

## It's Back!

So ...What's Up? Just like during the construction of Asbury Place and the Asbury Neighborhood this newsletter is once again meant to inform our residents and their families about the progress of another amazing transformation on our campus.

The next 16 months will bring lots of change to Fitzgerald, a building that has served its time well, but now must respond to our growing and transforming needs in skilled care.

Expect monthly editions with valuable information on construction progress.

## Construction Timeline

- **Phase 1** -  
March—June  
200 & 800 Hall  
Spa
- **Phase 2** -  
July-October  
600 Hall  
East Wing  
Commons Area
- **Phase 3** -  
Nov.– Feb. 2016  
300 & 400 Hall  
West Wing  
Commons Area
- **Phase 4** -  
March - June 2016  
100 & 500 Hall  
Front Entrance

## Issue 1

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### Construction Begins

Our transformation into a new way of thinking about skilled nursing care has begun. Fitzgerald's 16 month conversion is underway. After more than a year of planning we are finally implementing ways to make Fitzgerald safer, smarter, more pleasing and more energy efficient.

The project will be broken into 4 phases. Each phase will last about 4 months and will include varying degrees of demolition, construction, remodeling and the addition of new elements.

Phase 1 starts with the 200 and 800 halls along with



*Doors of the 800 hall are blocked as the work begins!*

the spa. The 12 rooms on the 200 hall will be completely reconfigured. When the hall is complete it will have only 10 rooms, all with private bathrooms. Across from the spa, 5 new rooms, a new entrance, an updated salon, podiatry and dental office will be built. There will also be a new nursing bay which will allow nurses to be more inte-

grated into patient care areas and provide extra space for medication management.

In an effort to bring nature closer to our residents, all resident rooms will be outfitted with larger picture windows.

Phase 1 will take about 4 months to complete, then phase 2 will begin on the 600 hall.



**Fitzgerald Health Center**  
1985

**Fitzgerald Place**  
2014



**Strickland Place at Fitzgerald**  
2016

### The Project Manager Says:



*West Wing Pond & Pavilion*

#### New Additions to Expect:

- Water features
- Interior gardens
- Open dining rooms
- Video walls
- New HVAC systems
- More efficient nursing care centers
- Larger windows
- Wine & cheese in new cafe

“Our company built the building, we have been part of selective renovations over the years and are excited to now be part of the complete renovation of Strickland Place at Fitzgerald,” says Toby Thomas, the Fitzgerald Project Manager from Frank L. Blum Construction Company.

Thomas says the first phase of construction will include mass demolition

since the layout of the 200 and 800 halls is completely changing.

This phase includes construction of 5 new rooms, and a new beauty salon along with adding a new nursing care bay. Many infrastructure improvements also begin in this phase including the addition of completely new nurse call systems, fire alarms, fire protection systems, and state-of-the-

art telephone and data systems. Work on those will take up much of this and other phases.

Thomas says this project is complex because residents will be continuing life near the work. The Project Manager is confident the phasing plans and extra steps meant to minimize the project’s impact on residents will make the best of a complicated scenario.

#### What You Can Expect

It’s no secret a renovation project of this size always comes with inconveniences and headaches. We are trying to minimize those with a phased construction approach. This schedule allows construction crews to isolate work areas and in turn keep traffic, noise, and debris away from

residents. It also allows us to continue serving resident needs to our best ability.

During Phase 1 expect parts of the front and rear parking lots to be closed. Construction equipment will be parked and stored there. The front entrance will be open during this

phase of construction.

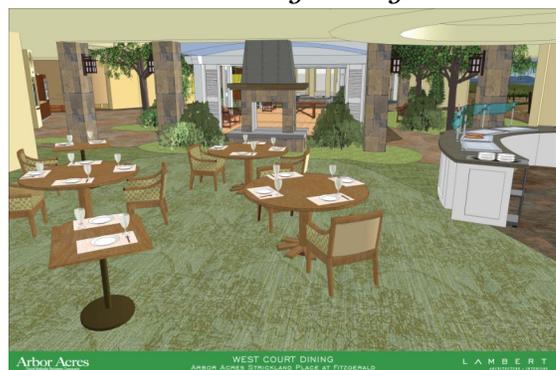
The Spa will be closed, but residents will continue to receive all spa services in a special facility set up on the 600 hall.

Please look for directional signs and if you have specific questions about your loved ones room contact Kathy Gwyn at 724-7921.



*Overview of Areas Impacted in Phase 1*

#### West Wing Dining



Arbor Acres WEST COURT DINING ARBOR ACRES STRICKLAND PLACE AT FITZGERALD LAMBERT