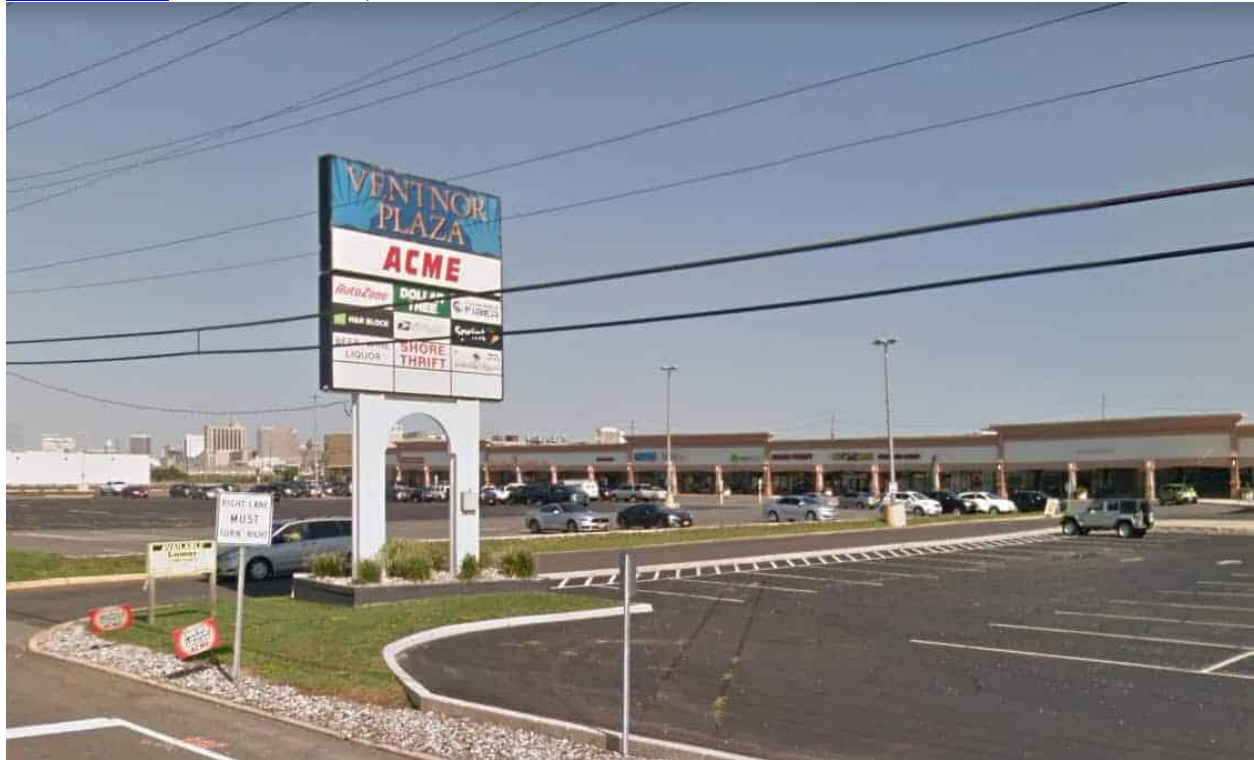


Upgraded Ventnor Plaza To Feature Indoor Pickleball, Burger King, Starbucks, Microbrewery.

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Major Renovations in Progress

After years of neglect, the Ventnor Shopping Plaza on Wellington Ave has a new owner with a plan.

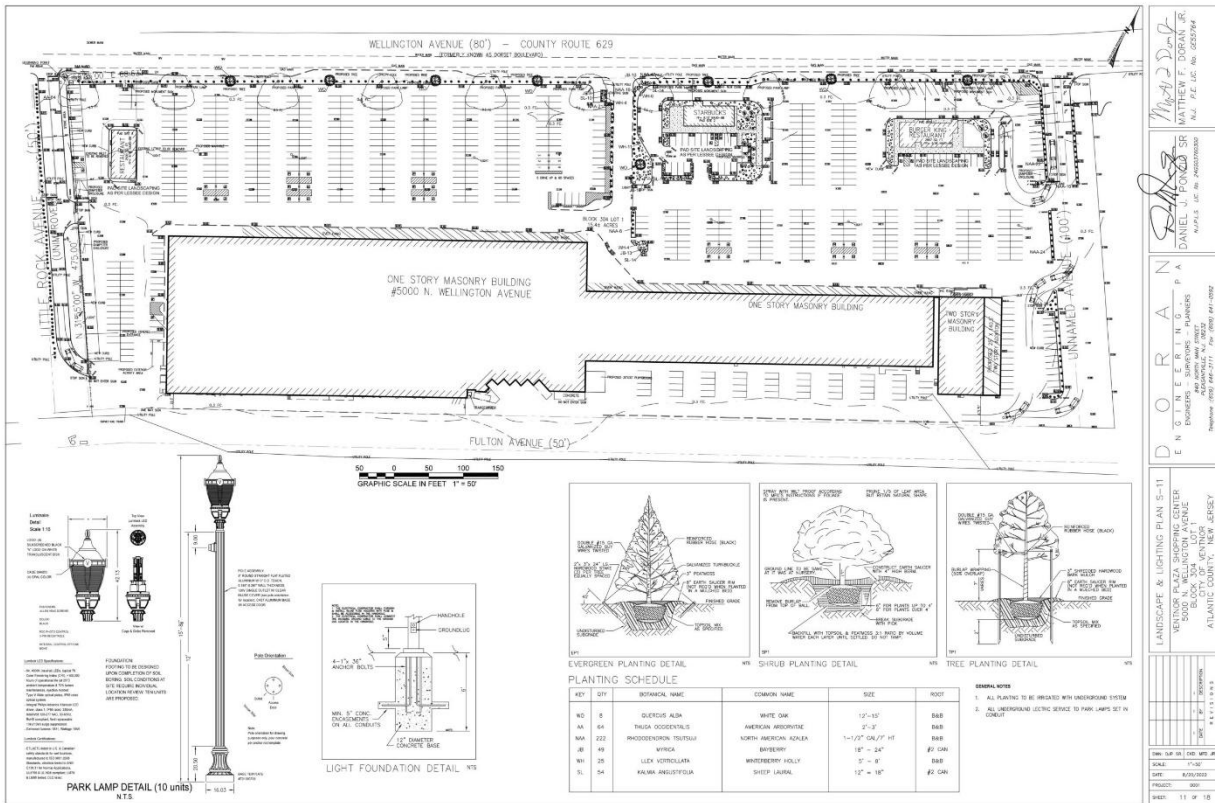
Ventnor Plaza now getting a major facelift.

