

Construction Timeline

- **Phase 1 - (Finished)**
March-September
200, 500, & 800 Hall, Spa, Nicholson Salon, Podiatry & Dental Center
- **Phase 2 - (Final Phases)**
Sept. - Mar. 2016
400,600 Hall, East Wing Commons Area, West Wing Commons Prep Work, Arborview Entrance
- **Phase 3 - (Underway)**
Feb. - Oct. 2016
100 & 300 Hall, West Wing Commons, Front Entrance

So, What's Up?

What's Up is a monthly newsletter meant to inform residents and their families about the progress of construction projects currently happening on campus.

This next year 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, during construction, with valuable information on the progress and the impact the work may have on our on residents and families.

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Rock'n and Roll'n!

Landscaping in East Court, Closing Down West Court



Rocks and Boulders Outline Natural Areas in the New East Wing Commons

It's unlike anything we've ever seen. "The natural gardens and landscaping being incorporated into East Wing are going to be spectacular," says Les Cranfill, Director of Building and Grounds Arts.

Dry ponds, natural planters, trees and more are being put into place as construction crews begin to put the finishing touches on East Court. The commons area will be a reflection of this renovation project's theme, to bring the outside in.

While the commons area is the focal point, there's a lot more happening. 400 hall

has reopened and is complete, the entrance and dining areas of Arborview are just about finished. Renovations on all major, residential hallways, except 300, are now complete.

The change that's now impacting life in Fitzgerald, is the closing of 300 hall. During regular business hours, the hall is closed. In the coming weeks it will be closed around the clock. Employee dining will also move because the work in Arborview will require those residents temporarily move to 300 hall.



Arborview Entrance

"A major shift in how residents, family members, and staff navigate the building will soon happen," says Les. "Construction is shifting to the West Wing Commons. When it closes, there will be a temporary hallway much like the one around East Wing. We will make sure residents, family members and staff have a safe path to navigate, but it will be different." Another change, the front door and 100 hall will close later this spring.

"People will have to follow the new signs. Getting around the building will be completely different. But in the end, the renovations will be worth the short term inconveniences that are ahead," says Les.

The Project Manager Says...

“The East Court has been challenging. There was no model, no previous plan, that’s what makes it truly one of a kind,” says Toby Thomas, Project Manager for Frank L. Blum Construction. He says, “the final result is going to be something to look at. We are so excited to bring it to life.”

As the second phase winds down, Thomas says his crews have continuously shortened the time it’s taken to complete resident room renovations. Work on 300 hall has now started and he says it, “is a little more invasive and adds an element of traffic to the mix.”

Along with work on 300, major changes are coming in the way the building is navigated as the front entrance, West Court, and 100 hall prepare for closure.

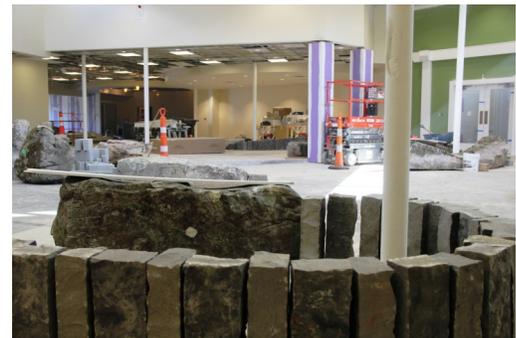
“Traffic patterns are changing as we shift from East to West.” says Thomas. “The West Court will be a custom project as well. We can plan based on what we learned in East Court, but there will be plenty of new challenges as we transform that space.”

Thomas says the coming weeks will bring many obstacles to overcome as his crew’s work begins in high traffic areas like 300 and 100 hall, the front entrance and West Court. “As we begin all these areas, we are working to make sure there are safe paths of travel for residents, family members, and staff.”

“The noise, dust, and demolition is not over,” says Thomas. “As we move through the building we will continue to do our best to keep inconveniences to a minimum.”



Kathy Gwyn and Les Cranfill Discuss East Court Garden Placement



East Court Gardens Take Shape

What You Can Expect:

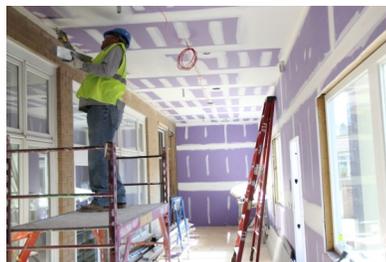
Be prepared for major changes in the way you navigate the building.

In the coming weeks:

- *West Court Closes*
- *New Temporary Hallway Around West Court Opens*
- *East Court Opens*
- *300 Hall Closes Around the Clock*
- *Front Entrance Closes*
- *100 Hall Closes*
- *Temporary Front Access to Both East and West Side of Fitzgerald Opens*

- *Arborview Resident Room Work Begins*
- *Employee Dining Moves*

Please carefully follow all new directional signs and should you have any questions or concerns about the moves or the work please contact Kathy Gwyn at 724-7921.



Crews Close In West Wing Porch For Temporary Hallway Around West Court



Plants and Boulders Arrive for Natural Areas in East Court



400 Hall Reopens