

August 27, 2021



Dear Residents, Families and Staff,

On Tuesday evening I shared with the residents that, much to our dismay, our construction project will likely be delayed for a considerable period due to supply chain issues, specifically related to our flat roof insulation. Supply chain delays are being seen in many different industries, so it is no surprise that we are experiencing them as well. Our flat-roof materials were to be delivered in June, then in July and now we have a delivery date of October 25, 2021. We already were 40.5 days behind schedule, primarily due to unforeseen conditions on the site and weather delays. The pitched roof is shingled; but, without the flat-roof insulation, we cannot finish the flat-roof and “close the envelope” and proceed with the interior finish work. To do so would compromise the integrity of the interior materials such as insulation and dry wall; it is too great a risk. The current plan is for the construction crew to remain on site and work until October 1st finishing what interior work they can under the shingled roof and completing boiler work. At that time, the focus will shift to the exterior finish on the building as well as landscape work. We are happy to announce that the plan to apply Conestoga Fieldstone and faux windows to the West Elevation has been approved. This plan was favored by the residents living in “A” and “J” who face the West Elevation. This exterior finish will be consistent with the rest of the exterior of the building. If the roof is delivered on October 25th, we will finish the roof and proceed with interior work; if it is not delivered, we will experience a “stop work” period until it is delivered. We will continue to keep you updated. We appreciate the support and understanding you have shown related to this information.

The delay of the flat-roof materials pushes the finish date of the project from the originally scheduled end date of 6/10/2022 to 10/4/2022, assuming the roof materials arrive on 10/25/2021 and we have no other issues. We are currently working on plans to maximize the available interior square footage that can be used by residents for socializing, dining and quality of life endeavors through this time. As such, the main lobby and reception desk will be moved on September 7, 2021. We apologize for the lack of communication when this change began. The new main entrance doors will be Door 1 by Transportation and the Mail Room. This will remain as the main entrance, likely until October of 2022. We are working to make it as user friendly as possible. The current lobby will be transformed into a lounge with comfortable seating, tables and the bar. This space is contiguous with the Auditorium and we believe will result in a nice flow for socializing and dining. We are also working to remove the dining equipment from the auditorium and locate an ideal serving space. Although dining will continue in the auditorium during the cold weather, by removing the equipment we are hopeful that the residents can use the space more easily and readily for programs. By moving the bar to the lobby, this also frees up the Club Room in the late afternoon and evening.

If you have any questions about the information we are sharing, please do not hesitate to reach out to myself or Kathy Barton directly. We welcome your feedback. We know it can be concerning and confusing with ongoing change. Our goal is to make these changes and then have things stabilize so that you can adjust and settle into them. We are also planning some events so that we can enjoy each other and celebrate our strength and adaptability!

More to come on this!

COVID Update

Our current Delaware County Positivity rate is 5% and rising. We continue to move forward with employee vaccination. Sadly, we may see a few staff who choose to leave Dunwoody rather than be vaccinated.

Visitation is open in skilled nursing and personal care, but we ask that you wear a mask at all times and limit visitors to no more than 2 people in the room at a time. Resident visitors must also wear a mask at all times in the Care Center. Children under 12, and unvaccinated children between 12 and 18 are asked to visit outdoors. If the staff ask you to adjust your mask, please comply. If visitors do not comply with our guidance, they will be asked to leave the campus or may risk losing visitor privileges all together. The guidance and policies that we have put into place are to ensure that the safety of residents and the security of their home is preserved. Exposure to COVID, or confirmed cases in skilled care or personal care, results in isolation and a minimum 14 day shut down for all visitors. This is burdensome for all residents and staff living and working there. Please help us to keep these areas open and vibrant by respectfully complying

Dining:

Based upon the extended weather forecast showing the latest heat wave continuing through the remainder of this week, please note that the tent will be closed for dining services until Saturday, August 28 at 5PM. Until then, dinner will be available "to go" with limited seating in the auditorium at 5PM. The Village Grill will open at 5:30PM for "to go" meals. The Terrace dining room will open at 5:30PM. Thank you for your understanding and please take extra care during these very hot summer days.

Aquatic News:

We would like to thank Betty Mensch for her 27.5 years of service with the swimming pool. The staff and residents will miss her pleasant and outgoing personality. We are grateful for all the positivity she brought to our community and we wish her a joyful retirement. We are very excited to announce the addition of Jackie Adams to our Aquatic Team! She is joining us as a part-time lifeguard beginning Tuesday, September 7th!

Hallway Furnishing Project:

Hallway inspections are underway. If you see items with blue tape in the hallway, we have marked them for disposal. If we tagged your item by mistake, please contact Kathy Barton at 610-359-4428 or kbarton@dunwoody.org to discuss. Thank you for your cooperation to beautify our campus!

Construction Update:

The water shut down over the last 3 days went well and was faster than anticipated. This week the new Aqua water main is being tied in. Once all the water tie ins are complete, the excavator will work on grading the site and continuing on the storm drains and rain leaders for future downspouts. Inside the building, the mason is continuing on the elevator shaft and should top it out next week. Many ceilings are being framed, and duct work and plumbing are being installed as well.

Thank you for your ongoing support, understanding and partnership,
Maureen