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Posting: Main Street Business Activity	Posting 1
Poster: Dagmar Noll	
Date: 11 August 2005 5:40 AM	
<p>For the out-of-towners who periodically ask for a verbal snapshot of Main Street business activities, here's an update.</p> <p>Nita's breakfast/lunch spot is expanding and moving to a building on North Street right next to the Lily Pad. I was told recently this is the same building "Clark's" was in. When I first moved here it was a club of some sort. I never saw it active (but then I don't tend to wander around the City at night), but it was clear the building was being badly used. It is now being beautifully renovated for the reopening of Nita's.</p> <p>Meanwhile the old Nita's site is being taken over by a little Spanish restaurant....El Pininio or Pilinio or something. They should both be opening/reopening soon.</p> <p>Best,</p> <p>Dagmar</p>	
Posting: Re: Main Street Business Activity	Posting 2
Poster: Bobbi	
Date: 11 August 2005 6:31 AM	
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Posting: Re: Main Street Business Activity	Posting 4
Poster: Julie	
Date: 11 August 2005 7:00 AM	
<p>Thanks for the great info Dagmar and Bobbi. I've passed the fish shop and hesitated several times, but I'll go in and give it a try. Yes, the local commercial activity seems promising, and don't forget that the Co-op is moving into its new premises soon. Dagmar, the new Nitas building on North Street has had many lives in the 30 years or so I've been in the region. Way back, after Clarks restaurant moved into the brick building now occupied by the Lillypad, it was a pub/restaurant owned by John Monaghan -- but this was before he was so moody and critical. He was a gay young blade back then (in the old fashioned meaning of that word).</p>	
Posting: Re: Main Street Business Activity	Posting 5
Poster: alphonse	
Date: 11 August 2005 7:32 AM	
<p>Where is the Co Op moving to?</p>	
Posting: Re: Main Street Business Activity	Posting 6
Poster: Bobbi	
Date: 11 August 2005 8:15 AM	
<p>less than a block away from its present location. on Valley st where the gym was next to the package store - same building.</p>	
Posting: Re: Main Street Business Activity	Posting 7
Poster: Bobbi	
Date: 11 August 2005 8:19 AM	
<p>Julie,</p> <p>You're welcome. The fresh fish looked amazing! Don't hesitate to shop there. The prices are ok when you figure how far a lb of fish goes! They also have a very limited supply of fresh veggies, cucumbers, zucchini etc . It looks like a coastline fish shop.</p>	

Fresh, Fresh, Fresh

Posting: Re: Main Street Business Activity Posting 8
 Poster: Kate Fortier
 Date: 11 August 2005 9:21 AM

Great to hear the fish market is worth the trip. The only reason I haven't stopped yet is because I usually have two babies in the car with me when I'm driving by. A fish purchase while wrangling two munchkins is just too overwhelming to me. :)

Posting: Re: Main Street Business Activity Posting 9
 Poster: Bobbi
 Date: 11 August 2005 7:24 PM

I'll bet you could call them (if you knew what you wanted) and they could have it ready.

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God Bless You!

Posting: Re: Main Street Business Activity Posting 10
 Poster: Kate Fortier
 Date: 11 August 2005 9:23 PM

I'll bet you're right, Bobbi ... I hate to impose though. I'm shy about that stuff.

And, yes ... two. Somebody pinch me. ;)

Posting: Re: Main Street Business Activity Posting 11
 Poster: Dagmar Noll
 Date: 12 August 2005 6:20 AM

Last I heard, the Co-op's move to Valley Street won't be until January. They would have been ready end of Nov/early Dec, but things are so busy during the holiday season, they decided to make the move after the holidays instead.

Best,

Dagmar

Posting: Re: Main Street Business Activity Posting 12
 Poster: Bobbi
 Date: 12 August 2005 2:34 PM

That's not an imposition - that's good business!

Posting: Re: Main Street Business Activity Posting 13
 Poster: A. Insalaco
 Date: 12 August 2005 5:17 PM

Talking of new businesses on Main Street, does anyone know what's going to be developed around the old Stripling Auto building and the old laundry building, which are on the left as you head west down Main Street. Vermont Drive is behind this area, which is currently surrounded by steel fencing. It looks like a pretty big operation. Also I note that the building near the frog bridge, which briefly had opened as a Spanish market, is being developed into an athletic club. Things are really happening downtown!

Posting: Re: Main Street Business Activity Posting 14
 Poster: Bobbi
 Date: 12 August 2005 6:37 PM

I understand that the Stripling property will be a very large gas station.

The Athletic Club was advertising during the Boom Box Parade, but they didn't have an answer to "when" they would be opening. . . Still, you are right Main Street is becoming a very busy place

Posting: Re: Main Street Business Activity Posting 15
 Poster: Dagmar Noll
 Date: 13 August 2005 7:42 AM

I've seen regular activity at the Agway/Spanish Market/Fitness Center...almost daily, so things must still be happening.

Speaking of works-in-progress, there was some activity about a month ago at the WIP building. Is that moving forward again?

Also, the old Willi Camera (miss them dearly) space is being renovated. Any news there?

Best,

Dagmar

Posting: Re: Main Street Business Activity Posting 16
Poster: Bobbi
Date: 13 August 2005 9:34 AM

I asked about the WIP building. General consensus wa that it was moving again, but still. . . This is taking waaaaay tooooo long. One of his Storrs customers was very upset that he hadn't reopened. They had some printing they needed and some signs.

Oh well. You do wonder how someone can afford to close for such a long period of time.

Posting: Re: Main Street Business Activity Posting 17
Poster: Rusty
Date: 13 August 2005 2:43 PM

I got some Marlin last night at the Fish Store to Bar-B-Que, and it was excellent. The store was doing quite a good business when I was there Friday afternoon. The lobsters looked good too.

Posting: Re: Main Street Business Activity Posting 18
Poster: Alphonse
Date: 14 August 2005 6:26 PM

The Stripling Motors/Superior Electronics property was purchased from Micky Haddad for just under a million dollars. It will be a Cumberland gas station and convenience store.

Posting: Re: Main Street Business Activity Posting 19
Poster: Ron Insalaco
Date: 24 August 2005 5:42 AM

It's not exactly Main Street activity, more like Bridge Street Plaza and Route 6 activity, but what happened to the diners? Are they being developed? Did Mickey Haddad's money get tied up in the gas station he's developing, or will his diner go into that new development discussed above? That would seem to be a better place than the end of the plaza where the old Windham diner now still stands.

Posting: Re: Main Street Business Activity Posting 20
Poster: Pippin
Date: 24 August 2005 6:42 AM

I haven't seen much activity at all on the diner that was moved to North Windham. About 3 weeks ago I was at the Bridge St. Plaza and saw several folks working on the diner between 6 and 8 PM. Maybe they're doing this after their regular work hours. After reading about the Fish Market, I went there last week. The fish and chip and fried clam dinners were excellent. The clam fritters were terrible. Maybe they forgot to add the clams. Overall, though - I'd go back and I'd recommend it - except for the fritters. I wonder if William Brainard has been there - he usually has pretty good instincts about food!