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Changes Coming at Forrestal Village

Work to convert Princeton Forrestal Village into a first class mixed-use/lifestyle center is moving forward. The recent master plan update for the Princeton Forrestal Village will result in a \$4 million renovation to enhance the marketability of its retail and professional office uses. Market Hall will be expanded to accommodate *CANDO Fitness Center* and *KOI SPA*. The expansion will house a lap pool, therapy pool and spa pool. *CANDO Fitness Center* is projected to be completed by April 2007.

The proposal for the upscale fitness/spa will require the relocation of the food court to the first floor of Rockingham Row, which has recently undergone an extensive exterior renovation. The new food court, which will have five tenants, will have a center seating area, circular walls and bold colors. The project is expected to be completed in October 2006.

Restaurants are integral to the transformation of the Forrestal Village into a regional dining attraction. The master plan for the Forrestal Village calls for one restaurant site along Route 1 South and a dual restaurant site located near the intersection of College Road West and Village Boulevard. An announcement was recently made that Salt Creek Grille has signed a lease to occupy the Route 1 site. The restaurant, which is projected to open in the fall of 2006, is an upscale lunch and dinner house that will complement the other planned uses in the Forrestal Village.

The Forrestal Village will also be home to a number of new retail opportunities that include a furniture store, doctors office, travel agency and a bridal shop, just to name a few. "The initiatives that have been taken thus far are extremely encouraging," stated Ed Yates, Township Committee liaison to the Community Development Department. "Broadening the range of uses will serve to re-invent Princeton Forrestal Village to be a new and exciting destination."

Ten Schools/ Ten Months

The students of the West Windsor-Plainsboro schools are pitching in to help those who rely on the Plainsboro Township Emergency Food Pantry. The students of each of the district's ten schools have been collecting food, while parents and teachers have been transporting it to the pantry located in the Municipal Building. "While the pantry is designed for short term use," reports Township Committee member Ginger Gold Schnitzer, "it provides a vital link in the chain of supports needed for those experiencing emergencies beyond their control such as domestic violence, loss of employment and sudden illness." The pantry provides dried and canned food items as well as some paper products and personal care items.

The students' participation has provided teachers with learning opportunities on social responsibility and nutrition. In the end, students, teachers and parents are coming together to make a difference. If you would like to help, call the Municipal Welfare Department at 799-0909, ext. 218.

Kids Kitchen

Nisbil Kothary, Adam Shannon and Santiago Mendizabal (left to right) enjoy "Learning Lasagna" part of the Kitchen Kids Program offered by the Plainsboro Recreation Department during spring break.

