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THE "HEIGHTS" LEADS THE WAY

The "Heights" neighborhood witnessed significant commercial activity in the last few months making it one of the strongest retail/restaurant development areas in the state.

Buffalo Wild Wings

National restaurant chain "Buffalo Wild Wings" makes its New Hampshire debut at 8 Loudon Road. The restaurant will significantly improve an underutilized property. Look for its opening later this year.

Men's Wearhouse/Great Clips/Sprint

"You're going to love the way you look" says the well-known marketing campaign for the Men's Wearhouse. The City would agree. This 8,250 s.f. new building at 60 D'Amante Drive culminates development at the plaza anchored by Target and Best Buy. Sharing the building will be Great Clips and Sprint.

Dollar Tree

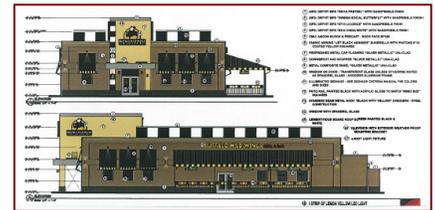
In late 2011, Dollar Tree opened a newly constructed store at 313 Loudon Road. This project completes the build-out of the shopping center which is also home to Newick's, Ruby Tuesday, Long John Silver, and Taco Bell.

Ocean State Job Lot

Vacant for over two years, the former Linen's and Things location is now home to Ocean State Job Lot. The Rhode Island-based discount retailer opened in February and business has been brisk.

CVS/Burger King

This 13,225 s.f. pharmacy and 2,600 s.f. new prototype restaurant are currently under construction. The development will also result in improvements to the East Side Drive and Loudon Road intersection.



Proposed Buffalo Wild Wings



Men's Wearhouse-under construction



Dollar Tree



CVS Pharmacy-under construction

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CONCORD’S ECONOMY RANKS IN THE TOP 10 NATIONALLY FOR THE EIGHTH STRAIGHT YEAR!

The Policom Corporation’s annual review of 576 communities with populations between 10,000-50,000 once again affirmed Concord as one of the country’s strongest economies. Ranked fourth, Concord has been in the top 10 for eight straight years.

CITY OF CONCORD BOND RATING OUTLOOK IS UPGRADED

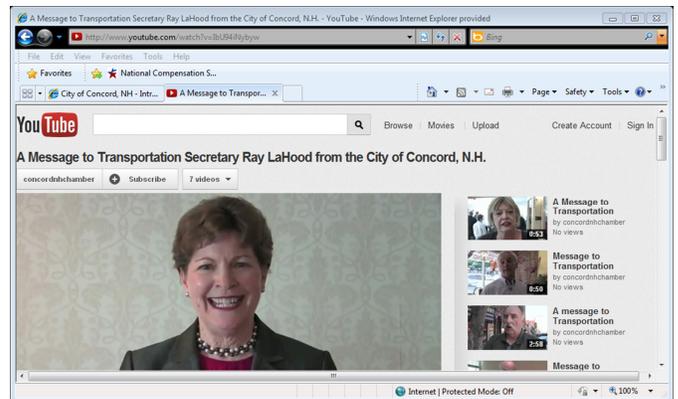
The City’s fiscal management was recently rewarded with Standard & Poor’s upgrading of the City’s bond rating from AA with a “stable” outlook to AA with a “positive” outlook. This improvement was attributed to the City’s strong fiscal management practices, stable economic base, and low unemployment.

NEW HAMPSHIRE BUSINESS REVIEW RECOGNIZES CONCORD’S DOWNTOWN AS “OPTIMISM IN ACTION”

In a recent column for the *New Hampshire Business Review*, Roger Dieker, VP of the Manchester Office of CB Richard Ellis, noted that “companies are taking a second look and exploring the possibilities of relocating to the capital city.” The columnist concluded that “People want to live, work and spend their time in areas like downtown Concord, which reflects their lifestyle and gives them immediate access to the things most important to them.”

Downtown redevelopment is a City Council priority. The City offers numerous programs and incentives to assist the business and development community that want to call downtown home. Mr. Dieker aptly captured this initiative noting that “all of this activity is...the culmination of a cooperative effort between an extensive group of private and public entities” (*NHBR*, April 20-May 3, 2012, p.50).

SENATOR SHAHEEN JOINS CONCORD BUSINESS LEADERS IN YOUTUBE CAMPAIGN TO SUPPORT CITY GRANT APPLICATION



The City’s recent application for federal funding to improve the downtown streetscape by increasing multi-modal accessibility and improving safety got a huge boost from local business leaders who mounted a YouTube campaign to personally appeal to U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood on the merits of the City’s project. Prominent among the supporters is U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen.

FREE DEVELOPMENT TEAM REVIEWS



If you are contemplating a project in Concord, the Community Development Department welcomes you to come in for a complimentary development team review. This is an opportunity to brainstorm with representatives of City Planning, Engineering, Code Administration, and Fire departments in a relaxed atmosphere. Appointments for Development Team reviews can be made by contacting Bev Rafferty at brafferty@concordnh.gov or by phone at (603) 225-8595.