



*Construction of the Plainsboro Village Center continues with the buildings along Market Street (left) nearing completion, the single-family and multi-family portion of the site is well underway (center), as is the age-restricted, Cranbury Brook Development (right).*

## Village Center Update

**A**s a result of a relatively mild winter considerable progress has been made to get the commercial buildings ready for occupancy, led by First Constitution Bank which is scheduled to open on May 1st. So far 30 tenants have signed leases and will be open for business this year. The following businesses will open this summer: New England Soup Factory; It's A Grind, a coffee house; Rane's Dental; TF Communications; Auction Mojo, which handles E-Bay shipping; Merle Norman Cosmetics; Cold Stone Creamery and Suzuki Medical Office. Tenants scheduled to open this fall and winter include: Positano, an Italian restaurant; Décor/Gift, an interior design shop; Artisan Bakery; Dr. Perry Herman; Premier Physical Therapy; Genxel Spa; Great Clips, a hair salon; Calcutta Khaki Roll, an Indian restaurant and A&G Fine Foods, an Italian grocer.

With regard to the residential section of the Village Center, the single-family homes along McNamee Street have sold well. Eight out of 11 homes have been sold and four out of 12 townhouses have sold thus far. The building that will house the eight apartment units is under construction.

Construction at Cranbury Brook, a senior housing site located at Enterprise Drive near the Municipal Center, continues to make considerable progress. Of the 102 single-family homes, 43 are sold. Construction on the 93-unit condo apartment building is proceeding as well with 28 of the 93 condo apartments sold.

"The Village Center is truly starting to have the very dramatic impact we expected when the vision for the

Center was originally conceived" states Ed Yates, Township Committee liaison to the Community Development Department.

### New Plainsboro Public Library

**P**lans for the centerpiece of the Village Center, the new Plainsboro Library, move forward. The Township's architect BKSK Architects, LLP of New York City are currently in the preliminary design phase of the new building. The Township Committee will receive a status report shortly on the plans and costs. The proposed 34,000 square foot library will assume a primary position on the planned village square on a parcel donated to the Township by Village Center developer Sharbell Development Company.

A fundraising campaign to support the construction of the new library is also being organized. The effort will seek assistance from Township businesses, large and small, foundations and individuals as well. "The Township Committee will be closely monitoring the costs associated with this important project," stated Mayor Peter Cantu. "Our fundraising campaign complements these efforts and will help us in minimizing the costs to the taxpayer and provide an opportunity for the Library's many supporters to assist." The Township hopes to raise \$1.5 million through the campaign.