



THE TOWERS  
AT TOWER LANE

# CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

12/18/2024

Dear Friends:

I hope everyone's holiday season is off to a wonderful start. This is such a special time of year to celebrate all the accomplishments we have achieved of our past year together to transform our campus for 2025.

As I walk from my car to The Towers each day, I look around and feel so proud of this community. I would like to offer an update to each of you regarding our special projects in 2024. These projects were funded through so many dedicated individuals who care about The Towers and our residents. Our whole team is extremely proud of how they managed these amidst a major Ground Floor Renovation Project this year.

## Community Garden

So many amazing folks in our community gave their time and treasure to make this project happen! The first year's bountiful harvest was donated to the food pantry run by our friends at Jewish Family Services. The garden is buttoned up nicely for the winter and the plantings in the ground are ready to grow this Spring. Watching this space go from a tired basketball court to a beautiful backdrop for our residents to walk and chat with their neighbors has been a personal gift for me to see!





## Dog Park – Barry’s Barking Lot

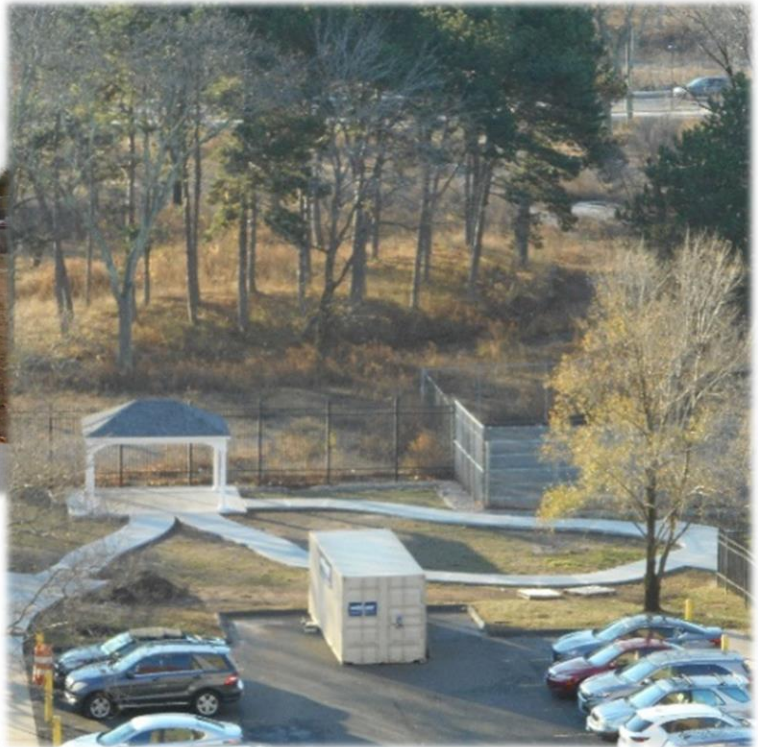
Behind our Visitor Parking Lot there is a piece of land that has been unused for many years. Thanks to the dedication of a small group of volunteers and a most generous donor, this space has been transformed into a dog park. This park is named in memory of our beloved Barry Vine by his wonderful family. “Barry’s Barking Lot” is a wonderful addition to our campus and will give our residents and their pups a special dedicated area to burn some energy and enjoy the outdoors together.



Slated to be completed in Spring 2025 we’ve been hard at work designing and outfitting the space with site work, perimeter rock, gorgeous pavilion, additional walking paths for residents (and play areas for the pups!) and pads for benches.

Finishing touches will include a double entry gate to transition

our pooches from their leads and some small aesthetic notes such as signage and drinking water bowl. Check out our progress.





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## Front Entrance Gates & Main Pedestrian Entrance

Through a federal grant, we were able to reinvent both the vehicle and pedestrian entrances to our campus. There are several safety measures that all intersect here. We have new cameras, arm gates, and a new pedestrian entrance.

The new pedestrian entrance with its branded signage and the swing arm gates with a POV camera are a great means to spruce up the campus and keep our community safer.



## Fire Alarm Upgrade

Using funds from the State of Connecticut we embarked on the journey of upgrading our Fire Alarm system. Our upgrades connect both buildings' alert systems, while adding in the ability for the alarms to have auditory warnings.

This makes The Towers current with the most up-to-date life safety systems. The pictures aren't as striking here, but from an operations standpoint, this upgrade was important and necessary to help keep us all safer from the risks of fire.



## Tower One Elevator Modernization

We all know that our Tower One elevators have needed to be replaced—years ago! Utilizing State of Connecticut grant funds we tackled this project this year too. The modernizing of the two 55 year old elevators in Tower One has required much patience from all of us, especially our wonderful residents. These cars are undergoing the same modernization that were completed about 6 years ago Tower East. This process will make the cars more efficient and hopefully less prone to breaking down.



The ride should be smoother thanks to the new lift mechanism. Notice the picture above with the side by side old (tan color) versus the new (green). The car aesthetics are really nice now too and better lit.

We have an elevator completed. The second car should be in service in late February.

## Personal Emergency Response System (PERS) Upgrade

Using grant funds from the Area on Aging, we are almost wrapped up with an upgrade to our Personal Emergency Response System. The new system allows response times from our staff because this system informs our Front Desk team to know exactly where a resident is anywhere on our campus when they use their emergency pendant.

Our community has so much to be grateful for this year. I personally am so lucky to be part of such a wonderful team and am even more proud each day when I see how much we have accomplished. Thank you to each of you. Have a Happy and Healthy 2025. Fondly, Gus