
WESTMINSTER CANTERBURY WEEKLY SUMMARY–SEPTEMBER 23, 2021–3 P.M.

John Burns

Mary Morton Parsons Health Center

Newsweek's list of the Best Nursing Homes for 2022 includes our Mary Morton Parsons Health Center. This list includes the best nursing homes in the 25 states with the highest population size according to The United States Census Bureau. The methodology is based on three key indicators – Performance Data from The U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), a Reputation Survey of 10,000 medical experts and COVID-19 Response. This designation reinforces our reputation as a facility that offers an excellent and reliable quality of care. Congratulations to Will Blackwell, Sharon Poznanczyk and the Parsons Health Center team who made this possible.

Coronavirus Updates

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) positivity rate for Henrico County is currently 8.95%, a slight decrease from previous weeks. Residents who previously tested positive are doing very well. One remains in quarantine that ends tomorrow. Residents of Parsons Health Center Third Floor West and East were in quarantine due to an employee who tested positive. Their quarantine ended yesterday. Four employees who tested positive remain in quarantine.

COVID-19 Booster Shots

Our teams have been working to provide third doses of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine to those in Parsons Health Center and Assisted Living who are qualified as immunocompromised.

You have likely heard in the news that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) amended the emergency use authorization for the Pfizer vaccine to allow for a single booster dose, to be administered at least six months after completion of the primary series in:

- individuals 65 years of age and older;
- individuals 18 through 64 years of age at high risk of severe COVID-19; and
- individuals 18 through 64 years of age whose frequent institutional or occupational exposure to SARS-CoV-2 puts them at high risk of serious complications of COVID-19 including severe COVID-19.

These groups include residents and employees of Westminster Canterbury Richmond. This approval must also go through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which is expected to vote today. In anticipation of this approval, our Parsons Health Center and Assisted Living teams have been working to secure a supply of vaccine so that all residents in these areas will hopefully receive their booster soon.

We are also working on a plan for Independent Living residents who received the Pfizer vaccine to receive boosters in an onsite clinic at Westminster Canterbury. We plan to have details to share with you next week.

Some residents received the Moderna vaccine and have questions about whether they are eligible to receive the Pfizer vaccine as a booster. Those who are immunocompromised and received the Moderna vaccine series are eligible to receive a third dose of the Pfizer. We do not know yet whether all others who received the Moderna

vaccine will be eligible to receive a Pfizer booster, but we expect to have an answer to this question soon. If you have questions in the meantime, please contact Resident Services.

Parking Deck

Work on the Parking Deck continues. Due to rain, the start date for the geostructure drill that will begin work on the rammed aggregate piers is Monday. You may watch this work on the construction camera available on the Touchtown Community App under *Vibrancy!*.

Promenade Renovations

In the Promenade expansion, earlier this week the construction crews began installation of studs in the ceiling and framing out walls. You may hear some drilling and hammer nailing off and on for the next few months. Today they are beginning the layout for installing concrete footers that will allow for the expansion of the Promenade into a portion of the Ellipse.

Shops on Main

Renovation of the Shops on Main is still underway and is anticipated to be completed later this fall. Our Shops volunteers are excited about these renovations and upgrades. While we do not have a set date for reopening yet, there is a need for additional volunteers, especially in the Treasure Chest. If you would be interested in learning more, please contact Kathy Morton in the Volunteer Office at 261-5201. This is a chance to give back to the community as all proceeds from the Shops are given to Westminster Canterbury Foundation's Annual Fellowship Fund.

Leota Parandeh

Westminster Canterbury Foundation Ramp Blitz

Watch the video to see images.

Today is the second day of Westminster Canterbury Foundation's Ramp Blitz 3. Yesterday morning started early with set up complete and Mrs. Yoder's Donuts food truck and the Alchemy Coffee Truck providing free coffee and donuts for residents and staff. Our construction partner, Gilbane, sponsored our food trucks for the full event.

