



THE TOWERS  
AT TOWER LANE

# CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Towers Community,

As many of you know, we are on the verge of starting the first stage of our ground floor renovation. We've talked about this exciting project for a few years and it is almost time to officially bring in the heavy equipment and start. As Associate Vice President and lead on the day to day execution of the renovation, I'd like to take a moment and reintroduce myself and talk a little about how we're going to handle communications during this busy time.

We had great success keeping our community informed throughout the pandemic with Gus' update memos and I wanted to use a similar approach for construction updates. My goal is to keep us all informed about what has happened and what might be coming up, in terms of areas of the building being temporarily closed off, any noise that might be made on particular days/nights, or anything that will make the next year and a half a bit easier on all of us.



I am hoping that most of you already know me, but for those of you who haven't met me yet, I was the first guy in the dunk tank at our kick off carnival!

I've had the privilege of helping to support our community for about 4.5 years. I oversee all of our day-to-day operations as I partner with all of our team on various projects. I help create our operating systems and protocols. I'm a lucky guy!!

In these updates, I'll do my best to include some progress pictures so everyone can see all the fun we're having behind the temporary safety walls



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## Our Construction Partner

We are partnering with Montagno Construction on our renovation. Montagno's Project Manager will be Lenny Tamsin. Lenny has a rich history of large scale building improvement projects. He's going to be onsite and my go to person when I need something or need to relay concerns.

Lenny and I have been working together to determine how best to phase the construction. You may have seen him already, as he's been spending long hours using a table outside of the resident welcome desk. I feel like we're in very capable hands!

During our renovation, if there is a concern about anything related to contractor parking, noise, etc., please do share that with me via email or by leaving a voicemail for me. My email is [jesse@towerlane.org](mailto:jesse@towerlane.org) and my phone number is 203-772-1816 ext. 230. Please make sure to leave your name and telephone number when you leave me a message. I'll make sure your concerns are heard by our partners.

## Phase 1, Stage 1 (What does that even mean?)

I've found that shared language is one of the most important things when it comes to successfully managing a project, so I want to share with you the 'phases' and 'stages.'

We've broken our projects into "phases," so "Phase 1" is our Ground Floor Renovation. We do have the potential for a "Phase 2" which would be upgrading our 32 hallways, two new roofs and some building equipment. We currently are working on obtaining the funding needed for Phase 2. For now, we will only focus on Phase 1 in "stages."



Phase 1 is broken into 3 Stages. Stage 1 includes our Dining Room, Kitchen, Café, Tower One Entrance, Front Desk and Operations offices in the Tower East side of our building.

Stages 2 and 3 will start upon the completion of Stage 1. We'll talk about those more in depth as we approach the completion of Stage 1.

## Stage 1 Scope

Stage 1 should take roughly 180 days to complete. It is the most transformative piece of the project. In the days to come I plan to highlight each section that is worked on



and I can share renderings of what the spaces will look like, along with progress pictures. When this stage is done, we will have a brand new entrance to our community and a beautiful display kitchen that will knock your socks off! Though, please keep in mind, we do want people to keep wearing socks in our dining spaces.

## Timeline & First Temporary Closures

I am learning first hand that projects of this size have small delays from time to time as we work through some requirements of our funders. At this time, it looks like we will start construction right after the first of the new year. As disappointed as I was with not starting sooner, I see this as a gift. We can now all focus on our loved ones and the holidays (and the cookies...) and not worry about noise or interruptions during this special time.





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The first temporary closures you will notice are our current main entrance on the Tower One side of our building and our dining tables will move to our Lounge on our Tower East side. As soon as I know a start date, I will let you know in my next update memo.

## Staying the Course

This is going to feel like a long journey for our community. There will be days of rousing success and days of frustration. This is normal for any project of this scale. I think we all would agree with Gus as he reminded us that one of the few positive outcomes of the COVID pandemic is that we all pulled together, stayed strong and can stay flexible when challenged. This certainly will be nothing like the pandemic, but we will all have moments of frustration. We will get through this too and have amazing new spaces for all of us to enjoy together.

I look forward to communicating with you all during this process and hope that my update memorandums help keep us all in the loop. Cheers to the start of a wonderful new chapter for our remarkable community!

Happy Holidays to all my friends-

Jesse Wescott

Associate Vice President – The Towers at Tower Lane

