

The Ellis Preserver



Proudly Serving the Ellis Preserve Community

July 2019



Grand Opening at Newtown Walk is coming in August!

Rockwell Custom Homes, a local new home builder has started construction and will host a Grand Opening of their decorated model at Newtown Walk in Ellis Preserve in August 2019. Choose from two different floorplans with prices starting in the low \$400's and living space up to 2,200 sq. ft. There will be a total of 66 homes built along Charles Ellis Drive that are the best value for a luxury garage townhome with walkability to shopping and dining in Newtown Square. These custom luxury townhomes offer either a finished basement or an awesome outdoor retreat with a rooftop deck!

This new community is all about lifestyle and convenience. Living in the community, you'll be within walking distance to

Whole Foods, Firepoint Grille, MOD Pizza, Ellis Athletic Center and more! Ellis Preserve also offers 13 acres of green open space surrounded by extensive walking trails with exercise stations. All of this within a few miles to a regional rail station, I-476, Route 252, and I-95 providing an easy commute to Philadelphia, King of Prussia and all of Delaware County. Plus, no need to worry about lawn care, landscaping, or snow removal as it is all included in this low-maintenance lifestyle community. If you are searching for a new home with a convenient location, walkability, and a top-rated school district, Newtown Walk at Ellis Preserve is one you'll need to come and see for yourself!

Ellis Preserve Construction

...A Sidewalk Superintendent's delight!

In addition to the new residences that are rising on the eastern side of our campus, three major commercial construction projects are well underway surrounding the Charles Ellis Green and offer opportunities to watch skilled tradesman at work in nearly every discipline. Each day scores of campus employees don their sneakers at lunchtime for a brisk walk along the campus lanes. Our normally sleepy landscape now offers ever changing vistas from every direction as buildings rise and surfaces change. The AmeriHealth Caritas headquarters building, Newtown Square Fire House and the Main Line Health pedestrian plaza each began construction at approximately the same time, but they will each culminate in a rolling delivery schedule. And once completed, the Charles Ellis Green will return to its pristine state for passive recreation activities.



The aerial photo above shows all three projects in one view while the renderings below provide an artist's vision for each finished project with highlights of what to watch for next.



Main Line Health Pedestrian Plaza — Designed as part of the larger entry boulevard to the AmeriHealth building, the MLH pedestrian plaza is a strategic traffic calming measure designed to slow vehicles in front of the medical building, eliminate conflicts with parked vehicles entering the drive aisle and create a “pedestrian network” featuring enhanced visibility and right of way for those walking from parking areas to the building. A raised area of granite styled pavers denotes the arrival zone which will be elegantly landscaped along with the entire entry boulevard which will integrate with the final phase of the Ellis Town Center in coming years. This phase is scheduled for completion late this summer.



Newtown Square Fire House

Under supervision of NSFD, fire house construction is on schedule for completion by the end of 2019. With direct access to Charles Ellis Drive, this 21,600 SF first responder facility will house more than just equipment. It will provide much needed space for meeting/ training rooms, bunk facilities and equipment prep and crew rooms. A "Friends of the Newtown Square Fire Company" was formed to raise the necessary funds to help offset the cost of the new station. Anyone wishing to contribute to the new fire station or join the Friends of the Newtown Square Fire Company, please visit: www.nsfco.org

AmeriHealth Caritas HQ —

By far, the most complex and intriguing project currently underway at Ellis Preserve is the new headquarters building for AmeriHealth being built on our front lawn. This 378,000 Sf five story office building is scheduled for completion in October 2020 and will also include a multi-level parking garage designed to rest partially below grade in order to preserve the surrounding viewshed.



Sidewalk superintendents will want to make note of the following milestone dates leading to completion of the project:

- Window and Façade Installation begins: July 31, 2019
- Steel Erection complete: August 30, 2019
- Parking Garage complete: December 31, 2019
- Interior office construction begins: January 1, 2020
- Base Building core and shell complete: May 31, 2020
- AmeriHealth phase-1 move in: October 1, 2020

Ellis Athletic Center

Welcome

Join us for Campus Appreciation Week!
JULY 22- 26th
a complimentary week for our Campus Employees.

ELLIS ATHLETIC CENTER

OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

THURSDAY AUGUST 15TH 7:45PM

Join Ellis Athletic Center for our 2nd Annual Outdoor Movie Night! We will have FREE popcorn and giveaways! Remember to bring a blanket, drinks and snacks! ellisathleticcenter.com for ticket information.

Ellis Athletic Center- 610-355-7360
Ellis Preserve, 3819 West Chester Pike, Newtown Square PA

Multiple Art Shows Visit Ellis Preserve

Of the many historic buildings at Ellis Preserve, perhaps the most notable is the Square Tavern located at the Northeastern corner of our property. You've probably passed it many times but have you ever considered stopping in—and stepping back in time and art?

The Tavern, at this crossroads since 1742, has seen a lot of local history. It was the boyhood haunt of Benjamin West, who went on to become known as the father of American Painting. From his childhood and early work in Newtown Square, West went on to become one of the most prominent artists in late eighteenth century London. In the 1770's West's subject matter began to include the religious themes that dominated his work. Most notable were his paintings on the progress of Revealed Religion for the Royal Chapel and designs for stained glass for St. Georges Chapel, both at Windsor Castle. Other commissions for Windsor included family portraits and eight paintings from English history for the Audience Chamber. As George III withdrew his support in the 1790s, William Beckford became an important patron and commissioned religious paintings and portraits for his Gothic Revival country house, Fonthill Abbey. West died in London in 1820.

Copies of some of his famous works are hung in the all new West Gallery located on the first floor of the building. The Square Tavern is open and free of charge every Saturday during the months of June, July and August. Costumed guides will be available to give tours and answer questions. While you are there, be sure to visit the second floor for our visiting artist exhibit featuring the works of Nick Santoleri, an award-winning landscape, still life and portrait realism artist. Much of his work includes local historical sites such as the Square Tavern, Bartrams Bridge and Octagon School. The Santoleri exhibit is open Saturdays in July from 1 PM to 4 PM. Look for more visiting artist exhibitions in the coming months.



Founders Hall Café hosts “Art Ability”

We are pleased to welcome the Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital Art Ability traveling exhibition to Ellis Preserve. Artwork from the permanent collection will be on display at the Founder's Café through July 22nd.

Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital's Art Ability program, a celebration of artists with disabilities, was created in 1996 as a year-round forum to showcase and recognize artists with cognitive, physical, hearing, and/or visual disabilities. The annual exhibit creates an opportunity for artists with disabilities to, showcases their talents and provides a community connection—to art collectors, to the community, and to a supportive hospital community. Having the artwork on display provides a venue for the public to recognize the moving work of our artists. The label of “patient” is transformed into “artist.” This program allows viewers to look beyond an artist's disability and shifts focus to the artwork instead. Many of our artists feel they cannot participate in mainstream art shows or face challenges and adequate resources to sell their works on their own.

“Sometimes I just paint to make beautiful things, but I also paint for catharsis and the ability to emotionally heal through art.” – Brandon Allebach



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