



Township Effort Brings Jobs to Park Pointe at Lower Providence

LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP (*October 25, 2011*) – Using a persistent and a hands-on approach to business development, Lower Providence Township has attracted some 330 new jobs to the township in the past year. With transportation improvements on track - a full interchange at Route 422 and 363 is slated to come in 2012 – it’s hoped that the progress will continue.

Lower Providence’s two largest employers, PJM Interconnection and Quest Diagnostics, announced plans to remain in the business park, retaining 1200 jobs. Also in recent months, the township has welcomed Chickie’s and Pete’s (100 employees); Reilly Foam Corp. (85 employees); Horizon Services (90 employees); Star Career Academy (25 employees); Johnson Controls (18 employees); Safe-Guard Technologies (8 employees); Main Line Health; and Mercury Adult Daycare (2 employees).

Lower Providence Township offers distinct advantages. It has no mercantile or business privilege tax and is ideally located close to routes 422, 202, the Schuylkill Expressway and the Turnpike. Staff is acutely aware of the dollar value of time and open to meeting with business prospects.

“The partnership and support from the township played an important role,” said Facilities Manager Dave Spangler of PJM’s decision to remain in Lower Providence. Gene Call of Audubon Land Development confirms the township’s commitment to working with businesses and Stephen Phillips, president of Reilly Foam Corporation, couldn’t agree more.

“After reviewing many suitable possibilities for our company, our planning committee decided that Lower Providence met our needs perfectly,” said Phillips. “We reviewed proximity to our present facility to ensure most of our employees could make the transition, access to public transportation, location of major roads, availability of an educated workforce, and pricing levels. But the single most important factor was the level of cooperation we received from Lower Providence Township,” Phillips said.

Reilly Foam is relocating its Conshohocken fabrication facility and national headquarters to the township’s business park. This week the Township unveiled signs bearing the name of its business park, “Park Pointe at Lower Providence.” The company will be the first to incorporate the township colors into its signage.

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The new park signage comes as Lower Providence continues to execute the master plan adopted for the business park. Moving forward, the Business Development Committee will be working with business park property owners and businesses to implement the business park's logo and name, and other improvements identified in the master plan.

“In spite of the downturn of the economy in 2008, because of the ongoing commitment of the Board of Supervisors and the due diligence of staff – reaching out, being creative and minimizing hurdles – we’re now starting to see the fruits of our labor. With the new emphasis on Park Pointe at Lower Providence, we’re looking forward to a vibrant future and public-private collaborations,” said Joe Dunbar, Lower Providence Township Manager, “Our single point of contact - Bill Roth, who serves as the Township’s business manager for Park Pointe at Lower Providence - gives targeted businesses and the ever-important existing businesses a direct ear to myself and the Board of Supervisors. Our charter is to help them be successful.”



Supervisors Colleen Eckman and Marie Altieri unveil one of the new business park signs.