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**New Year Sees Retail Changes in Brooklyn Heights, Downtown Brooklyn**  
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## **Wendy's Leases Space, Opens New Location on Livingston Street**

DOWNTOWN BROOKLYN —National retailer Wendy's has leased 3,400 square feet of space at 291 Livingston St. in Downtown Brooklyn, according to Tim King, principal of CPEX Real Estate.

The new fast food restaurant, which opened last week in time for New Year's, signed a lease for 10 years with options to renew, King noted.

"The Wendy's operator also has a location on Fulton Street, in close proximity to this new space," said King.



Exterior view of the new Wendy's that opened in time for New Year's at 291 Livingston St. in Downtown Brooklyn. Photos courtesy of CPEX Real Estate

Noting that CPEX partner Brian Leary was quoted in the Brooklyn Daily Eagle several years ago saying that Livingston Street was the "sleeping giant" of Downtown Brooklyn, King said, "It seems this sleeping giant is starting to see a resurgence that will be accelerated as the new residential towers on the corridor are completed."

According to King, CPEX has concluded three transactions on Livingston Street in the last few months, including the new Wendy's. One of the transactions was a lease at 328 Livingston to Lucy's Hot Dog & Donuts. The tenant is the owner of the adjacent highly successful Angelica's Pizzeria and the landlord is Penda Aiken, a Livingston Street pioneer and a driving force behind the creation of the Court-Livingston-Schermerhorn BID. CPEX also sold the mixed-use building at 204 Livingston St. that is home to Bridge Cleaners. This was the second time Leary sold that property.

This marks the fifth transaction at 291 Livingston for King, who has sold and leased this property on four previous occasions. Working with King on behalf of the owners were Eric Altschul and Ryan Condren. The tenant was represented by Pliskin Realty.

### **Hair Profiles Moves, Wi-Pie Opens on Remsen Street**

Sandra Dowling, principal of Brooklyn Heights Real Estate, reports some new leases and some availabilities in Brooklyn Heights.

- Hair Profiles, 137 Montague St. The hair salon that has been on Montague Street for many years, rang in the New Year by moving to a new location, according to Dowling. It now occupies about 1,200 square feet on the second floor at 157 Remsen St. in a space formerly occupied by Yoga People.

"They moved in over the New Year's weekend," said Dowling of Hair Profiles, adding, "The space was in very good condition. All they had to do was work on the plumbing and move their equipment and they were up and running."

Dowling had earlier handled the lease for Yoga People, placing them at 160 Montague St. last year.

- 157 Remsen St. The ground floor space in this building is still available for lease, according to Dowling.

"It's the last of the three retail spaces remaining available at 155 and 157 Remsen which were vacated for a failed plan to convert three adjoining buildings (153-155-157) into a hotel three years ago," she said.

The fate of the building at 153 Remsen, with a "For Sale" sign on it, is unclear, according to Dowling, who has heard that the owner died last year.

- Wi-Pie, 155 Remsen St. The new pizza/wi-fi shop recently opened in 1,800 square feet, offering "delicious pizza in many varieties with a thin crust as well as delicious salads and sandwiches — all reasonably priced," Dowling said.

The owners are in the process of expanding the menu to add more breakfast items, like crepes, and in spring a smoothie stand, as well as pasta dishes at lunchtime and dinner. "Kudos to a business setting up shop during these less prosperous economic times," Dowling said.

The “Wi” part of the name, obviously, means the shop offers free unlimited wireless internet service for its patrons.

- 161 Atlantic Ave./200 Clinton St. The 1,800-square-foot corner storefront space, “the best that’s available in Brooklyn Heights,” is still available, according to Dowling, who said lookers have ranged from yoga studios to medical groups, to high end gourmet delis, coffee shops and a variety of retail stores.

“The owners have now declared it available for restaurant use as well as capable of subdividing,” she said.

Meanwhile, Brooklyn Heights Real Estate sales agent Elliott Arkin has put on his “Mr. Artzi” hat and created “a fascinating display of art from local artists in the [161 Atlantic] storefront space,” according to Dowling, who invites residents to visit the spot.

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