News and Comments

Big Changes in Chesterbrook

The central shopping center in Chesterbrook ("Chesterbrook Village Center") has had a long history of change, and recent developments are profoundly altering the landscape in that area. Sustained success proved elusive for many of the enterprises that occupied the shopping center over the years, and the decision was finally made to consolidate the surviving businesses into the building on the north side of the original plaza, and to demolish the rest and build a new complex of townhouses ("Parkview at Chesterbrook") in place of the majority of the old shopping center structure and most of the associated parking lots. This will be the largest residential addition to Chesterbrook in years.

The project has progressed in stages over the last few years, starting with the demolition of the old Genuardi's supermarket structure on the western end of the south side structure, followed by demolition of the two-story structure on the east end in 2015. A section on the west end of the north side structure was demolished and new construction has begun on a extension that will house the still-popular pharmacy. The remaining businesses in the south side structure will be moved into the renovated north side structure and then the demolition of the remaining south side structure will be completed. To date, one new representative townhouse structure has been built in the northeast corner formerly occupied by a parking lot. <text>

Signs of change in Chesterbrook. (2016-02-25) All photographs on this and the facing page © 2016 John O. Senior

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On 21 August 2014, the Tredyffrin Township Planning Commission voted to approve a Final Land Development application to redevelop an existing 12.97 acre site, which consists of 122,000 square feet of commercial space, into a mixed use development containing approximately 31,000 square feet of commercial space (utilizing a portion of the existing building) and 123 residential townhome units in the TCD (Town Center) district. The Board of Supervisors approved the application on 8 September 2014.



Renovations in progress on north side retail building (2016-02-20)



The former Genuardi's supermarket building (2014-08-18)



Signage for businesses still active during construction (2016-02-20)

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Looking toward the NE corner of the original plaza (2014-08-18)



Looking NE toward the original plaza (2014-08-18)



New structure on west end of north side building (2016-02-20)



(L) Wells Fargo, townhouse, (R) north side retail building (2016-02-20)



The lower SE corner of the original two-story structure (2014-08-18)



Looking NW, the 2-story structure has been demolished (2015-10-12)



New structure with old south side structure still intact (2016-02-20)



Newly constructed townhouse structure (2016-02-20)

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