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ARCHITECTURAL STYLE DEBUTS AT PAYNTER'S MILL IN LEWES  
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Ocean Atlantic Associates has just released a unique and aesthetically interesting project – Paynter's Mill in Lewes - which will feature an architectural style new to the Lewes area, known as "The Big House." This Big House style allows multi-family housing to be built as grad colonial homes which actually accommodate six individual units under one roof. Each of the individual units will in turn have its own full access attached garage and private entrance. This departure from the traditional condominium and townhouse architecture was designed to answer the need for stylish and diverse housing options in the area, the developers said.

The vision for the Paynter's Mill community is to combine the values of the past with the comforts offered by today's technology. The entrance to the property will feature extensive landscaping, brick sidewalks lining Paynter's Mill Boulevard, and gas lanterns glowing atop a tumbled brick wall. The development will include a New England schoolhouse style community building for resident gatherings complete with fireplace and fitness center, a swimming pool with attached kiddie pool, two tennis courts, a tot lot, basketball and volleyball court, all surrounded by a private jogging/walking trail.

For the residents' convenience, a neighborhood business area will house a General Store as well as a café and coffee shop. A large open community field (Paynter's Meadow) is also planned for outdoor gatherings and sports activities.

"Our main focus has been to develop a strong sense of community within the development," said Wendy Baker, project manager at Ocean Atlantic Associates.

"From the wide sidewalks and front porches to the turn-of-the-century inspired architecture to the neighborhood gathering places, that sense of community was forethought in the planning of this entire project."

Paynter's Mill is named in honor of one of the original land owners, the Paynter family, who are long-time residents of Sussex County.

The new development, located near Lewes on Cave Neck Road (Route 88) just off Route One, will feature three distinctive neighborhoods, a combination of single-family craftsman style, cottage, and bungalow homes, duplexes, and the Big House multi-family homes.