
PROJECT UPDATE

TO: WESTMINSTER VILLAGE RESIDENTS AND STAFF
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Progress

Walking through the tunnels this morning I saw the last number to the countdown being removed. It is amazing to think that the milestone of the front entrance opening is finally here! With all the last-minute details being addressed as this update is written, it will be with great joy that we will hear the ISU French Horn choir this afternoon followed by Barb's ribbon cutting. We know how happy and excited everyone will be to finally use the new front entrance and walkways to the building. I know that Susan had named them the "funnels" at the start of the project; however, I am sure that there are many other names being used for them especially the last few weeks. Again, thank you so much to residents, families, staff and visitors for all your patience and understanding. Not to be forgotten, Martin Health Center continues to see great progress. We were able to get our first sneak peek at the interior as framing and rough-ins are underway. It is unbelievable to see the work that has been done. To say that the new facility will be incredible is an understatement.

Looking Ahead

Even though we are marking the completion of the front entrance and it will seem as if the activity will slow down for the holidays, Martin Health Center work will continue over the next few weeks. Exterior siding and stone work continues. Inside of Martin, they are framing interior walls and working on overhead rough-ins for both the first and second floors. We are starting to see significant progress with electrical, plumbing and mechanical layouts and we are starting to get a feel of how the finished project will look. As Barb had indicated at the All Resident Meeting, PJ Hoerr continues to be about a month ahead of schedule. With the building fully enclosed and temporary heat in place we should be able to maintain the pace thorough the winter.

Finally, the new service and employee entrance is completely framed and all HVAC equipment in place. The heating unit has arrived and will be installed by next week. If you have walked in the breezeway to Martin you probably have noticed that the block wall was taken down on Thursday to make room for the new door. They will get this framed and the new door in place in the next week or two. We are really pushing this completion so that when staff enter the building we will not have the cold drafty

air that comes in through the temporary entrance. PJ Hoerr has told us this will be completed by the new year and hopefully no later than Christmas week.

With the new front entrance opening today, we would encourage visitors to please feel free to use it. We will be staffing both the “old” front desk and the new permanent desk during normal business hours. After 3:30 p.m. we will be using the new permanent front desk. Also, as Barb indicated in the last update, the current front entrance will remain open until January 8th. After that time you will not be able to enter the facility at the current front entrance as PJ Hoerr will be starting the next phase of the project. You can still use the current Lincoln entrance and access Martin Health Center, but to enter the main building after January 8th you will have to drive over to the new front entrance. The roadways will still connect these areas and signage will be going up closer to January 8th.

Safety

Thanks for everyone’s patience and understanding - we will be out of the tunnels today! Since most of the work will now be at Martin Health Center for the next two weeks there should be limited areas of safety concern. While we look to make sure all loose ends are tied up, and construction crews have cleaned everything appropriately, please feel free to let us know if you find anything that you feel needs attention. As always, please feel free to ask any questions or let us know of any concerns.