

Downtown abuzz with business activity

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The "buzz" downtown these days is not limited to the expanding nightlife of restaurants and entertainment — other types of businesses are buzzing too.

Evidence of this increased activity was on display Thursday evening in the atri-

um at the Middlesex Corporate Center on Court Street, where

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the CPA firm Mahoney Sabol & Co. hosted a large celebration to inaugurate its new offices.

"This is a visible demonstration of our growing commitment to the greater Middletown region and central Connecticut," said James Mahoney, managing partner of Mahoney Sabol and a Middletown native.

In recognition of that commitment, both Mayor Sebastian Giuliano and Middlesex

County Chamber of Commerce President Larry McHugh attended the event, along with other community leaders and dozens of Mahoney Sabol clients.

The new 5,500-square-foot facility was needed following mergers during the past year with two other well-known Middletown CPA firms — Gary Gomola and the staff of Gomola & DiBella and Rich Knotek and the staff of Knotek & Co.

"We have decided to buck a trend among professional services firms and grow within our local base," Mahoney said. "We are remaining true to our roots while staying connected to our community."

For example, Mahoney is a member of the Board of Directors of the Northern Middlesex YMCA. The firm's other partners and employees are also active in a wide variety of local organizations from the Exchange Club and Chamber of Commerce to Rotary and the Red Cross. "We not only work here, we also live in the area," Mahoney said. "This is home."