



City of Bellevue Economic Development

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The City of Bellevue continues to be an attractive option for new business, as well as, those that have been here for many years. With this great base of companies who invested in the community and continue to do so only strengthens the economic development base in the City.

Shoppe 191 LLC (115 E. Main St) and owner **Leslie Hackenburg** opened her shop in early summer. Leslie offers a variety of vintage, new, repurposed and current trends of accent decorations, furniture pieces, artisan jewelry, candles, unique & hard to find items and much more.

McDonald's of Bellevue completed their exterior and interior renovations in September as this franchise continues its investment and success on the east end.

Ashley Speer, new owner and operator of **Linen & Birch** opened her doors in October to a charming boutique of home décor, gifts and handmade signs. Her shop is a welcome addition to the Downtown area. Linen & Birch is located at 106 Southwest St. (formerly the Golden Acorn).

I would like to welcome the new **Dollar Tree** franchise to the Village Square Plaza at 234 Castalia St. Kayleigh Painter, Manager, Investor & Media Relations, stated she anticipates an opening in Summer 2020. The owners are excited to be part of the Bellevue community and hope to rejuvenate that area of town. The owners will be looking to fill the other available suites in that plaza as well.

Normally, this newsletter emphasizes retail and industry in the City. I would also like to note some of the projects that the City has invested in during 2019.

The Moore Avenue extension was completed the first quarter of the year and, as a result, will make operations

and logistics much more efficient for **Ohio Logistics** and across the road for **The Bellevue City Schools** and their bus garage and storage area.

Mandated upgrades at the **Water Treatment Plant** on Center St. are well underway. The date for completion is estimated third quarter 2020.

Street utility work on **High Street** was completed in conjunction with the construction for the new corporate headquarters of **Firelands Federal Credit Union**. The Credit Union anticipates a Spring 2020 opening.

Elsewhere around the City, **Fish & Loaves** broke ground for a new storage room (21x20) addition. The folks at Fish & Loaves indicated this will allow them to serve those in need more efficiently. They are open on Wednesdays from 1-5 pm and help those Bellevue families less fortunate.

First National Bank is just about finished with their new renovations in their main office lobby area. The exterior addition and improvements give the bank a great new look and solidify their foothold in Bellevue with their corporate headquarters. They have six other locations located in Erie, Ottawa and Sandusky Counties.

Prairie Ridge Subdivision is well underway out west of **The Bellevue Hospital** with the utilities and roads recently completed. Contractors Design Engineering is constructing the first condo to be used as a model for potential buyers to see. Phase One condos have been sold out. Residential lots are still available to purchase. **Howard Hanna Gary J Straver Realty** is in charge of the sales for the subdivision and the **city-wide CRA** real estate tax exemption will apply to these new condos and homes. See City website for details.

This issue along with past issues of the Economic Development newsletter can be found on the City's website at www.cityofbellevue.com.