
WESTMINSTER CANTERBURY WEEKLY SUMMARY – JULY 8, 2021 – 3 P.M.

John Burns

COVID-19 Update

Westminster Canterbury Richmond is pleased with the progress our community is making to get back to something that looks and feels normal after 16 months of the pandemic. We should all feel confident that we are safe being vaccinated, but we need to continue to be aware that COVID-19 is still present in the broader community. The positivity rate in Henrico was 0.6% on June 18, which is outstanding. Today it is 2.3%, which is still good but is headed in the wrong direction. Please continue to be cautious. Do not lower your guard, especially around those who are not vaccinated.

On Monday, June 28, Westminster Canterbury Richmond learned that an unvaccinated Registered Nurse (RN) from Mary Morton Parsons Health Center First Floor had tested positive for COVID-19, placing Parsons Health Center First Floor West and East under quarantine. In great news, as of today, these hallways are out of quarantine. We found no other positive cases during our testing.

Vibrancy! and Other Construction Updates

Work continues on preparation for the Promenade and kitchen renovation. We are awaiting the permit to begin work for the new Parking Deck. The temporary parking lot for staff is under construction next to our existing staff parking lot at Cochrane Pond. This work will continue as we create a safe, connected parking area for use while the Parking Deck is being constructed on the current Parsons Health Center parking lot. In the coming weeks we will get a permit to proceed with the Parking Deck. At that time, the Parsons Health Center parking lot and Ellipse road and parking will close to allow for construction. We will provide more specific dates as soon as we have them.

Within the next week or so, the temporary black plastic wall in the Tower Lobby will be replaced with a more permanent wall where we will be display images and updates regarding the plans.

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*, on Touchtown, on digital signs and TV971.

Westminster Canterbury Weekly

Keep tuning in to *Westminster Canterbury Weekly*. Next week, we will introduce Jacqueline Wetherbee from OnSite Dermatology, who will begin providing dermatology services in the Clinic on August 4. Scott Jonté from Dining will be here with important information and updates. The following week, Will Blackwell will provide updates from Health Services.

Gayle Hunter Haglund

Touchtown

Unfortunately, the Touchtown system had an update that caused many users to be logged out. This will require you to reenter your username and password. If you need your username and password, please contact the Tower or Center Desk or Rebecca Hatch at ext. 6075. Please keep your username and password accessible in case this happens again. We apologize for this unexpected inconvenience.

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, the Foundation serves people and creates 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 our outreach into greater Richmond. It began in 2019, and every gift to the Foundation since that time has counted toward this \$20 million goal. Thank you to all who have helped so far! \$17.8 million has been given to date.

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 that covers People, Places, Programs and Promises. At last week's *Westminster Canterbury Weekly*, we discussed People and Places. Today, we cover Programs and Promises.

The Foundation supports several important Programs, and the *Vibrant Vision* campaign has been an important time to assure these continue to improve. Here's a taste of the Foundation-supported programs:

- Healthcare Excellence is important to all of us. The Foundation concentrates our help on training for our Health Services team because it is key to assuring that your healthcare experience and outcomes are excellent. Because of many generous donations, we fund a dedicated Clinical Educator who provides ongoing training to our healthcare staff. In addition, we help fund the Preceptor Program, a formal teaching, training and mentoring program for every new healthcare employee. The Preceptor Program assures that everyone is fully informed about The Westminster Canterbury Way of providing care before they begin working independently. Your gifts provide enhanced recreation therapy programming in Parsons Health Center and Assisted Living, including art, music, horticulture and exercise therapies. If you need temporary or permanent healthcare services, you can be assured that the experience will be as excellent as possible.
- Cultural Arts provides excellent concerts and performances in our Sara Belle November Theater as well as outdoor garden concerts. 100% of all performances are funded by the Foundation thanks to our generous donors. What a wonderful difference live performances make! Studio Arts programs, instructors and some supplies are also funded through generosity. Even our Permanent Art Collection has been built largely through generous gifts.
- Our Child Development Center benefits from Foundation funding, not only for scholarships for employee children but also through special programs and equipment.
- Innovation – Since 2016 the Foundation has offered Innovation Grants, allowing employees across all departments to devise and implement new and better ideas. Some wonderful programs have emerged from Innovation Grants!

The final area of *Vibrant Vision* is Promises. We promise that many programs will be sustained for years to come because of the many donors who have created endowments, either through generous gifts made in their lifetimes or through gifts left through their wills and estate plans. The Foundation has been very blessed to have received many such gifts over our 41-year history. Through *Vibrant Vision*, generous donors are helping to make these even more secure. We are so grateful to every single one of our donors, past and present. What a

wonderful difference you each make. This is a place of high levels of excellence and compassion, and what a beautiful combination that is!

We are sharing this news about the Foundation and our *Vibrant Vision* campaign so you can learn and understand this important aspect of life at Westminster Canterbury. If you ever want to talk about becoming a donor or have any questions, please call the Foundation at ext. 6066 or Gayle Haglund at ext. 6702.

Vanessa Perry

Pastoral Care

Noon Day prayers continue weekly in the Sanctuary, on Wednesdays, at noon. Join us in prayer for the safety of our construction workers, residents and staff directly involved in our next phase of construction.

Rev. Keith Johnston will not be here this Sunday but will be leading a service at a later date. This Sunday, Dr. Bill Blake and Nancy Bain will lead our well-known Hymn Sing at 4 p.m., in the Sanctuary. Please join them in singing some old familiar hymns. Pastoral Care invites you to worship on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m., in the Sanctuary or on TV970. Please check *The Tales* for a complete list of scheduled clergy and musicians.

Colossians 2:2-5 (New International Version)

My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments. For though I am absent from you in body, I am present with you in spirit and delight to see how disciplined you are and how firm your faith in Christ is.

Prayer

Lord, we thank you for this lovely day. We thank you for the chance to see loved ones in person, Lord. As places are opening up, let us also be mindful of those who still are faced with sorrow and uncertainty. We ask you to be with those who have lost or missing loved ones in Florida and other parts of the world. They are hurting and are left with a lot of unanswered questions. Be with them as they process what has happened. We ask you to send your angels of comfort to them. We also ask your protection over everyone here at Westminster: every staff member, resident, contractor, and family member. Let us always honor the lessons learned from the past as it helps us in our present and future thinking. We praise you and thank you for every blessing bestowed upon us. We pray this in your name, Amen.