

## Press Building to be Bought by Developer

MIDDLETOWN - Journal Register Co. announced Friday that a buyer has been found for The Middletown Press property at 2 Main St. On Thursday the company signed a letter of intent with a development team partnership between [Centerplan Development Company](#) and Devcon Enterprises, which plans to turn the 2-acre site into a mixed-use development featuring first-floor retail.

"We're still in conceptual planning, but we think it will be a building between two and five stories, probably on the lower end of that," said Robert A. Landino, president of Centerplan. "We are looking at constructing a landmark-quality building that adds to the Main Street success story. "We want to construct a building that brings vitality and quality to the neighborhood."

In mid-May Journal Register Co., the Press' parent company, announced it was selling the 34,000-square-foot, three-story office building at Main and Union streets. The building was constructed in 1981. No date has been set for the sale, which is being brokered by Trevor Davis Commercial Real Estate, to become final.

"We are actively seeking a new location in Middletown and want to maintain a presence in the downtown district," Publisher Chris Chamberlain said. "[The Middletown Press](#) has been part of the fabric of the city for 123 years, and it will continue that tradition for many more years to come."

Journal Register Co. owns newspapers in Connecticut, including the New Haven Register, [The Herald of New Britain](#) and [The Bristol Press](#).