Wallick Commnities moving to Market & Main district in New Albany - Columbus - Columbus Business First

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A Central Ohio apartment developer is moving its headquarters into 18,000 square feet in the heart of New Albany.

Wallick Communities, an affordable housing specialist based in Reynoldsburg, will lease 18,000 square feet in a 48,000-square-foot building that's the second part of the Market & Main development. The project at 160 W. Main St. is a joint venture of Daimler and New Albany Co.

The first Market & Main building includes Mellow Mushroom, Hudson 29, Cooke Demers LLC, PNC Wealth Management, a dentist's office and a workout facility.

Wallick plans to move 90 of its 750 workers into the building's second floor. The timing of that move hasn't been disclosed.

New Albany Co. expects to announce shops, restaurants, service providers and more office users in the coming months to fill out the building.

"New Albany's village center has always been an important component of the master plan for the community, not only for residents but for the 14,000-plus people employed at the business park " William G. Ebbing, president of New Albany Co., said in a statement to *Business First*. "We continue to focus on creating a walkable destination where residents and employees can easily access amenities like the library, the arts center, the school campus, Village Hall, the health center, shops, offices, restaurants and more.

Also coming to Market & Main is a 130-unit apartment complex by developer Brett Kaufman, which will bring much-needed housing for Millennials who work in the area in addition to more options for empty nesters.

Not only does the New Albany Business Park keep expanding, but Big Lots Inc. is building its new headquarters just outside of New Albany city limits, which will bring 800 workers to the area.

Wallick CEO Tom Feusse, in a statement prepared for *Business First*, said: "Our current building is 34 years old. Our team recognizes that people work differently than they did three decades ago. This led us to look for space that would be more productive and user-friendly for our associates, while offering top notch amenities.

"We found all of that and more in the new Market and Main development," he said. "We were able to have a blank slate to customize for our team. There are more and larger common gathering spaces as well as more co-operative working spaces, along with windows for everyone. Outside there are walking paths and many in-demand features within walking distance for our associates, including dining, workout facilities and more."

NAI Ohio Equities Office Brokerage Group consisting of Philip Bird, Matt Gregory and Andy Dutcher represented Wallick in the transaction.

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