointe.

Midland Atlantic, developers of the Voice of America Retail Centre, purchased the property in 2018 and set out to complete this \$14 million major renovation project viewed by nearly 60,000 cars each day.

In addition to the exterior façade improvements and the east end building expansion, Midland Atlantic's renovation project included parking lot upgrades, adding LED lighting and new landscaping.

Midland Atlantic also announced Krispy Kreme will build a nearly 3,600 square-foot, stand-alone doughnut shop as part of the Tylersville Pointe redevelopment. Krispy Kreme will be built between First Financial Bank and Taco Bell facing Tylersville Road.

The east wing of the development includes long-time tenant Big Lots with a recently completed expansion to its existing store. Now with more than 40,000 square-feet the Big Lots promises a "Store of the Future" shopping experience. Big Lots offers furniture, food, décor and more.

The Twin Dragon Buffet & Grill next door to the Big Lots also received a full face lift and is now open with its endless spread of delicious Chinese mainstays.

Midland Atlantic constructed a new 22,000 square-foot space on the east side of the Tylersville Pointe development for Ross Dress for Less, a retailer new to the Township offering the latest designer and brand-name fashions for family and home at extraordinary savings.

The 14,000 square-foot west side of the development, also completely remodeled, will have three new tenants—Milk Bar Cafe, Lakomka Deli and Compunet Labs.

In addition, west side tenants renewing leases include Casablanca Mediterranean Food, Tobacco Marketplace and Dancing Roll. Dancing Roll expanded into a larger 2,250 square-foot space as part of the renovation.

Midland Atlantic continues to actively market the remaining 1,200-square-foot vacant storefront. In just more than two decades, the managing principals of Midland Atlantic have developed a strong foundation and assembled a team of talented professionals who work together to provide full-service retail real estate solutions in an ever changing climate.

Midland Atlantic is responsible for the majority of the retail development in West Chester's uptown district including The Voice of America Centre, Tylersville Farms and Tylersville Corner. With a population of more than 145,000 within a 30-mile radius of the Voice of America area, Midland Atlantic has the national retailer contacts and extensive market knowledge to help best position tenants and other property owners for success.



WEST CHESTER EXPERIENCES PERMIT GROWTH SPURT

The pandemic has not stopped West Chester Community Development staff from serving the business and residential communities of West Chester this year.

Business and residential permits continue to be



processed. In fact, the West Chester Board of Trustees waived all fees for residential permits beginning this spring and for the remainder of 2020 to help the community during times of uncertainty. This may have attributed to the greater number of permits requested/processed.

West Chester Community Development Department staff worked closely with several companies on major projects this year including the GE Additive project with a 171,000 square-foot expansion at the West Chester Trade Center. Fameccanica's 84,000 square-foot relocation and expansion of its North American corporate headquarters and Republic Wire's new 400,000 square-foot facility expansion at the Trade Center, to name a few, were also piloted through permitting processes by West Chester Community Development staff in recent months.

In conjunction with REDI Cincinnati, West Chester also assisted Sugar Creek Packaging with the expansion of its corporate headquarters, adding 120 new jobs in the township.

Through third quarter, West Chester Township staff have been involved in more than 1.5 million square feet of new commercial projects totaling more than \$64.5 million in new capital investment. These new projects brought with them 488 new jobs and retained 867 new jobs in West Chester Township.

The Community Development Department continues to process permit applications while restricting inperson contact and is now working to develop an online process for submitting permit applications for the benefit of its customers. A complete review and update of West Chester's Zoning Resolution is also under way.

"West Chester continues to engage our partners on developing new and exciting opportunities to align our zoning resolution and our plan submittal requirements to the needs of our private citizens and developers," said Aaron Wiegand, Director of West Chester Community Development." "As these two initiatives roll out in 2021, West Chester will continue to be a leader in responding to the needs of the community as we strive to be one of the "Best Places to Live" and "Best Communities to Conduct Business."

