

Development Activity on the Upswing

The City continues to see an increase in the number and value of development inquiries, applications, and permits issued when compared with 2016.

By now you are likely aware that the 150 apartments in Saco Mill No. 4 were all pre-leased prior to the completion of the building. There is still some commercial space available and we are awaiting an announcement about a new restaurant in Mill No. 4 in the near future.

Saco has welcomed several new cafés and eateries and more are on the way. Our downtown has recently welcomed three new café's: Quiero Café in Pepperell Square, the Rugged Spruce coffee shop next to the Post Office on Main Street, and CIA (coffee, ice cream, and art) which has opened on the corner of Beach and Middle Streets. Later this summer, Saco will be welcoming Maine's First Krispy Kreme Donut location on Main Street just north of Thornton Academy.

In our industrial and business parks, development activity is also on the rise. Some notable developments include the following: the pending sale of two lots in the Mill Brook Business Park; the relocation of Cirrus Lighting, an innovative LED sign manufacturer, which moved from California to the Saco Industrial Park; and the development of a commercial truck terminal in the Saco Industrial Park by a regional logistics firm. All totaled, the businesses locating in the Mill Brook Business Park and the lighting and logistics firms are expected to add over 100 manufacturing and industrial jobs in Saco.