

bound with quarry tile and four patio areas for outdoor seating. Some stores will receive new glass fronts.

"When all is said and done, people will see how sweet it is," Mills says.

Workers have discovered a lot of variation between the different construction phases of the shopping center, which spanned from 1938 to the mid-1950s. "It probably never looked like one shopping center," Mills says. "We're going to unify it with consistency from west to east. It's a bit more complicated than we thought."

An arcade next to Richmond Camera will connect the parking lot with the back alley. New trees will be planted throughout the shopping center and along Cary Street, and new lights will keep the parking lot bright at night.

Despite some small snags along the way (construction workers discovered a 4-inch-deep concrete slab under the entire parking lot), the project is on schedule — it should be completed just in time for the annual Watermelon Festival on Aug. 11.

In addition to Cary Court's renova-

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