Firms start increasing their space

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Office tenants have finally started to grow after retrenching or holding steady during the recession.

Tenants from a range of sectors across the region are expanding and adding space in what many take as a sign the office market is on track to strengthen this year if the economic recovery continues to gain momentum.

Some of the growth is pent-up demand and some is being driven by an increase in business activity. In some cases, it is related to new hiring.

“We are seeing our clients looking closer at expansion plans more today than in the past,” said one broker.

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Incubators experiencing a baby boom

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Entrepreneurs looking to move their startup out of their — or their parents’ — home have more places to choose from in the area than ever.

At least seven incubators have opened since November when Novotorium made its debut in Langhorne. The rest are in and around Center City and will be joined there soon by a space for fledgling game-development companies, although its organizer isn’t calling it an incubator.

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Horse racing cries foul over budget switch

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PERKASIE — Twelve years after buying a horse farm in Bucks County, Brian and Terri Sanfratello are concerned that a provision in the governor’s proposed $27.1 billion state budget may harm their investment.

Brian Sanfratello, who also operates an insurance agency, said the couple made the invest-

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Social Media Stars

Winners of 2nd annual Social Media Stars contest are profiled.

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THE LIST

Office Buildings

The largest in the city are listed by total square footage.

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ARCHITECTURE & ENGINEERING
Angelo Waters has been promoted to environmental practice leader at Urban Engineers Inc.

BANKING & FINANCE
George C. McFarland Jr. has been promoted to president at Pennsylvania Trust. Previously, he was executive vice president, portfolio management, director of trust and account administration.

Edward MacConnell, president of EMA Group Inc., has been named to the board of directors of Lower Southampton Township Senior Dis-abled Citizens Advisory Board as chairman.

Daniel McCutcheon has been named vice president-strategic development at Widerman & Co.

Jody Sevy has been named territory vice president at Transamerica Employee Bene-fits.

Dina Daniele has been promoted to vice president of marketing at The Graham Co. Previously, Daniele was account manager and vice president.

Sarah Smith has been named director of ParenteBeard.

Thomas Frascella has been named director, management services at DeSanti & Company.

Previously, Buckley was director of mortgage loan officer at TD Bank. Previously, Kar-salia was assistant vice president, credit analyst.

Ben Young has been promoted to small business leader at First Niagara Bank. Previously, Young was area sales manager.

Jeremiah Buckley has been named managing director of small business at Pine Hill Group. Previ-ously, Buckley was director of business development at PricewaterhouseCoo-pers.

Michael Sontore has been named staff accoun-tant at Isdaner & Co.

HEALTH CARE & LIFE SCIENCES
Bill Copeland has been promoted to managing principal of the life sciences and health care practice at Deloitte Health Care. Previously, Copeland was principal with Delo-itte Consulting.

Julie Ellis has been promoted to assistant vice president for human resources at Kennedy Health Systems. Previously, Ellis was corporate director of human resources.

Gerard Criner has been promoted to chair of medicine at Temple University Health System. Previ-ously, Criner was di-rector of pulmonary and critical care medicine, and director of the Temple Lung Cen-ter.

Cheryl Bettigole has been named chief medical officer at AirCares Inc. Previ-ously, Bettigole was clinical consultant at Philadel-phia Department of Public Health.

LEGAL SERVICES
Shawn R. Farrell has been promoted to partner, shareholder at Cohen Seglias Pallas Greenhall & Furman. Previously, Farrell was partner.

Dr. Michael Snyder, a board-certified obstetri-cian and gynecologist with Advocate Burlington County Ob-stetrics & Gynecology, was recently elected to chair of the department of obstetrics and gynecology at Lourdes Medical Center of Burlington County. Previously, he was director of medi-cal education and di-rector of obstetrical excellence for Lourdes Medical Center.

LOGISTICS & TRANSPORTATION
Tom Nader has been named eastern re-gional director at Stor-age Mobility.

MANUFACTURING
Doug Sherman has been promoted to vice president of communications at Aircares Inc. Previ-ously, Sherman was director-marketing communications.

Nancy Chumney has been named vice presi-dent, technical at Ot- tens Flavors. Previ-ously, Chumney was vice president of the beverage business unit-North America and global vice presi-dent of savory busi-ness development at Firmenich.

