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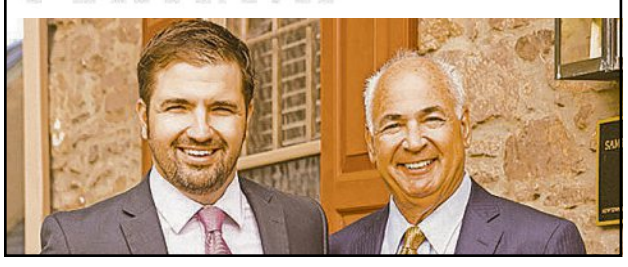



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A walkthrough of the new Radcliffe Hotel in Bristol on Nov. 9. PHOTOS BY DANIELLA HEMINGHAUS/BUCKS COUNTY COURIER TIMES

Find your bliss in every room

Bristol's long-awaited boutique hotel is just weeks away from opening

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Bristol's first boutique hotel will soon welcome its first guests. ● The Radcliffe Hotel – more than two years after work began to renovate the former Fidelity Savings Bank building into a relaxing and upscale retreat for out-of-towners – is just weeks away from opening. ● Rising with the tide of Bristol Borough's concentrated revitalization efforts over recent years, Bernard Mazzocchi said his new hotel will provide another reason for visitors to stay and enjoy the riverfront town.

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One of the rooms inside the new Radcliffe Hotel.



Bernard Mazzocchi stands with renderings of the second Radcliffe Hotel project he and his family are working on along Radcliffe Street in Bristol on Nov. 9.
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Developer reveals plans for expansion

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As the final touches are being made to The Radcliffe Hotel ahead of its grand opening in downtown Bristol Borough, a second phase to expand the boutique hotel is already in the works.

Bernard Mazzocchi, who is teamed up with his sons, Brendon and Bernie Mazzochi, and son-in-law, Mike Lafferty, said they are working on plans to renovate the former Wells Fargo bank building on Radcliffe Street to complement what they've built at The Radcliffe Hotel by offering a 150-person catering hall and eight additional suites — four with riverfront views.

Early concept art illustrates what they envision for the

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BRISTOL TOWNSHIP

Demo work underway at nursing home after explosion

Blast killed 3 people and injured 20 in 2025

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Demolition work is taking place at the Bristol Township nursing home where a natural gas leak and explosion killed three people and injured 20 others nearly a year ago, but details of an overall plan for the property are unknown.

Bristol Township Manager Randee Manzur confirmed that Saber Healthcare Group has obtained permits for demolition work at the Tower Road nursing home property. The company has not applied or obtained any other permits, Manzur said.

A Right to Know request is pending for copies of the demolition permits that provide more details of the work taking place.

Saber Healthcare spokesman Zach Shamburg said he would look into what work is going on at the property, but he has not provided a response as of Nov. 18.

The Ohio-based health care company took over operation of the 174-bed former Silver Lake Nursing Home three weeks before the catastrophic Dec. 23, 2025 explosion.

Saber Healthcare has not responded to questions since the explosion about its plans for the property. The 120 residents living there when the blast happened were relocated to new long-term care centers.

The National Transportation and Safety Board investigation into the accident is continuing, and a final report could be released as soon as next month.

Earlier this month, the NTSB released 3,000 pages of new records of its investigation, showing the agency appears to be focusing on how many layers of defense failed before the explosion and PECO's response process.

Among the new revelations is that PECO serviced and repaired the same

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Construction work is being done at the former Bristol Health & Rehab in Bristol on Nov. 16. The Bristol Health & Rehab was the site of the fatal explosion on Dec. 23, 2025.
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