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### **New Owner Ready to Invest in Shopping Center**

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP (March 21, 2017)** – The Audubon Village Shopping Center, at the busy corner of Egypt and Pawlings roads, has a new owner. The center was purchased by Westover Companies, a locally-based firm that’s anxious to get started on improvements to re-energize the center.

“The center needs updating and new energy. We are committed to our properties – we take them and make them better,” said David McManus, Westover vice president.



Westover’s commitment will be evident. Immediate improvements to the center will include updates to the building façades, landscaping enhancements, renovations to the façade of the Audubon Ale House, and general upgrades to the entire center. The goal is to get the initial work done as soon as possible, with improved access and visibility part of future plans.

McManus noted that the Audubon center, while dated, is well-located and almost full, with strong local retail shops. “The missing ingredient is filling the larger space,” he said, referring to the anchor spot which was occupied for many years by Genuardi’s Market.

Westover, said McManus, knows what it takes to give the center a boost, having had success with six other retail centers in the area. He cited their Pennsburg Square Shopping Center as a good example of what can be done in Audubon. “It was an old center and we not only renovated it, but achieved 100 percent occupancy – and we are now expanding – all within three years,” he said.

The Audubon center will get the added benefit of having a local owner, said McManus. Based in King of Prussia, the company itself takes care of its properties. “It’s not left in third-party hands and all decisions are made right here,” he said.

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