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Economic Development Update

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Let's take a drive through town!





Starting in Corbin's Corner...













































Heading to Elmwood (with a slight detour)

















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Over to New Park Avenue







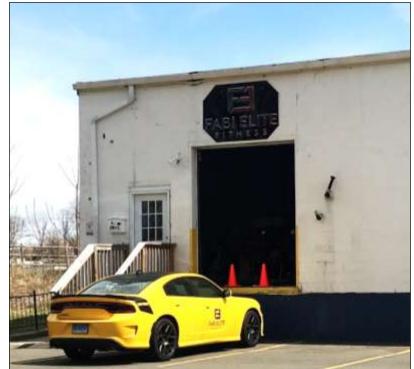






























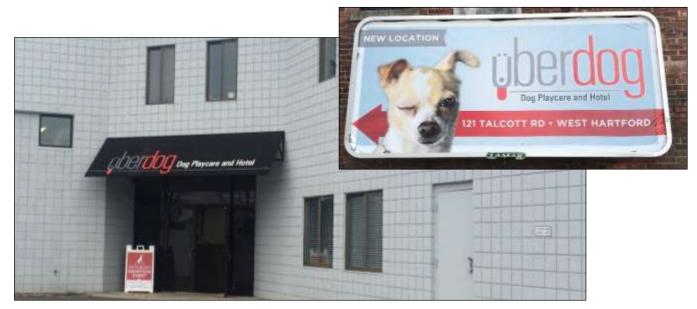
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What's new on Park Road?



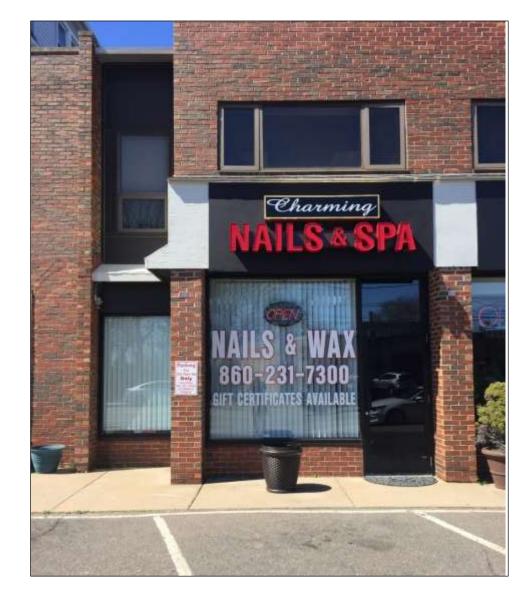


















































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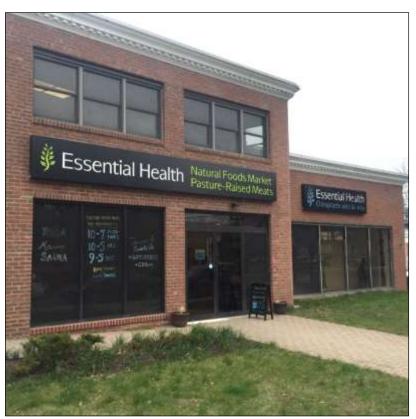








































Let's go to Blue Back Square.... by way of Prospect and Farmington Ave.











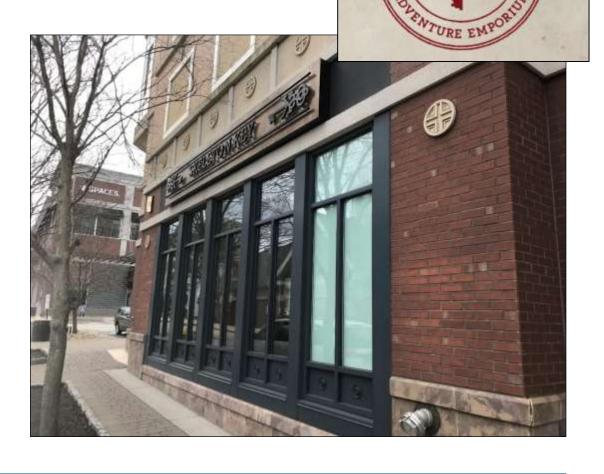
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So what's new in the Center?





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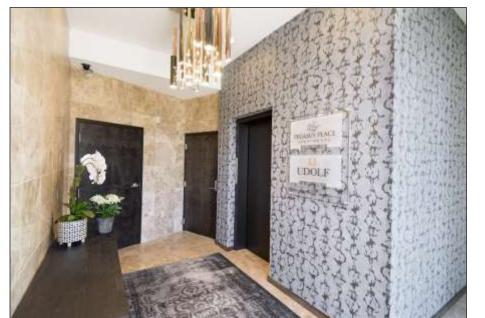




















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We're almost done! Really.





On to Bishops Corner.



















