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Ceremony marks grand opening of four businesses in Jackson Square

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By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

Four small businesses that recently moved into a new building that has transformed a once-blighted corner in Jackson Square held a grand opening this week.

The owners of Gail's Café and Grill, Jackson Square Laundromat, Tremendous Maid, and Xposure by Noel joined local officials and members of the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corporation, which developed the new mixed-use property at 270 Centre St, according to the developer.

On the three floors above the 6,000 square-feet of ground-floor retail space, the building features affordable apartments that tenants moved into last summer, officials said. A ribbon-cutting for the residential portion of the, 44,700-square-foot, \$15-million building was [held last fall](#).

"This is community development at its best," Richard Thal, director of the JPNDC, said in a statement, adding that the project has led to the creation of 35 permanent jobs.

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In business for about five months now, the Jackson Square Laundromat was the first retailer to open in the building, the developer said. It is owned by Jason Santelli and features full laundry services, including 50 washers and dryers, television and Wi-Fi offerings and a play area.

Themistocles Vlahoulis opened his business, Gail's Café and Grill, last month, officials said. The casual family restaurant serves eat-in and take-out breakfast, lunch and dinner with dishes including pastries, breakfast items, pastas, salads, barbeque plates, and seafood.

Xposure by Noel, a beauty salon, relocated to the building from 606 Centre St., where it operated since 1997, according to the JPND. By moving to a larger location, owner Noel Negron plans to expand his shop's services to include body waxing, massage, pedicure, and manicure.

Tremendous Maid is a family-owned cleaning business started by sisters Victoria Amador, Nisaury Amador and Rosa Tejeda in 2011, officials said. With a growing Boston-area client base, the venture opened office space at 270 Centre St. to help accommodate its expanding services.

The development stands on a site of once-vacant, city-owned parcels that developers purchased. It was combined with an adjacent privately-owned property, bought for \$1-million in 2005, where an out-dated building was demolished two years ago, officials said.

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