
WESTMINSTER CANTERBURY WEEKLY SUMMARY – JULY 1, 2021 – 3 P.M.

John Burns

COVID-19 Update

On Monday, June 28, Westminster Canterbury Richmond learned that an unvaccinated Registered Nurse (RN) from Mary Morton Parsons Health Center First Floor tested positive for COVID-19. Unfortunately, Parsons Health Center First Floor West and East are under quarantine until Thursday, July 8. Communal dining and activities are suspended on Parsons Health Center First Floor West and East. Visitors to these areas must wear full personal protective equipment, available at the entrance to these hallways.

Per guidance from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), all Parsons Health Center employees and residents are being tested today and will be tested every seven days for two weeks. Thankfully, no one else has tested positive and no one is showing symptoms.

Today is the first day fully vaccinated staff have been allowed to unmask in the building. As a reminder, masks are optional for all fully vaccinated individuals in Independent Living areas. Masks are required for nonvaccinated individuals and anyone visiting healthcare areas. Please remember that if you are taking the Parsons Health Center elevators, you must put on a mask before entering the elevator. If you are visiting Parsons Health Center or Assisted Living, you must be screened.

Because our screening station is in Avalon, everyone must wear a mask when being screened. We encourage staff to keep a mask with you as you walk around our community as healthcare areas are very connected to the rest of the campus.

Strategic Planning Kickoff

Yesterday, a group of Corporate and Foundation Trustees, Residents Association leadership and staff met to kick off Westminster Canterbury's next round of Strategic Planning. Our last plans were created in 2015 for the Foundation and 2016 for the Corporation. We will build on this work to create new plans for the Corporation and the Foundation. We have been working on the structure for this process that is beginning now and will continue through the first quarter of 2022. Nine work groups will focus on a variety of topics that are important to our future. Each work group will include staff, members of the Corporate and Foundation Boards and resident representation.

Vibrancy! and Construction Updates

The initial discovery work in the Promenade and Tower Lobby area renovation is complete. We look forward to moving ahead with the projects. In the coming weeks, we will have more to share about *Vibrancy!* and other construction projects. In the meantime, please read the updates in *The Westminster Canterbury Tales* and on digital signs and TV971.

Independence Day

Join us for a festive morning on Friday, July 2, as we celebrate Independence Day at 10:30 a.m. We originally planned for this to be on the Tower Green, but due to rain in the forecast, please join us in Cochrane Commons. We'll have patriotic tunes, red white and blue "bomb" popsicles and you! Patriotic attire is encouraged.

Vice President Facilities Management

Jason Collins will join Westminster Canterbury as the Vice President Facilities Management on August 2. Jason comes to Westminster Canterbury from St. Mary's Hospital in Richmond, where he managed all aspects of St. Mary's facility's buildings and grounds, safety and security since 2013. Prior to St. Mary's, Jason worked in facilities management or safety roles within large manufacturing organizations such as Nabisco and Honeywell. He received an Engineering degree from Oklahoma State University. Thank you to Residents Association President Bob Clewell who took part in the interviews and whose opinion and feedback were instrumental.

Anita Adkins

Vibrant Vision

Westminster Canterbury Foundation's *Vibrant Vision* campaign is running parallel to the Corporation's *Vibrancy!* construction and expansion plans.

Through the generosity of many people, we serve people and create places and programs that help all of us age with strength, dignity and purpose. *Vibrant Vision* is a \$20 million campaign to support many aspects of the Westminster Canterbury community and outreach into greater Richmond. It began in 2019, and every gift to the Foundation since that time has counted toward this \$20 million goal. \$17.7 million has been given so far.

Please read *The Westminster Canterbury Tales* each time it comes out. In recent issues of *The Tales*, we are sharing the details of the *Vibrant Vision* campaign plans that cover People, Places, Programs and Promises.

People are the Foundation's top priority because we want our residents and employees to thrive. Our Fellowship Program is the single biggest goal of the campaign. All gifts to the Annual Fellowship Fund count toward this important purpose. So far this year, \$1.1 million has been given toward the 2021 goal of \$1.675 million. Our Fellowship Program provides a healthy retirement to people whose service in the Richmond region may not have provided adequate financial resources for their later years. Each year, Fellowship provides confidential, financial support for approximately 100 low-income seniors who live at Westminster Canterbury Richmond. This includes housing, meals, medical care, and access to all the vital living Westminster Canterbury offers – our wonderful theater and studio arts programs, wellness and more.

People also includes our workforce. Many of you support our W·E·A·V·E (workforce-education-assistance-volunteerism-engagement) Program. This program provides scholarships to help employees improve their skills, education and careers. It helps with emergency assistance when employees need it most. 40 employees have sought emergency financial assistance since last April, often due to family illness or a spouse losing a job. W·E·A·V·E also support our employees as they volunteer in greater Richmond and helps engage them in our community.

Your support of the Foundation also helps with Places. Your gifts supported \$4 million toward the new Spiritual Center, located front and center on our campus and providing wonderful space and amenities for our extensive Pastoral Care programming.

Next, we look forward to a new Vital Living Center that will be built as part of the *Vibrancy!* expansion. While this construction won't begin for at least another year, our vision for healthy aging brings healthcare offerings and wellness together to nurture each person's unique independence at whatever stage of life they are in. The Corporation is covering the construction through existing available funds and the sale of new residences, Generous gifts to *Vibrant Vision* will help bring the Vital Living Center to life through specialty fitness equipment, technology, additional instructors and staff, education and other resources. We are excited to share more about these plans as they are developed.

The Corporation's *Vibrancy!* plans and the Foundation's *Vibrant Vision* campaign are working together. The Foundation is not raising funds to build new apartments or renovate our dining areas. We are grateful for your support that makes many things possible at Westminster Canterbury.

We hope you keep reading *The Tales* and tuning in to Westminster Canterbury Weekly, and please encourage your friends to do the same! Soon we will share more about the many Programs supported through the Foundation, including Healthcare Excellence, Performing and Studio Arts, the Child Development Center, Innovation and more. We will also share how we make sure these programs are sustained for the future.

If you have questions or are interested in learning more, contact Anita Adkins at ext. 6202.

David Curtis

Pastoral Care Updates

A central feature of life at Westminster Canterbury Richmond is that as a faith-based institution, we are a community grounded in prayer. Pastoral Care offers several opportunities each week to gather in prayer. We gather for worship on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. and Sundays at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We gather for Evening Prayer, Monday through Friday, at 4:45 p.m. in the Chapel, and we gather on Wednesdays at noon in the Sanctuary to pray for our residents, our staff and the construction workers during this time of expansion. You are invited to join us at any of these times of prayer.

July Prayer Booklets are available. If you have received one previously, one has been placed in your mailbox. If you would like to receive a Prayer Booklet, which has a daily rhythm of prayer, please call Vanessa Perry at ext. 1502 or David Curtis at ext. 5179.

Galatians 5:13-14 from The Message Bible

“It is absolutely clear that God has called you to a free life. Just make sure that you don't use this freedom as an excuse to do whatever you want to do and destroy your freedom. Rather, use your freedom to serve one another in love; that's how freedom grows. For everything we know about God's Word is summed up in a single sentence: Love others as you love yourself. That's an act of true freedom.”

“The New Colossus” by Emma Lazarus.

Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,
With conquering limbs astride from land to land;
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand
Glow world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command
The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.
“Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!” cries she
With silent lips. “Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!”