

Volume Three

# A Special Justice Center Edition

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Bucks County

# Moving Forward

## BUCKS COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER PUBLIC FORUM

February 18, 2010  
6:30 p.m.

Central Bucks West High School  
375 W. Court Street, Doylestown



PLAZA VIEW

Entrance at Main Street above:

The main entrance for all visitors to the new justice center

At left, the view from the new parking garage: A combination of facades— a stone base, with brick and terra cotta on upper floors.



Shewell Avenue view at right: The lower floors were designed to complement the existing Armory building facade.



### Questions? Concerns? Comments?

The Bucks County Commissioners invite local residents and business owners to join them for an open forum to discuss the new Bucks County Justice Center.

Multiple print and 3-D architectural renderings will be on display. After a short presentation you can speak to the Commissioners, meet the director of operations and have your questions answered by the architects from the design firm HOK.

## Parking Garage Update

Phase One of the Bucks County Justice Center, the 1,200-space parking garage along Broad, Doyle and Union Streets in Doylestown Borough is moving forward at a rapid pace. All pre-cast concrete and brick is in place. The large crane has been removed. Work is beginning on the interior such as elevators, electric, lighting and painting. The large clock will be installed in the tower at the corner of Broad and Doyle streets this spring. Watch the ongoing construction at [www.buckscounty.org](http://www.buckscounty.org). The justice center hotline continues to be available at **215-345-3949**.



# Frequently Asked Questions

With answers by County Director of Operations Jerry Anderson

## How will traffic be managed during the construction?

Through collaboration with Borough officials, construction managers and residents, disruption has been minimal throughout the garage construction. The county ensured that vehicles access the site via the Rt. 611 bypass and Broad St. This will continue, limiting downtown congestion. The county is funding a Broad St. capital improvement project that includes new traffic signals, turning lanes and a fiber-optic traffic control system.

## When will the new parking garage open?

Depending on variables such as weather, it will open during the summer of 2010. The completion of the new garage will trigger demolition of the current parking garage.

## How will the current garage be demolished?

To keep disruption to surrounding buildings to a minimum,

the garage will be dismantled by wrecking ball and backhoe. Demolition should take approximately three months. The old brick and concrete will be recycled to the extent possible.

## What is the timetable for the new justice center?

The justice center is the largest construction endeavor in county annals. It will take approximately three years to complete construction.

## What are the main features of the justice center?

The "L" shaped building will feature a pedestrian plaza connecting it to Main St., with a covered walkway leading to the parking garage. It will contain four floors of offices and support spaces below three floors of courtrooms and chambers. One floor will be shell space for future expansion. A two-story lobby includes a glass "spire" to maximize natural light and increase energy efficiency.

## A Message from the Chairman



**Charles H. Martin**  
Bucks County Commissioner

On Jan. 20, Bucks County unveiled the architectural design plans for its new justice center. This was a long-awaited and much anticipated announcement. The new justice center with its modern design elements, enhanced security details and green building elements, has been carefully designed to fit in with the historic and charming style that characterizes Doylestown Borough.

Working closely with Borough officials, we continue to advance the justice center project – the largest public works project in Bucks County's 328-year history. The new, 1,200-space parking garage is on schedule for a summer 2010 opening. Shortly thereafter, demolition will proceed on the current parking garage to clear the footprint for the new justice center.

Certainly, there will be questions and concerns about a capital endeavor of this scale. Throughout the project, we pledge to provide continual information about the construction process. We encourage you to attend our public forum on Feb. 18th at CB West High School to hear details directly from our General Services department and the architects from HOK. You can stay informed by viewing the construction Web Cam at [www.BucksCounty.org](http://www.BucksCounty.org), and use the feedback telephone hotline at **215-345-3949**.



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**See inside for information on upcoming Bucks County Justice Center public forum**