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Rush River Commons Topping Off Ceremony-Tuesday, March 19

Rush River Commons, Morgan Keller (site contractor) and the Rappahannock Food Pantry will hold a Topping Off Ceremony at Rush River Commons on Tuesday, March 19 at 3pm. The public is welcome.

‘Topping Off’ or ‘Topping Out’ ceremonies are a construction tradition that have been around for centuries. The ceremony involves placing an evergreen tree on the peak of a building. Exactly where and how this tradition began are under dispute with claims that it first happened in ancient Egypt with the completion of a pyramid. In Scandinavia it is a widespread practice, said to appease the spirits who were disturbed by tree removal occurring during construction. Whatever the ceremony’s origins, March 19th marks a milestone as Phase I of Rush River Commons moves towards completion.

Visitors to the site will see the new Rappahannock Food Pantry which will be open in May, and the Community Office Building, slated for a late fall occupancy. Eighteen housing units are about to get underway in the coming weeks along with planning for Phase II.

