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Construction seems to be happening everywhere. I'm constantly being asked, “**What are they building over there?**”

First, where is “over there?” Up on Meridian, Milton’s boundaries include both Shopping Centers. In the Surprise Lake center, we are preparing to welcome **Anytime Fitness**, and across Milton Way, we hear that **Albertson’s** will be reopening this fall!

As much as we love our shopping centers, we now know more about the impact that all that asphalt has on stormwater through our neighborhoods. I love that we have so many long-time residents in Milton who can tell us all about these impacts, enabling us to plan better for the future.

In 2012, we really started looking toward the future. The City hired professional urban planning consultants to advise the entire Milton community - the Council, the volunteer boards, the businesses, and the citizens - on a Vision for the City, which would feed into the Comprehensive Plan. This process wasn't always easy, and the discussions were many and long, but the community involvement that we organized was very successful. The resulting documents are good ones, which enable developers to build according to a well-thought-out plan.

So again, “**What are they building over there?**” The answer is “Some very well-planned development for our city!”

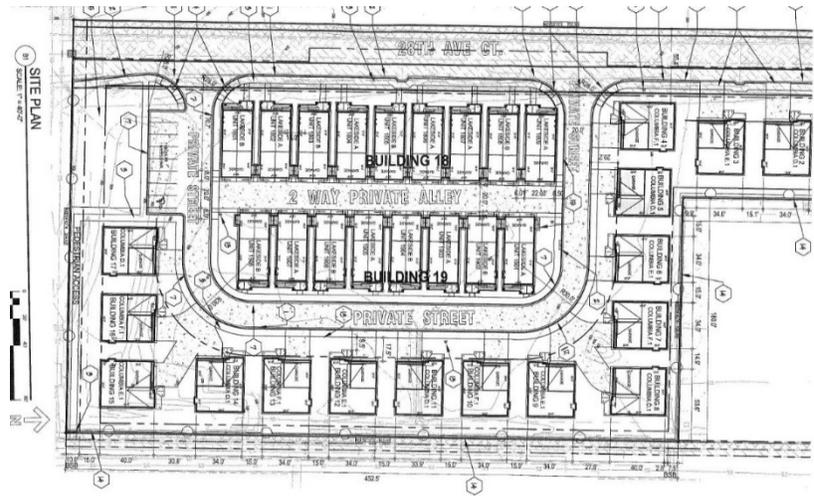
Starting with **Cafe Elite** at the bottom of Community Park. What a good-looking building! Some of the planned features include a landscaping buffer, which softens the look of the drive-thru lanes, and the use of pervious pavement, which allows storm water to run through to the ground below instead of onto the street and neighboring properties.



Uptown Koffee and Kafe will have the same kind of parking lot as well as a Rain Garden, and the drive-thru will not be visible from Milton Way, which is a key element in our Comp Plan. How nice it will be for our citizens as you’re walking on warm summer days to stop in at one of our businesses along the way and get a refreshing drink or snack.



Speaking of citizens, we will soon have a few more. Across the street from Uptown Koffee will be **Lakeside Estates**, a 33 single-family home development, which also includes provisions for a future commercial building.



There are two short-plat homesites you may have noticed – **Sager Homes** is building three homes at 11th and Maine, and two more at Milton Way and 28th.

More future citizens will eventually enjoy living in one of these developments coming soon:

- The **Nagy short-plat** will have four new single-family homes near the 200 block of 23rd Avenue.
- **Aerie Crest** will consist of 14 new single-family homes located along 25th Avenue Court just north of Milton Way.
- **Alma-Ata Subdivision** will have five new homes located near 16th Ave and Oak Street

Last but definitely not least, I'm sure you've noticed that construction on Milton Way is going strong. It will be such a nice addition to our city to have sidewalks on both sides of the street, along with under-ground utility lines.

I would like to take this moment to thank everyone who worked so hard to put all these plans in place. City staff, the Planning Commission, City Council, and of course all of YOU – citizens and business leaders who told us what you wanted. Without the Vision and the Plan in place, this is not the kind of construction we would be having. And we definitely would have never received the grant funds that are paying for the **Milton Way Pedestrian Safety Project**.

So what's next for our area? People around us are making a lot of plans, such as the completion of SR167, the expansion of SeaTac Airport, and so on. The question is, what will Milton's reaction be? If you would like to be involved, there is still room on the Planning Commission for you.