Updated Ventnor Plaza will include [Indoor Pickleball](#) facility called 'Pickle Juice'.

Developer Mark Greco tells DownbeachBUZZ that as of Dec. 23, 2022, the following have signed leases or *Letters of Intent*:

- Pickle Juice, Indoor Pickleball Facility
- Burger King
- Starbucks
- Ivy Nail Salon
- Casa Blanca Restaurant & Events
- Caring Inc Adult Daycare
- Little Sprouts Childcare

Negotiations continue with several other businesses that include a microbrewery, a laundromat, as well as other restaurants / eateries.



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While meeting with vendors and contractors, Greco realized you can't buy a cup of coffee at [Ventnor Plaza](#). There's nowhere to buy a slice of pizza, or anything else for that matter. Mark Greco is confident he's going to fix that.



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What about flooding? That marsh across the street can easily fill with back bay surge.

DownbeachBUZZ was pleased to learn that truckloads of dirt will raise the parking lot elevation. This should reduce and/or prevent flooding.

Greco will be adding drainage and raising the elevation. The parking lot will be elevated as well in order to comply with FEMA flood regulations. An irrigated landscape strip will surround the property in order to reduce flooding issues during high tide.



Stonework around columns.

All new sidewalks. Even classy stone work on the front columns, creating a fresh new facade for ACME supermarket.

Did Neighbors Know?

Some neighbors within 200 ft of this project didn't know of critical Ventnor Planning Board votes? It should be noted that the [Ventnor Planning Board](#) no longer provides live ZOOM video access to their meetings. No remote participation. Planning Board agendas often written in 'code', with little detail. Meeting minutes (summary) take weeks to be made public. Most Jersey shore towns are guilty of this.

The Ventnor Planning Board agreed to hold a meeting between local neighbors and Mr. Greco on Jan. 11, 2023.

Visit [Ventnor Planning Board](#) here.



Watch for upgrade to large display sign at main entrance. More modern and stylish.

For too long, the Ventnor shopping center had long-term vacancy issues. Approx 40% of Ventnor Plaza was empty.

There are indications that Ventnor and other South Jersey shore towns are attracting more full-time residents. This year-round community wants and needs a 1st class shopping & retail destination, says Greco.



About The Ventnor Plaza Property

Wellington Ave is a major gateway into the Downbeach towns of Ventnor and Margate.

Ventnor Plaza is anchored by a 58,000 square foot ACME. The shopping center was built in 1972 and remodeled in 1994. It covers 15 acres along Wellington Ave. Real estate developer and Ventnor resident Mark Greco bought the plaza with partners in June of 2022.

By adding several new businesses, our hopes are that customers will visit many of the stores in each visit and everyone will do well. Customers will have more choices. Less stops. Success should spill over into other adjacent businesses.

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1. [PAUL](#)

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Great news! These plans look fantastic. I don't know Greco, but he's giving our area a much needed first-class plaza. Finally won't have to drive to mainland for a real Starbucks!

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1. [FRANK](#)

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First class plaza? It sounds like it will be a much needed improvement but that seems a bit of an over the top characterization.

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2. **DAVIDA**

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Changes sound great! I've been shopping at this center for over 50 years. I still miss Bradlee's. Would love to see a super Wawa here.

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3. **GEORGE F.**

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Great news. Better improvement than what's already there. Small steps....

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4. **MICHELE**

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I think a huge Wawa with gas could bring a lot of traffic to the Plaza. I don't mean car traffic, I mean people. The WaWa in Ventnor is awful. It would be great to also get some clothing stores, a Sacko's would be amazing too! Perhaps a Garden Store with the quality of Bob's or Langs.

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5. **DONNA.**

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I think we need a store like Bradlee Alittle of everything! The work that has been done looks Great