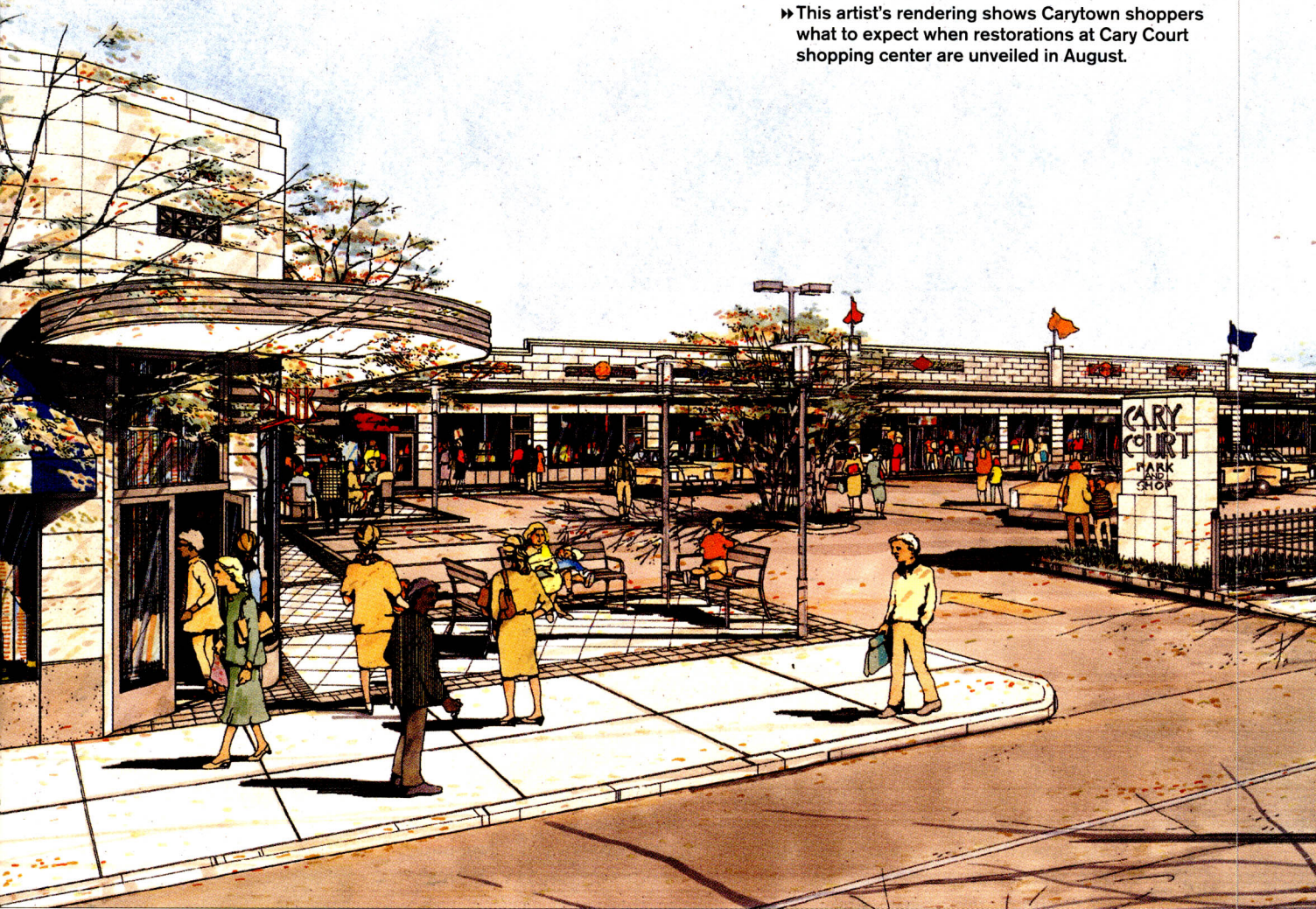


► This artist's rendering shows Carytown shoppers what to expect when restorations at Cary Court shopping center are unveiled in August.



# Carytown in bloom

**Cary Court face-lift among retail district's changes** [by Annemarie Roma]

**B**y the time this fourth Carytown issue hits mailboxes and newsstands, the 3100 block of the shopping district should be showing off the finished product of Cary Court shopping center's eight-month, \$2 million face-lift.

When the construction vehicles head home for good around Aug. 15, Cary Court will look much as it did when it was new in the 1940s.

Since mid-January, more than 50 workers from the construction company Beers Skanska Inc. have worked daily on repairing and cleaning the shopping center's limestone facade, replacing its roof and pouring new concrete for its sidewalks and blacktopping the parking lot.

"We're restoring it to its original look," says Beers Skanska superintendent Jerry Hunley.

That art deco look will be achieved with a higher canopy (renovations several years ago added dropped ceilings). A pressed-tin reproduction ceiling identical to the original will be installed, and a 14-inch stainless-steel band around the edge of the canopy will underline signage.

Commonwealth Architects' Bob Mills, a principal in the firm who's in charge of the Cary Court project, says he hopes storeowners choose neon signs, in keeping with the art deco look.

Cary Court's "new" design includes a sidewalk [WHAT'S NEW continued on page C19]

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