

# WESTMINSTER VILLAGE

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## Virtual Tours

Westminster Village now has virtual apartment tours available for Independent Living. These can be viewed on our website at [westminstervillageinc.com](http://westminstervillageinc.com). Our Marketing Team can also email them directly to you. This is particularly helpful for sharing with families or others interested in supporting the decision to move. There's even a measuring function so you see exactly where that couch will fit!

## Winter is Coming

The weather has been so wonderful recently and we pray we have many more days of it. But the reality is, winter is coming. The recent increase in number and availability of Independent Living apartments means you don't have to deal with the burdens of winter this year. Oftentimes we refer to Westminster Village as its own city; complete with a bank, salon, wellness center, spiritual programming, medical clinic, grocery store and of course more educational, social and supportive programming than you can imagine. If you need to go out and don't want to drive, transportation is available. An added incentive to avoid the burdens of winter this year is the housing market. There's never been a better time to sell a home in our area. With Rivian and Ferraro increasing employment, there isn't enough housing which has produced a sellers' market and significantly reduces a stressor for considering a move now to Westminster.

## New Healthcare Relationships

Preventative healthcare and rehabilitation opportunities have been expanded at Westminster. A Physician and Nurse Practitioner from Carle and OSF medical groups are on-site weekly offering appointments for residents. Podiatrists are in the Medical Clinic for appointments twice monthly. Blood draws and specimen collections are offered on-site with the hospital labs running the tests and communicating results to Physicians. Heritage HealthPro provides physical, occupational and speech therapy for residents across Westminster's campus whether it be as a part of a rehab stay in Martin Health Center or outpatient therapy for residents in Independent & Assisted Living. New relationships have been formed with the hospitals and Martin Health Center is receiving electronic referrals from OSF and Carle's Post-Acute Network. Martin Health Center has Physician and Nurse Practitioner partnerships to provide on-site support of residents admitted for rehabilitation so that the goals of a shortened stay and returning safely to an apartment or home are met. For the fiscal year we just concluded, admissions to Martin Health Center were the highest in 5 years. This is evidence of the healthcare community's confidence in the care we provide.



## Construction & Renovation Update

The massive construction and renovation project we started in 2017 is done! The project concluded not only with 6 campus additions, but also with every inch of common space updated and the addition of 48 new Independent Living apartments. With the help of great partners, we came in one million dollars under budget and within one month of our targeted completion date. Currently we are in the process of updating the exterior of the apartment buildings by removing the stucco, replacing it with siding and painting the brick with a protective coating.

This work will be done by early 2022.

## The Safest Place in Town

We so wish this pandemic were over but as the broader community continues to battle it, there is no place in town as safe as Westminster Village. Westminster made the decision in 2020 to mandate the vaccine for team members as it was the right thing to do.

Because we strive to lift team members up at every opportunity, only two people left employment here because of the mandate. This community has been fully vaccinated since the end of February. This month we will hold vaccine booster clinics on-site for residents and team members. Dining, wellness and life enrichment programming are safely occurring at Westminster because we're protected. Vaccinated visitors are even joining residents in the dining rooms. We are safe at Westminster and enjoying life here!

### New Residents

We are so excited to welcome new residents! In the past 6 months, over 50 new residents have moved in to Independent Living! Having increased the number of apartment options and the inventory of 2-bedroom units, the extended wait that some previously experienced for an apartment has significantly decreased. An added benefit of this recent growth is that it's a great time to take part in new resident activities and make new connections. Existing residents have even organized a resident-led orientation. Moving to a place like Westminster can feel overwhelming, but knowing you're not alone makes it much easier.



## Governing Board

Westminster said goodbye this summer to dedicated board members who reached the end of their eligible terms. Leaving the Board was John Gordon, who provided expertise in investments and served as Treasurer for many years, Sue Hurliman who served for many years chairing the Resident Services Committee and Roger Hunt who provided healthcare expertise and chaired the previous strategic planning effort and the Human Resources Committee. As these valued members left the Board, new members were welcomed. The new Governing Board Members are Carlos Armstrong, Dining Services Manager at Bloomington Country Club, Troy Frerichs, Vice President of Investments at Country Financial and Dr. Monica Hall, Assistant Professor of Nursing, IWU. The Governing Board provides valued leadership for our organization and the thirteen members provide diverse expertise and talent.

## Foundation Fountain Park

In July, Foundation Fountain Park was dedicated. This beautiful park-setting is located between the new Assisted Living Building and Building Three. The Park includes a stunning water feature including a 12-foot sculpture, gardens, seating areas and an outdoor recreation area with putting green, horseshoes, shuffleboard and much more. The outdoor recreation area is adjacent to the Club Room patio, and has significantly enhanced opportunities for outdoor socializing and events.

The Westminster Foundation, including many donors, provided for this beautiful space as it had previously provided the Foundation Garden Walk. On both sides of the campus there are now walking paths and beautiful grounds. The Foundation's aim is to enhance the lives of the residents and in recent years not only provided these outdoor areas but also was the donor of our amazing Wellness Center.



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