
WESTMINSTER CANTERBURY WEEKLY SUMMARY–NOVEMBER 4, 2021–3 P.M.

John Burns

Please check *The Westminster Canterbury Tales*, Touchtown, TV971 or the digital signs to learn more about upcoming events and notices.

There will be no *Westminster Canterbury Weekly* on Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 25.

Coronavirus Updates

We completed booster clinics for the Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines. There are no active cases of COVID-19 in residents or employees.

Assisted Living will change quarantine protocol effective Monday, November 8. Westminster Canterbury residents will no longer be required to quarantine when moving to Assisted Living. Booster clinics have successfully been conducted in Assisted Living. External admissions will be required to quarantine until their PCR test returns negative. They will have a rapid done at the time of admission and a PCR test will be done three days after their admission date.

For residents returning from a leave of absence, only unvaccinated residents will be required to quarantine upon return until a negative PCR is obtained. The PCR test will be done three days after return from leave of absence.

Any resident who exhibits symptoms of COVID-19 will continue to quarantine until negative PCR results return, regardless of vaccination status.

Resident Satisfaction Survey Reminder

Residents are reminded to complete the Resident Satisfaction survey. These are due to Holleran Consulting on November 15. Written surveys were placed in Independent Living boxes on November 1. Assisted Living and Parsons Health Center residents began receiving a written survey or telephone surveys on the same day. If you have any questions, please contact Resident Services at 264-6082.

Vibrancy! and Other Construction Updates

New images of the construction progress and a summary of what is happening through November and December will soon be available in the Tower Lobby or on Touchtown. We are excited to begin sharing images of what is happening behind the scenes and what you can expect when the construction is complete.

Scott Jonté

New Executive Chef

Scott introduced Westminster Canterbury's new Executive Chef Matt Salsberry.

Thanksgiving

Dine-in reservations for Thanksgiving begin Friday, November 5. In-person dining is available to residents only due to seating capacities. Parties may be a minimum of two and maximum of six. A Community Table will be

available for those dining alone. To make a reservation for The Marketplace please call 264-6030. For the Canterbury Room, please call 200-1514. Leave your name, phone number and preferred dining time. Your call will be returned in the order in which it was received.

Delivery services will be available. Delivery times may be slower than normal due to anticipated higher demand. For delivery please call 264-6259, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., on Thanksgiving Day for midday dinner. We will offer a choice of entrées; however, all sides will be included plus a dessert and a drink. Please refer to *The Tales* for more information.

Promenade Renovation and Expansion

The Promenade renovation and expansion is well underway. We look forward to its reopening next year. Over the next several weeks, join us as we walk through each of the new venues and highlight the benefits of the offerings to the residents. The design and offerings represent our response to residents' feedback and wish lists in the months and years leading up to this project.

The new areas will promote informal resident get togethers. Coffee services will be offered throughout the day. Expanded dining services will provide opportunities for floor events and holiday celebrations for residents, families and friends.

Upon completion of the Promenade renovation and expansion, there will be four distinct locations: A new Promenade Dining Room including the Virginia Room for private dining; a new Coffee Bar and Cocktail Lounge; a flexible dining area for special events, floor dinners and more; and a new small venue restaurant where you can experience our chef's creativity. These new areas will be available to serve as gathering locations, creating environments for social engagement. The new spaces add seating capacity to accommodate expanding dining services.

Join us in the coming weeks to learn details of each new space.

Gayle Haglund

Westminster Canterbury Foundation

During this special season of the year, many are considering ways to make the biggest difference through your charitable gifts. Westminster Canterbury Foundation's *Vibrant Vision* campaign includes priorities for People, Places, Programs and Promises.

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. It began in 2019, and every gift to the Foundation since then has counted toward the \$20 million goal. We are in the final months of *Vibrant Vision* – every gift given between now and December 31 will help us meet our goals.

An important thing we want you to understand is that while your gifts to the Foundation help provide much of the wonderful programming offered here, we are not providing funding for the Corporation's new *Vibrancy!* construction and expansion plans.

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. Each year, Fellowship provides confidential financial support for neighbors who might not otherwise be able to afford a healthy retirement. This includes housing, meals, medical and life care, and access to all the vital living Westminster Canterbury offers. All gifts to the Annual Fellowship Fund count toward this important purpose. \$1.39 million has been given toward the 2021 goal of \$1.675 million. We need your help to reach this goal by December 31.

We also support seniors-in-need in greater Richmond through Fellowship Outreach efforts with partners in the community, such as our ramp building volunteer projects with project:HOMES and free health screenings and social engagement programming in partnership with Senior Connections.

