
WESTMINSTER CANTERBURY WEEKLY SUMMARY – JULY 29, 2021 – 3 P.M.

John Burns

COVID-19 Updates

The coronavirus pandemic situation is evolving. The Delta variant is having serious impacts on the progress containing the pandemic. It is highly contagious, and there have been some breakthrough infections for fully vaccinated people. Yesterday we learned that a fully vaccinated employee from our Clinic team has tested positive for COVID-19 and is symptomatic. This employee was exposed by a grandchild that has tested positive.

On Tuesday, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated its masking guidance, including for fully vaccinated individuals. To maximize protection from the Delta variant and prevent possibly spreading it to others, the CDC recommends wearing a mask indoors in public if you are in an area of substantial or high transmission. We had hoped this would not be the case, but today, the CDC data shows that Henrico is in an area of substantial transmission. Starting Friday, Westminster Canterbury will require all visitors, employees and contractors to wear a mask in public areas of the campus. We highly recommend that residents also resume wearing a mask inside the building in all public areas. We will watch the data closely and update you if the situation improves. Please remind your visitors that we will be requiring masks again.

We encourage you to stay safe, wear a mask in indoor settings, encourage your friends and loved ones to be vaccinated and practice good hand hygiene to protect yourself and others. We want to continue with an abundance of caution to keep our community safe and healthy.

We have heard questions about the need for a third dose, a booster shot, of the COVID-19 vaccine. Current vaccines have shown to protect people well against variants, including the Delta variant. While Pfizer is researching the effects and benefits of a third dose, a booster shot has not been approved yet and is not available. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and CDC have said that Americans do not need third doses yet. We will continue to monitor the progress and research regarding a third dose of the vaccine and let you know when we know more.

Vibrancy! and Other Construction Updates

A lot of work has been happening behind the scenes. August will bring more visible construction progress!

The permitting process for the Parking Deck has been slower than expected. In August, we will complete the construction of the temporary parking lot for employees and the pedestrian sidewalk that links this area to our existing campus. We will also finish installing lighting and other safety precautions that will keep our employees safe as they use this new space. We will share more at a future update.

On Monday, August 16, we expect the Parsons Health Center Parking Lot will close so we can begin preparations for construction of the new Parking Deck that will go in its place. The Parking Deck will provide approximately 400 new parking spaces for employees and visitors. Employees will begin parking in the new temporary parking lot. Visitors will be able to park in the Avalon Lot and other dedicated spaces from our current Employee Parking Lot that are closest to the building. We will provide additional updates and

instructions as that date approaches. The August 16 date is subject to change, but we are working toward that date and will provide updates if there are changes.

The Westminster Canterbury Richmond Corporate Board received a request to review the planned location of the Vital Living Center and Vitality Apartments. They reviewed several options with our project and design partners. Last week, it was decided to move forward with the construction as planned.

The Promenade permitting is linked to the Parking Deck permit, so the renovation start date was pushed back. The construction team will mobilize in the coming weeks with demolition expected to begin in August. As work gets underway, we will also film update videos to share what is happening behind the wall.

Maryanna Stufflebeem

Child Development Center

Maryanna Stufflebeem, Manager Child Development Center, shared an update. It is still operating at limited enrollment. In September, we will begin increasing class sizes in our older classrooms. At the end of June, school-age children completed their year of Virtual Learning. With the support of Westminster Canterbury Foundation, we provided full-time Virtual Learning support for 15 families. It was a challenging year, but we have phenomenal teachers who were able to innovate and provide the safest learning environment for our children while still having lots of fun.

Over the last year we have been reflecting and making changes to our program to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion. A group of teachers identified areas of need within the Child Development Center including ensuring equitable hiring practices, assessing the accessibility of care for staff and community families of color, and making sure books and materials reflect people of all backgrounds and abilities. The Foundation supported the purchase of additional books and materials to aid with this effort.