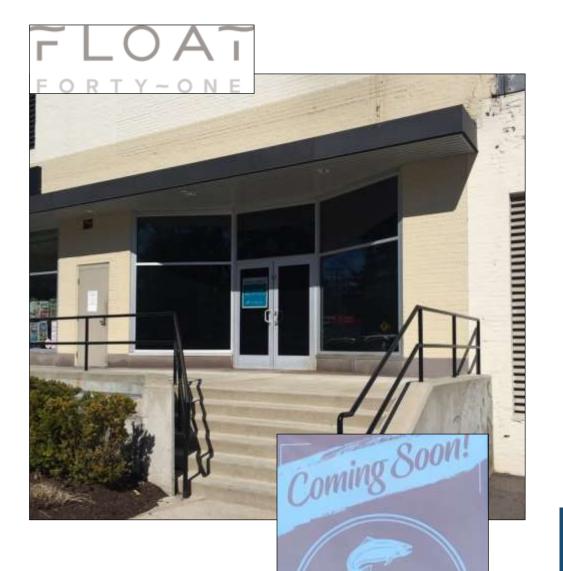
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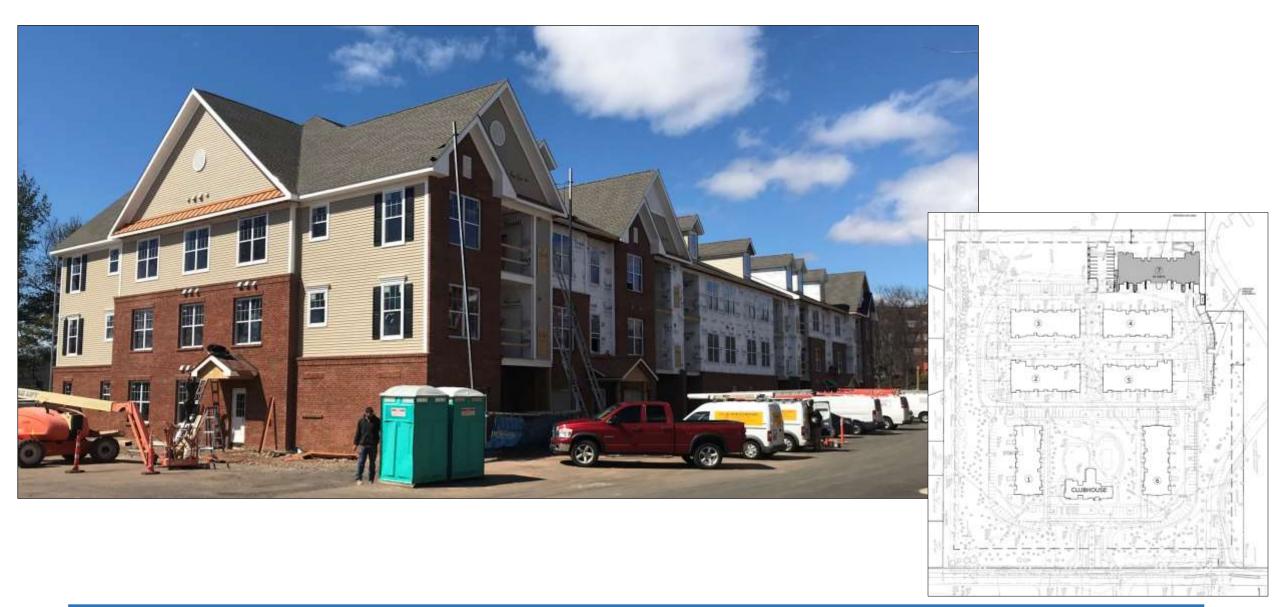
















Hey Kristen, let's anticipate a question...





What's the status of the Ideanomics proposal?











What is a POCD?





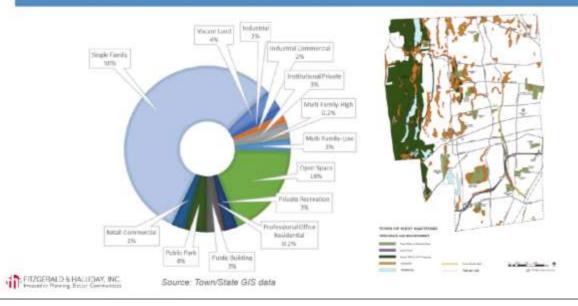
The Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) is a road map for the future of the community. It identifies a long-term vision, goals, strategies and action steps necessary to support the Town's vision and goals. The plan covers areas such as economic development, housing, transportation, infrastructure, open space, environment, and Town services.







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How many people participated in the development of the POCD?









- 1. Bishops Corner
- 2. Center/Blue Back Square
- 3. Park Road
- 4. New Park Avenue
- 5. Elmwood Center
- 6. Corbin's Corner









What have we learned?

- Survey respondents were pro-growth
- Commercial creep is a concern
- Online vs. brick and mortar
- Experiential retail is growing
- Pedestrian/bicycle amenities are important
- Co-working is more than a trend
- Parking. Parking.





What's next in the POCD Process?

- Time to write a plan
- Final public comments
- Final comments from Town Council and Capitol Region Council of Governments
- Adoption by Town Plan & Zoning Commission





Questions?







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