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New Leases, Grocer Renovation Mark Latest Moves at Liberty Center in Erie, Pa.

Transactional Activity Totals Nearly 20,000 SF at Levin-Managed Property

ERIE, Pa. (July 20, 2023) – A renovation by grocery anchor [Tops Friendly Markets](#) and three new tenant commitments totaling nearly 20,000 square feet at [Liberty Center](#) in Erie extend a period of steady activity at the 230,000-square-foot shopping center.

North Plainfield, N.J.-based [Levin Management Corporation \(LMC\)](#) serves as managing agent for Liberty Center, located at the intersection of Liberty and W. 38th Streets, just west of Peach Street. Sherry Bauer, broker/owner of [SBRE - Sherry Bauer Real Estate Services](#), arranged the latest transactions as LMC's local representative.

The latest leases include:

- [Erie Gymnastics Center](#) (12,000 SF) is relocating one of its two local training facilities to Liberty Center. Its state-of-the-art facilities have grown to become among the largest gymnastics and acro training centers in the Erie area.
- New/used community bookstore [Werner Books](#) – a long-time Liberty Center tenant under new ownership following the prior owner's retirement – is relocating and expanding at the property from 2,500 square feet to 5,800 square feet. The larger space will accommodate the shop's business growth, and will include a full-service coffee/pastry shop and outdoor courtyard seating.
- [F&F Hibachi Express](#) (1,600 SF) is now open for dining in, local delivery or take out. The fast-casual restaurant serves authentic hibachi- and teriyaki-style menu items along with bowls, salads and bubble tea. It represents a new business venture from the same experienced operator behind local favorite F&F Poke Bowl restaurants.

“Great things are happening at Liberty Center,” said Bauer. “Erie Gymnastics Center and F&F Hibachi Express are wonderful additions to the tenant mix that will attract even more customers to the center. Werner Books has been a long-time presence at the property. We are glad to establish a relationship with the store's new ownership and are pleased this community staple has solidified its commitment to Liberty Center.”

Grocer Renovation

An anchor tenant at Liberty Center since 1980, Tops Friendly Markets has completed a full renovation, featuring the addition of an on-site fueling station. Enhancements also

include façade and landscaping updates, new interior décor, state-of-the-art self-checkouts and expanded fresh food areas.

Located in the residential heart of Erie, Liberty Center also includes Dollar Tree, Stumpy's Hatchet House, Harbor Freight Tools, Fred's Furniture, Rent-A-Center, PA Wine & Spirits, Rotech Healthcare, Northern Lights Hydroponics and Dickey's Barbecue Pit, among others. These businesses serve a growing residential population of more than 103,000 people within a three-mile radius.

Retail spaces available at Liberty Center range from 2,500 square feet to 28,500 square feet.

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