We welcomed resident volunteers back to the Child Development Center in the last month. We celebrated our fairy godmother, Ms. Jackie Viener's, 100th birthday. The teachers transformed the Child Development Center into Ms. Jackie's 100 Acre Wood from Winnie the Pooh. If you are interested in volunteering in the Child Development Center, opportunities are available. The young children we serve are not yet eligible for vaccination, so we are still requiring masks. Please be aware of the possible risks, but we are happy to work with you to find an experience you are comfortable with. Contact Maryanna at 200-1175 or Kathy Morton in the Volunteer Office at 261-5201 if you have questions.

The children enjoy the summer months and the opportunity to be outside more often. The teachers have many fun themes to explore with the children, including camping, space, oceans and bubbles. One class is traveling to a different state each week.

Anita Adkins

Communication Updates

The Resource Development team manages communication for Westminster Canterbury. There are many ways to stay up to date on the latest news related to *Vibrancy!* and other construction projects. In April, we shared answers to some of your frequently asked questions related to *Vibrancy!*. We continue to update this document as we hear your questions. A new version is available in printed form in the Business and Information Centers. A digital version is on the Touchtown app under the *Vibrancy!* tab. It includes images that show the overall campus map, including the future areas that will be constructed during *Vibrancy!* and the floorplan for the Promenade renovation and expansion.

New bulletin boards have been posted in the Tower Lobby that will be regularly updated with new drawings and schedule updates. The same information is also available on Touchtown, TV971 and the digital signs.

Another new addition is a Weekly Activities Calendar. The calendar gives you a quick way to see each day's activities on one sheet. A new calendar will be distributed every Friday. Be sure to pick up a copy of the Week's Activities calendar from the Business and Information Centers or find it on Touchtown under *Tales*.

Derek Oliver

Facilities Updates

Miscellaneous roofing repairs for the Courtyard Apartments will begin on Friday, July 30. Four parking spots in front of the Courtyard South entrance along Westbrook Court will be blocked for this work. This will allow our contractor to stage a lift for access to the roof area that needs repairs. This work should be complete by Wednesday, August 4, pending weather conditions. There will be additional repairs to the shingle roof areas throughout the Courtyard, but additional closures are not anticipated at this time.

The carpet replacement project for the Tower hallways will begin on Monday, August 9. Contractors will work from 8 p.m.-5 a.m. There will be some light noise associated with the replacement project. This contractor has replaced this carpet previously and manages the noise level and efficiencies surrounding the install. Work will begin on the Tower Eighth Floor. The replacement should take approximately one week per floor. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Derek at 264-6213.

Pavement repairs in The Glebe will take place on Monday, August 9. Work should take one to two days. Residents will be able to access their homes during the repair process.

Power washing continues. Avalon is complete. Parsons Health Center and Child Development Center buildings are underway. We anticipate moving to The Gables and Garden apartments next week.

Kathleen Pender and the Horticulture team continue making repairs to irrigation issues that serve the Courtyard Apartment areas. Manual watering will take place as needed until repairs are completed.

David Curtis

Pastoral Care

August Daily Prayer Booklets are available. If you would like one, please contact Vanessa Perry at ext. 1502 or David Curtis at ext. 5179.

Please join us this Sunday at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary for our monthly Celtic Service with communion, led by residents Rev. Dr. Rebecca Weaver and Annette Sparks, along with Tressa Gold, a local musician.

Join us for Music in the Sanctuary on Tuesday, August 3, at 3 p.m., featuring Mr. Brent te Velde. Brent is the Director of Music at St. Stephen's Church and will provide music based on the Christian liturgical year.

Psalm 150: 3-6

Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

Praise him with clanging cymbals;

praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

From "Earth and All Stars"

Classrooms and labs,
loud boiling test tubes,
sing to the Lord a new song.

Athlete and band,
loud cheering people,
sing to the Lord a new song.

He has done marvelous things.

I, too, will praise him with a new song!