

# **Economic Activity – January 1, 2024 to June 14, 2024**

## **New Business Activity**

- **Midnight Fairy Jewelry has signed a lease for the former GV Art & Design space at 154D East Erie Street in Acorn Alley. The jewelry store specializes in locally made mystical and ethereal jewelry.**
- **A chicken wing restaurant concept called Wings Spot opened in the former Flashes Fried Chicken space at 164 Cherry Street at University Plaza after minor cosmetic interior renovations. Menu choices for patrons range from chicken wings and sandwiches to salads and Halal dishes.**
- **Operators of a new restaurant called Alley Mac have signed a lease for the former Pita Pit space in Acorn Alley.**
- **Kent’s Fun House & Thrift Store opened in the former Richards Flower Shop at 1312 North Mantua Street.**
- **A new donut shop, ThunderStruck Donuts, has signed a lease for space in the multi-tenant commercial building at 830 North Mantua Street. Billed as “Donuts That Rock”, the menu will include both “classic” and “fancy” donuts, with rock song inspired names.**
- **4th Gen Salon and Spa opened in the building formerly occupied by Evelyn Dickerson Hair Design at 1317 South Water Street.**
- **Officials from Brimfield reported during the Kent-Brimfield JEDD meeting that a Sheetz has been conditionally approved for construction at a new location at the northwest corner of State Route 43 and Sanctuary View Drive, directly in front of the Holiday Inn Express. This parcel is in Brimfield Township and is operating within the JEDD**

## Updates on Existing Projects

- **Rascal House, the Cleveland based fast casual chain, has received the necessary variances from the Board of Zoning Appeals and approvals from the Planning Commission to construct a new restaurant at the former Arby's at 1630 East Main Street. A demolition permit was issued by the Building Department, and the first phase of the project commenced the second week in June with the razing of the existing structure.**
- **Federales Street Tacos, located in Acorn Alley, opened the first week of June. The highly customizable portion of the menu allows patrons to build their own bowl, burrito, taco, or salad. Additional offerings include signature platters, quesadillas and nachos, and a wide selection of handcrafted margaritas.**
- **Excelty, the secondhand store specializing in plus size clothing located at 1110 South Water Street, is open for business.**
- **Evelyn Dickerson Hair Design opened at its new location at 175 East Erie Street in Acorn Alley.**
- **The 101 Bottles bar expansion is complete. Interior renovations include the addition of two shuffle board courts and one shuffle board table.**
- **Plans submitted to the Building Department for the renovation of the Gulf Station at 706 South Water Street are under review.**
- **A Certificate of Occupancy was issued for the Blind Squirrel Pub at 802 North Manuta Street by the Building Department on June 6th. Renovations are still in progress, with the restaurant on track to open later this year.**
- **Garage 108 property portfolio comprised of 108 and 122 W. College St., sold in April. Intended use is unknown at this time.**
- **Troppus Projects owner has taken the concept in a new direction and will continue to support the work of artists in new ways.**