West Chester: Built With You in Mind

West Chester is a proven destination for corporate investment displayed by the expansive growth over the past two decades, yet development opportunities still exist throughout the township with commercial sites of 1 to 60 acres still available. Office, manufacturing, research and properties with accessible infrastructure, frontage on I-75 or within two miles of an interstate interchanges are available. Contact Cathy Walton, Business Attraction and Expansion Manager for personalized assistance at 513-759-7325 or <u>cwalton@westchesteroh.org</u>.



OFFICE/MEDICAL PROJECTS



GE Credit Union

GE Credit Union, a full-service, not-for-profit financial institution offering credit cards, mortgages, checking accounts and more, announced it will construct a new 4,000 square-foot branch at 7560 Foster Lane in The Oaks of Wetherington off Liberty Way in West Chester Township. Chartered in 1954 for employees of General Electric Aircraft Engines, GE Credit Union has become one of the largest credit unions in the state of Ohio. Since then, GE Credit Union has opened membership to anyone in the Greater Cincinnati area. Being a member of GE Credit Union means more than just banking, it means being part of a community with access to solid financial solutions that put the shareholders first.



Telhio Credit Union, a not-for-profit, full-service financial institution, announced it will relocate and expand its existing West Chester branch operations to a new 5,831 square-foot facility it will construct at 8249 Market Place Drive in Hutzelman Square off Princeton Glendale Road/SR 747. Telhio Credit Union has been a strong and stable financial institution in central Ohio since 1934. Telhio began as a credit union for Columbus Telephone Company employees and the group has now expanded the vision to serve people who live or work in Butler, Hamilton, Warren, Preble, Franklin, Fairfield, Delaware, Union, Pickaway, Licking and Madison counties. Telhio Credit Union also serves Select Employer Groups in a variety of industries including accounting, automotive, manufacturing, medical, real estate and communications.





West Chester Surgical Suites

West Chester Surgical Suites, a new ambulatory surgical center, will open a 6,984 square-foot medical facility at 8734 Union Centre Boulevard in the Lakota West Professional Buildings. West Chester Surgical Suites will feature surgical and anesthetic services including multiple operating rooms, care service facilities, pre-op and recovery areas, as well as multiple treatment rooms for imaging, laser and other non-evasive procedures that do not require an overnight stay.

INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS









Expression Therapeutics

Expression Therapeutics, a biotechnology manufacturer, opened a 42,550 square-foot facility at 4692 Brate Drive in the West Chester Trade Center. Expression Therapeutics' technologies include advanced gene therapies for hemophilia, neuroblastoma, leukemia/lymphoma and more. The mission at Expression Therapeutics is to develop gene therapies that will dramatically improve the lives of patients. Expression Therapeutics is one of the few biotechnology companies with its own therapeutic pipeline and in-house manufacturing capabilities to provide contract development and manufacturing organization services to commercial clients.

Faxon Firearms

Faxon Firearms, a premier manufacturer of firearms and firearm accessories, relocated to a 16,000 square-foot manufacturing facility at 4348 Le Saint Court. Faxon Firearms, a division of Faxon Machining, was started in Cincinnati in 1978 and serves a wide range of industries such as defense, aerospace, medical, automotive, oil and energy. Faxon Firearms engineers and manufactures complete upper receivers to fit military specifications. Faxon Firearms focuses on providing new and innovative products that set the standard for the rest of the industry.

Apex Circuits

Apex Circuits, providing superior design and manufacturing of electronics and electrical controls, relocated its existing West Chester operations to a 5,183 square-foot facility at 4839 Business Center Way. Apex Circuits offers manufacturing capabilities in the areas of printed circuit board design, assembly and testing, electrical control panel design, sales, engineering, procurement, inventory and production.

JW Roofing

JW Roofing, specializing in roofing, siding, gutters, windows and awnings, announced it will open a 1,030 square-foot facility at 7906 Tylersville Square Drive off Tylersville Road. JW Roofing is a family-owned and operated business that has been serving the greater Miami Valley region for more than 13 years.