MEDI A & MARKETING
Bob Weissman has been named vice presi-dent at Stream Cos.

MISCELLANEOUS
Kimberly Knoll has been promoted to ac-count manager at O Cigarette. Previously, Knoll was sales associ-ate.

Adam Bowen has been named executive search director at Mc-Grath Systems. Previ-ously, Bowen was general manager at Rice Cohen International.

Aaron Reineymeyer has been named director of restaurants at Val-ley Forge Casino Re-sort. His previous posi-tions include director of food and beverage for the Clearwater Ca-sino Resort in Seattle, Wash., and general manager for celebrity chef Bobby Flay’s BBQ, and operator of a res-taurant and nightclub in New York City.

TUESDAY MARCH 27
Health Issues Committee featuring Mary O’Dowd, commissioner, New Jersey Department of Health & Se-nior Services. 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., The Mansion on Main Street, 3000 Main St., Voorhees, N.J. Pre-sented by Chamber of Commerce Southern New Jersey.

Silent Auction and Dinner. 6 to 9 p.m., Davio’s Northern Italian Steakhouse (Penthouse Room), 111 S. 17th St., Philadelphia. Presented by Executive Women International, Philadelphia Chapter. Cost is $60. Visit www.eewiphiladelphia.org

WEDNESDAY MARCH 28
Business After Business Network-ing Reception. 5 to 7 p.m., Dragon-fly Deco, Shops at Pickering Mill, 1600 Yellow Springs Road, Chester Springs. Presented by Exton Region Chamber of Com-merce. Free for members, $20 for nonmembers. Visit www.ercnet.org

Business Expo. 3 to 7 p.m., King’s Cat-erers, 4010 New Falls Road, Bristol. Presented by Lower Bucks County Chamber of Commerce. Visit www.bcccb.org


PVA Chamber Annual Meeting. 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., RiverCrest Golf Club and Preserve, 100 Golf Club Road, Phoenixville, Presented by Perkiomen Valley Chamber of Commerce. Cost is $35 for mem-bers, $50 for nonmembers. Visit www.pvachamber.net

THURSDAY MARCH 29
Doing Well by Doing Good. 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Davio’s Northern Italian Steakhouse (Penthouse Room), 111 S. 17th St., Philadelphia. Presented by Society of Information Management. Free for members, $85 for nonmembers. Visit simphiladelphia.org

MEGA Networking! 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Downingtown Country Club, 93 Country Club Drive, Downingtown. Presented by Exton Region Chamber of Commerce. Cost is $25 for members, $40 for nonmembers. Visit www.ercnet.org

CEO Roundtable: Successfully Lead-ing Change in Healthcare Organiza-tions. 3:30 to 8:30 p.m., Top of the Town, Three Logan Square, 1717 Arch St., 50th Floor, Philadelphia. Presented by Healthcare Leader-ship Network of the Delaware Val-ley. Cost is $65 for members, $85 for nonmembers. Visit hinkd.org

MONDAY APRIL 2

TUESDAY APRIL 3
Networking Reception. 5:30 to 7 p.m., The Mansion on Main Street, 3000 Main St., Voorhees, N.J. Pre-sented by Chamber of Commerce Southern New Jersey.

Sim XL Philadelphia Seminar and Din-ner: 7 Technologies That Will Save Your Career and Bringing Your Own Devices to Work. 3:30 to 8 p.m., DoubleTree Hotel, 237 S. Broad St., Philadelphia. Presented by Society of Information Management. Free for members, $85 for nonmembers. Visit simphiladelphia.org

WEDNESDAY APRIL 4
Breakfast with Your Montgomery County Commissioners. 8 to 9:30 a.m., Arcadia University Ben-efits Room, 400 S. Easton Road, Glenside. Presented by Eastern Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce. Cost is $10 for members, $20 for nonmem-bers. Visit www.emccc.org

SUBMIT ITEMS
ITEMS SENT to Networking must arrive at least 15 days in advance of publication. More lead time is better. To get an event publicized, please be sure to include the following: title of event; date; time, from start to end; location, with street address; presenting, sponsoring or hosting company; RSVP in-for-mation, cost and contact information (phone, e-mail or Web site address). Events may be tied to a nonprofit organi-zation or be free and informational.

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