

# - Great News -

News and Information About Activities in and Around the  
Great Mills Road Corridor

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## MD 246 Streetscape to Break Ground...

Rustler Construction Co. of Lanham, Maryland was awarded the contract for the \$4.6 million reconstruction of Great Mills Road. This project will entail "streetscaping" a 1.4-mile section from Coral Drive to the entrance of St. Mary's Square.

The 18-month project includes the construction of brick-edged sidewalks, a median strip from Coral Drive to FDR Boulevard, the replacement of all sewer and water lines, landscaping and numerous other improvements to make Great Mills Road safer and more attractive for both pedestrians and motorists.

Construction will likely be underway in August with a kick-off information meeting soon to be announced.

*Great News* will be published periodically to keep the business community informed of the status of this and other projects taking shape in and around the Great Mills Road corridor.

To view the Great Mills Road Streetscape Plan, contact the Community Development Corporation at **240-725-5786**.

The grand opening  
of **McDonald's** in  
St. Mary's Square  
slated for July 17<sup>th</sup>



## Patuxent Park Roadway Reconstruction Project Underway

Phase 1 of the Patuxent Park Roadway Reconstruction Project has begun and a public information meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, July 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Bay District Volunteer Fire Department Social Hall in Lexington Park to discuss the project.

"This is a significant investment in a traditional neighborhood," explained County Commissioner President Jack Russell. "Patuxent Park was built in the 1940's and this subdivision remains a vital neighborhood. These improvements will enhance the quality of life for current and future residents and will preserve and revitalize Patuxent Park as a desirable place to live."

Improvements to be made for Phase 1 include the reconstruction of roads and sidewalks, installation of a storm drainage system and stormwater management facility, and installation of new water/sewer lines.

Phase 1 improvements include the following roads: Midway Drive (from MD 246 to Bunker Hill Drive), Bunker Hill Drive, Princeton Drive and Gambier Place. The meeting will also discuss project funding and scheduling for subsequent phases of this project.

For more information, contact the County's Department of Public Works & Transportation at **301-863-8400**.



## Did You Notice...

**Crossroads Apartments** is now leasing! This 21-unit complex -- with one and two bedroom apartments starting as low as \$780 -- will soon be widely known as the local leader in energy efficient, quality apartment living. Call the leasing office at **301-862-9694**.



### **St. Mary's Golf Center Breaks Ground on Putt-Putt Golf**

A 9-hole miniature golf course with room to grow to 18-holes is under construction at the St. Mary's Golf Center on Great Mills Road. Although this project is not slated to open until next spring, construction has already begun. The course will feature two waterfalls with multiple corkscrew, pipe and figure 8 shots to challenge young and old. Putt-putt golf is affordable fun for the whole family. The existing practice range will be open to the public and new and used cart sales will be available throughout construction of the miniature course. For more information, contact the Golf Center at **301-863-7673**.

### **Temporary Re-Opening of Gate 2 as 24-Hour Entrance to Pax River**

-- Businesses Asked to Study Sales --

Gate 2 -- the historic entrance to the Patuxent River Naval Air Station -- will once again be the "main gate," but only for a short while. For the next two to three months, Gate 2 will be opened 24-hours including weekends to accommodate construction at Gate 1. Local businesses are asked to study their sales figures over the next two to three months in an attempt to discern the effect of the re-opening of Gate 2. The Community Development Corporation will gather this information to provide to local government and Navy officials.

### **Public Hearing on the Removal of Slums and Blight – July 16**

The public is invited to comment on an application to be submitted by the Board of County Commissioners to the State of Maryland seeking federal Community Development Block Grant funds to acquire the Besche Mobil Station located at the intersection of Chancellor's Run and Great Mills Road to bring about the demolition of the derelict structures on this property. If approved, the Community Development Corporation will be the sub-recipient of the federal funds and will implement the plan to acquire and maintain the property long term.

As a pre-condition of the acquisition, all above ground structures including the gas station, canopy, pump islands, concrete and asphalt, signage, any remaining underground structures will be removed and the property will be leveled and seeded.

A public hearing on the removal of the blighted Besche Mobil Station will be held on **Thursday, July 16** starting at **6:00 p.m.** in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor multi-purpose room of **The Gateways** located at **21155 Lexwood Drive**, Lexington Park, Maryland. For more information, contact the Community Development Corporation at **240-725-5786**.

