



Trumbull Home Depot joins many others in region

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- All dressed up, businessman Luigi Veltri, center, of Trumbull, came out after work to the brand new Home Depot to buy a ladder on the opening day for the store off of Monroe Turnpike in Trumbull, Conn. on Wednesday March 2, 2011. Photo: Christian Abraham / Connecticut Post | [Buy This Photo](#)

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Volunteer Leigh Wildman hands out cupcakes to Katie Stan, 7, left, and her brother Eli, 5, during the opening day celebration of the brand new Home Depot store off of Monroe Turnpike in Trumbull, Conn. on Wednesday March 2, 2011. Photo: Christian Abraham / Connecticut Post | [Buy This Photo](#)

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Trumbull First Selectman Tim Herbst pushes some rugs to the checkout line after attending the opening day celebration of the brand new Home Depot store off of Monroe Turnpike in Trumbull, Conn. on Wednesday March 2, 2011. Photo: Christian Abraham / Connecticut Post | [Buy This Photo](#)

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A brand new Home Depot store opened off of Monroe Turnpike in Trumbull, Conn. on Wednesday March 2, 2011. From left to right is Deborah Cox, Director of Economic Development for Trumbull, Store Manager Mark Michaud, State Representative Tony Hwang (R - 134th District), and District Manager Tammy Duprey. Photo: Christian Abraham / Connecticut Post | [Buy This Photo](#)
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TRUMBULL -- Town residents have never had to travel far to find a [Home Depot](#).

The national home improvement chain has branches in nearly every neighboring town, including Bridgeport, Stratford and Fairfield.

But Trumbull economic development director [Deborah Cox](#) hopes that having a Home Depot in town will be a boon to the region.

This week, The Home Depot opened at 90 Monroe Turnpike in Trumbull. It's one of only two stores the chain plans to open in the United States this year.

Despite all the other Home Depot stores nearby, Cox is certain Trumbull residents will flock to the Trumbull location. "I think when something is really close by, there's more impulse shopping," she said.

Connecticut has 29 Home Depots. The Trumbull site is the first store the chain has opened in the state since the East Haven location debuted in 2008. The Fairfield and Stratford stores are both about a 20-minute drive from the Trumbull location, and the Bridgeport store is about 10 minutes away.

Home Depot spokeswoman [Jen King](#) had no clear answer as to why there might be a cluster of stores within a short distance of each other. However, she said, much research and analysis goes into deciding where new stores should be located.

"With the Trumbull store, our research showed there was a need for products and services in this area," King said.

The Trumbull Home Depot spans 102,515 square feet with an outside garden center of 28,185 square feet.

Roughly 150 people have been hired to work with the store, and Cox said area businesses -- including delis -- have reported an uptick in business, due to traffic from store employees.

She said she hopes having a popular anchor store like The Home Depot along the Monroe Turnpike will be a draw for other businesses.

"That area has a lot of opportunity for growth," King said.

The Trumbull store will feature all the services people expect from a Home Depot, including a paint solutions center, installation services, a tool rental center and a professional contractor desk.

At a time when people are looking to save money, many have come to rely on Home Depot to help them with renovations.

"We have seen more interest in people taking on projects themselves, as opposed to hiring someone," she said.

The store is open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Sundays. For information, call the store at 203-880-2300.