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"Why can't we do this in Buffalo?"



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I can't tell you the amount of times that I've gone by the Holiday Inn on Delaware and thought how nice it would be if there were some welcoming features added - even though I never really considered what those features would be. This past weekend I noticed that some work was being done to the Delaware facade, though I figured that it was probably just some minor landscaping. Upon calling General Manager Dave Carroll, I learned that there were some major renovations underway, which will add greatly to Allentown's vibrancy. From Dave:

"Everything below the second floor is being redone. We're putting a patio out and we're going to have a wine bar inside that is being remodeled with lounge area, bar and fireplace. Then guests and people from the neighborhood will be able to go outside onto the patio for breakfast lunch and dinner, coffee drinks, etc. There will also be patio umbrellas and two and four tops *with* patio service. We're adding new lighting - we want it to be a coffee shop-wine bar sort of feel. It's new to Delaware - we want this to be a little nook for the neighborhood. There will be a new name, but it's not official yet. After we decide on the name, we'll have new signage on the wall showcasing the new restaurant/cafe. We're putting a lot of money into this project and we're happy to be a good corporate neighbor. We're trying to make the Holiday Inn a little more exciting. David Hart (Hart Hotels) wanted to make some significant improvements. We're trying to make it look nice for the folks who live here and the guests that are staying here. The whole front will be landscaped. Nothing has really changed since '66 other than small jobs here and there... this is the first major outdoor project that this hotel has ever had. It's been in the works since early December, and we're happy to see a number of other neighborhood projects underway at the same time. We do conduct these sort of improvements with our other hotels, and recently we began to ask, "Why can't we do this in Buffalo?""



It's these types of projects, one by one, that continue to change the face of our city. To tell you the truth, when booking hotel rooms in the past, Holiday Inn was not a consideration for me. From now on I will definitely opt to send out-of-towners to the Delaware location. As a matter of fact, I just booked a room for this Thursday. Thanks Dave, Holiday Inn and [Hart Hotels!](#)