Four shifts of 12 people have been volunteering throughout the day. The shifts have included staff, residents and Trustees. Enthusiasm and camaraderie have been high. Our theme has been "Having fun while helping to change lives!" When this year's Blitz wraps up Friday afternoon, we will have built the components for at least 20 ramps. These will be installed, some by teams of employee volunteers from Westminster Canterbury, on the homes of seniors-in-need in the Richmond area. These seniors have serious mobility problems that make it impossible for them to get in and out of their homes. The ramps, free of charge to qualifying seniors, are life changing. **project:HOMES** is our organizing partner for our work with ramps.

This effort is a big part of Westminster Canterbury Foundation's Fellowship Outreach efforts, which started as part of our 2016 Strategic Plan. The need for access for mobility-impaired seniors emerged as a true need in our region from the data of our Community Needs Assessment.

The event costs \$20,000, which covers the large amount of lumber and other supplies needed. This comes to no more than \$1,000 per ramp, a very cost-effective way to make a high impact. The funds come from the Foundation's W·E·A·V·E (Workforce-Education-Assistance-Volunteerism-Engagement) efforts. The V in W·E·A·V·E stands for workforce volunteerism. With more than 120 staff volunteering and contributing to this effort, it is clear our wonderful employees love this project.

If you have never witnessed a Westminster Canterbury Ramp Blitz, feel free to stop by the Spiritual Center parking lot between 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Friday.

Jessica Corbitt

New Ticketing Processes

A big thank you to all residents as we moved through our recent ticketing upgrade. The main impetus for this change was to give residents earlier access to tickets as well as more control in obtaining tickets. As mentioned in the *Tales*, residents have many options to request tickets.

- Call the Box Office at 200-1133. Feel free to call anytime and leave a voicemail. Your ticket order will be processed the following day.
- Visit the Box Office during its posted hours to request or pick up your tickets.
- Electronic Options: [Visit the website published in the *Tales*](#) or use your Touchtown App to request tickets. You can choose print at home or will call pick up for these tickets. You may also bring your mobile device to the performance with your tickets pulled up, and we will scan the QR code.

The Box Office will be open 45 minutes prior to each performance for any last-minute ticket requests.

Tickets are available two weeks in advance. You receive your tickets at the time of ordering so you can make plans to attend with friends and family! If you ever need to return a ticket, simply call the Box Office and leave a voicemail.

Upcoming Performances

We have an exciting performance on Monday at 4 p.m. by CATAPULT. The Dining team invites everyone to join them for an evening brunch happy hour from 5-6 p.m. in the Cochrane Commons following CATAPULT. Enjoy mimosas and light bites. All are welcome! \$5.00 will be charged to your house account for all you can eat and drink. Registration is appreciated. Call Marie Basil at 264-6042.

We reached an agreement with the Richmond Symphony to show their Masterworks performances in the Sara Belle November Theater. These prerecorded performances will show the week after the live concert downtown. Our first Virtual Symphony concert will be Wednesday, September 29, at 2 p.m. in the Sara Belle November Theater. *The Tales* has a misprint and lists it on Tuesday, but the program will be on Wednesday in the theater. Tickets are not required for this free event.

Vanessa Perry

Pastoral Care Updates

Pastoral Care invites you to pray with us on Wednesdays at Noon and worship on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. This Sunday, resident Arthur Thomas will lead our 4 p.m. service with resident Barton Campbell as soloist. Jayne Sneed will be the musician. Please check the *Tales* for a complete list of scheduled services.

A prayer by Helen Weaver

Almighty God, who are mother and father to us all,
Look upon your planet Earth divided:
Help us to know that we are all your children;
That all nations belong to one great family,
And all of our religions lead to you.

Multiply our prayers in every land
Until the whole Earth becomes your congregation,
United in your love.
Sustain our vision of a peaceful future
And give us strength to work unceasingly
To make that vision real. Amen.