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LETTER: Village a place where milk run morphs into chit-chat

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Dear Editor:

Re: <u>Merchants Key to Edgemont Charm (http://www.nsnews.com/opinion/letters/letter-merchants-key-to-edgemont-charm-1.2123669)</u>, Dec. 2 Mailbox

This letter makes an excellent point. Edgemont Village is changing, but I agree progress will kill the essence of the actual charm known to many.

Trims is an example of the eclectic and odd nature of the village. The village is an oasis of community charm in the middle of a large city – a snapshot of times gone by.

I am a very progressive person and love change; however, to me the village has been where I rest from the hustle and speed of our fast times. It is my home and I guess I am selfish but I see the charm becoming just another practical, shining strip mall.

I walked to the grocery store the other night and marvelled at the lantern lighting reflecting on the white brick that has been painted a thousand times. It feels like an old town. Comfortable.

I like change and I suppose I will enjoy the glossy new grocery store or the new high-end shops. I will still be able to walk there and I am sure the friends and neighbours will still be there to run into and make my five-minute run to get milk a one-hour-long chit-chat.

Yes, there is always good in change, but there is also loss. I am afraid the charm will be lost.

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