COMMERCIAL PROJECTS















Krispy Kreme

Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, specializing in its famous and best-selling glazed, yeast-raised doughnuts, announced it will construct a 3,593 square-foot doughnut factory at 7783 Tylersville Road in the Tylersville Pointe. Krispy Kreme Doughnuts is committed to giving back to local communities through fundraising and philanthropic efforts.

Cabinet & Granite Depot

Cabinet & Granite Depot, specializing in the fabrication and installation of natural granite countertops, vanity tops, bar tops and islands, expanded and relocated its existing West Chester business to a 58,344 square-foot facility at 8730 North Pavilion Drive off Princeton Glendale Road. The Cabinet & Granite Depot offers its customers an expansive showroom where they can shop and visualize kitchen and bathroom products. The Cabinet & Granite Depot has professional design consultants who are skilled in planning installations, renovations and assisting with computer visualization software.

All About Kids Union Centre

All About Kids at Union Centre, a state-of-the-art childcare and learning center, opened a 16,176 squarefoot educational facility at 6184 Center Loop Drive in West Chester Towne Centre. The caring and well-trained staff at All About Kids works one-on-one with parents to build a solid foundation for the future. The goal at All About Kids is to provide children with the tools they need to learn and grow, advance in school, and to be prepared for the ever-changing world around us.

Hope's Closet

Hope's Closet, a non-profit organization that exists to enrich the lives of families that are in some way impacted by children's services, announced it will open an 11,171 square-foot facility at 9850 Princeton Glendale Road/SR 747. Hope's Closet seeks to love displaced children and their families and provides encouragement, support and material needs through their clothing closet, foster parent support groups, prayer partners, training, and a future mentoring program to build relationships and restore broken families.

El Trompo Mexican Grill

El Trompo Mexican Grill, a new restaurant specializing in real Mexican street food, opened a 5,296 square-foot grill at 9037 Union Centre Boulevard in the new Union Centre Plaza. El Trompo Mexican Grill takes pride in offering authentic Mexican cuisine including homemade tortillas, fajitas, burritos and handcrafted cocktails all in its beautifully decorated restaurant featuring original murals and artwork throughout.

Huntington Learning Center

Huntington Learning Center, a leading tutoring and test prep provider, relocated its existing West Chester educational training center to a 2,078 square-foot facility at 7906 Tylersville Square Drive off Tylersville Road. For more than 40 years, Huntington Learning Center has helped students by creating individualized, results-driven programs to help them succeed.













FITOPIA

FITOPIA, a new workout experience powered by an EMSbased personal training system, opened a 1,400 squarefoot center at 7604 Cox Lane. FITOPIA uses Electrical Muscle Stimulation (EMS), a scientifically-proven and FDAcleared method of fitness training that delivers rapid results while preventing undue stress on your joints and ligaments. FITOPIA is designed to maximize the whole body strength, health and wellness in just 20 minutes with minimal impact on muscles and joints.

Pure Barre

Pure Barre, offering an effective total body barre workout focuses on low-impact, high-intensity movements, opened a 1,473 square-foot facility at 9037 Union Centre Boulevard in the Union Centre Plaza. Pure Barre's innovative techniques focus on small movements that result in big changes with classes that target strength, cardio and flexibility for people of all levels.

Hollywood Barbers

Hollywood Barbers, a family-owned, full-service barber shop, opened a 1,056 square-foot shop at 9536 Cincinnati Columbus Road/SR 42 in Dimmick Plaza. Hollywood Barber offers a variety of services by state licensed barbers including high quality skin fades and on-the-chair massage during the haircut. At Hollywood Barber, they believe that your life is a movie and you deserve to be treated like a superstar.

Lash Loft

Lash Loft Cincy, a premier esthetic salon specializing in eyelash extensions, opened a 1,400 square-foot salon at 8107 Beckett Center Drive in Beckett Commons off Princeton Glendale Road/SR 747. Lash Loft Cincy also offers micro blading, waxing, facials, peels and more.

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Krispy Kreme



Pet Palace

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Planet Fitness



Another Broken Egg Cafe



Kayla Nails and Spa



Big Lots



Tropical Smoothie Cafe



El Trompo Mexican Grill

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