



Construction Timeline

Phase 1 - (Ending)

March-September 200, 500, & 800 Hall, Spa, Beauty Shop, Arborview Entrance

- ◆ Phase 2 (Beginning)

 Sept.- Feb. 2016

 600 Hall, East Wing

 Commons Area, West

 Wing Commons Prep Work
- ♦ Phase 3 -

Feb. 2016 - Oct. 2016 100, 300 & 400 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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Finally Seeing the End of Phase 1, Getting Ready For Phase 2

Paint is on the new walls, the large panoramic windows inside the rooms are being cleaned, all the finishing touches are underway as Phase 1 in the transformation of Fitzgerald is just about complete.

All those months of planning are becoming reality as you can now see what construction crews have been working on since March. The newly added rooms are almost ready. The renovation of rooms, which includes new windows, along the 200, 500, and 800 halls is nearly complete. The new entrance has taken shape and just inside it a new beauty shop, dental and podiatry center are being prepared for opening.

Phase 1 brought with it many challenges from power outages and a lack of air conditioning, to noise, and changes in how the building was navigated. Family members, residents, and staff made the best of the circumstances knowing a totally reinvented, innovative, attractive space was on the horizon.

And while it is great to see the end of one phase, the next will present a different set of challenges. First, 24 residents resding on the 600 hall must move as it and the East Wing Commons Area become the focus of construction.

Residents along the 600 hall will be moved to the newly renovated rooms finished in Phase 1. The ways in which residents, family members, visitors, and staff navigate around the construction will also be changing. Nursing's work stations will also be relocated.

600 Hall Residents and their families should be on the look out for information about the upcoming moves.

Those living, working, and visiting the building should be excited the new areas will soon be open months before the entire project is complete. Hopefully experiencing the new areas will make the challenges of Phase 2 a little easier.





All Resident Rooms Include a Brightly Colored Accent Wall





The New Rear Entrance



Crews Are Finishing the New Beauty Shop

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Phase 1 Celebration Luncheon With Staff and Crew



Installation of New Resident Room Windows



Newly Painted Resident Room Doors

Match Accent Walls

The Project Manager Says...

"Phase 2 will present it's own challenges as the core areas are more artistic in nature. The work we will be doing in Phase 2 is more than just an up fit of rooms and the addition of space," says Toby Thomas the Project Manger from Frank L. Blum Construction.

Thomas says while he is thrilled to see Phase 1 come to the final inspection stages. Once that is complete, Phase 2 will be totally different in nature. Dining areas will be under construction, common areas and core pass-

ageways will be obstructed and closed for much of the work.

Thomas says the first step to Phase 2 is getting residents moved. "I hope that is relatively seamless. We will move aside during that process and once everyone is inside the new space and out of the 600 wing, we will begin demolition."

Phase 2 should take about 6 months to complete.



The Newly Renovated 200 Hall

Construction on The New East Court Dining Area Starts in Phase 2

What You Can Expect

Residents and their family should be aware that while Phase 2 does include some resident moves it will also means a change in where and how most residents dine.

Since the East Dining Room will be closed during all of Phase 2, Dining Arts Staff will be relocating all dining to the West Court Dining Room. Meal times will be extended in order to accommodate everyone. Residents can expect the same quality of food, but everyone's daily routine may be slightly altered until Phase 2 is complete.

Like Phase 1, the front entrance will remain open, but remember the closed off "work zones" will change as crews try to separate the noise, debris and work from residents' daily lives.

Please look for directional signs and if you have any questions contact Kathy Gwyn at 724-7921.