Your support of the Foundation also helps with Places. Your gifts supported \$4 million toward the new Spiritual Center. Next, we look forward to a new Vital Living Center that will be built as part of the *Vibrancy!* expansion. 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.

Many Programs are supported by your gifts to the Foundation – Healthcare Excellence, wonderful performances in the Sara Belle November Theater and throughout our campus and gardens, Studio Arts programs, the Child Development Center, Pastoral Care, Memory Support and Innovation.

The way we are able to Promise that many programs will be sustained is 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.

Some donors have provided gifts or endowments for our Area of Greatest Need – unrestricted money to be used where we need it most.

In this season of giving and always, we are so grateful for your support! There are many ways to give, and we would be happy to talk about the best plan that may work for you – current gifts, IRA distributions, stock transfers, donor-advised funds or a gift in your will. Please feel free to reach out to the Foundation at 264-6066.

One area that can get tricky this time of year is the difference between Westminster Canterbury Foundation's W·E·A·V·E program and the resident-run Employee Christmas Fund. Bev Beck is here from the ECF Committee to help us clear up that confusion. Both efforts are very important and so helpful to our wonderful employees.

Many of you support the Foundation's W·E·A·V·E Program for workforce-education-assistance-volunteerism-engagement. This program provides scholarships to help employees improve their skills, education and careers. 19 employees received \$30,000 in scholarships last year. It helps with emergency assistance when employees need it most. 55 employees have sought emergency financial assistance, usually due to family illness or a spouse losing a job. W·E·A·V·E also supports our employees as they volunteer in greater Richmond and helps engage them in our community. A gift to the Foundation for W·E·A·V·E or any of these other areas is a tax-deductible contribution. This is different from the Employee Christmas Fund, which is a gift to the employees that is not handled through the Foundation and is not tax-deductible.

Thank you so much for the many ways you are generous. Every day we all experience generosity through kindness and caring, and your financial gifts make such a difference!

Beverly Beck

Employee Christmas Fund

It is wonderful that there are two great ways that we can provide financial assistance to our employees. Each year residents generously contribute to the Employee Christmas Fund to provide every employee with a monetary gratitude gift for their dedicated services to all residents. For many of our employees, this annual gift provides monies for school courses, needed car repairs, medical expenses and Christmas presents for their children. Because contributions are considered as a gratuity for employee services, they are not tax deductible.

Most importantly, there are only 28 days left to contribute. The deadline is December 2. Do not miss your chance to let employees know how much you appreciate and care about them! And do not miss the December ceremony when we give our employees their Employee Christmas Fund checks. You will not forget it!

The past 17 months have been like no other. This has been a time of incredible challenges for the residents and especially our staff. Our staff have been there for the residents – now let us be there for them! Let us show them how much we appreciate and care for them. They are truly bright and shining stars! Thank you from all the Employee Christmas Fund Committee members.

Bob Clewell

Veteran's Day

Veterans are encouraged to participate in the Veteran's Living History Display in the Cochrane Commons on Thursday, November 11, from 1 to 4 p.m. This is a chance to showcase your service memorabilia for your friends and neighbors to see and discuss with you. There will be a Veteran's Day band concert in the Sara Belle November Theater at 2 p.m. The items on display in Cochrane Commons will be monitored while the Veterans attend the concert. If you would like to participate in the display, please call Whitney Woodruff at 264-6058.

Lynn McClintock

Pastoral Care Update

We hope you enjoyed the 2021 David F. Peters Lecture by The Most Reverend Bishop Michael B. Curry, Bishop of the Episcopal Church. The lecture will air again on TV970 on Monday, November 8, at 3 p.m.; Wednesday, November 10, at 7 p.m.; and Friday, November 12, at 7 p.m. You can view these dates and times on Touchtown and the digital signs.

Jason Collins

Courtyard Elevator Project

For years we have received valid concerns from residents living in the eastern part of the Courtyard about the distance a resident must travel from their parked vehicle in the parking garage to their apartment, especially when carrying groceries and other personal items. After studying the options, we proposed and received approval from the Finance-Property Committee to install elevators on the far eastern end of the Courtyard Apartments. There will be one passenger elevator for each wing of the east Courtyard from the parking garage level to the fourth floor.

The look of the addition that will house the elevator and the vestibule will blend in with the existing architecture and rooflines. Last week we met with Courtyard residents to review the schematic design. It was received with overwhelming support. Five bidders proposed a design-build solution for the elevator towers. We selected Emerald Construction and design partner Moseley Architects. The project is expected to take six months from groundbreaking. We hope to start this project in late spring.