

Five Guys headed to Dunkirk?

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Dunkirk, MD - It appears an award-winning burger joint is planning to establish a location in a Calvert County shopping center currently under construction. A menu/flier available for the taking at the Five Guys' Prince Frederick location in the Market Square Shopping Center on Costley Way reveals on its reverse side that Dunkirk will soon have a spot for the popular restaurant. Calvert County's second Five Guys location is planned for Shoppes at Apple Greene.

An email to an official of ECHO Realty, the developer of Shoppes of Apple Greene, had not received a response as this story was being filed. A search of the developer's web site shows there are three restaurant leases pending as the new outlet takes shape. Retailers that have already agreed to locate at Shoppes at Apple Greene are grocer Harris Teeter, Marshalls, Great Clips and Taco Bell.

In their brochure distributed to potential tenants, ECHO has touted Calvert County's "low cost of living, high quality of life" as a good location for business. According to the developer, research indicates Dunkirk's average annual household income is \$130,000.

Five Guys was started 32 years ago by the Murrell family in Northern Virginia. Its "hand-formed" burgers and fries cooked in peanut oil helped the eatery develop a cult-following. According to its web site, there are now over 1,500 Five Guys locations worldwide. In the Washington, DC area, Five Guys has been recognized by various publications for its popularity and customer satisfaction.

The Harris-Teeter at Shoppes at Apple Greene will be 48,650 square feet. It will have a gas station as an amenity and will serve as the shopping center's anchor store. It is expected to open sometime this year. It will be Southern Maryland's second Harris-Teeter. The grocer's St. Mary's County location is scheduled to open later this month.

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