4/19/2024

Moving into Stage 2 of the Renovations

After months of progress and patiently waiting this is the official notice for the opening of our Dining Spaces and New Tower One entrance: Hurrah!

Please forgive the length, but the next stage of work involves changes to several areas and we want to share details so that our community understands what is coming up and knows who to talk to about accommodations if they are needed.

The renovations will now take place simultaneously in both Tower One and Tower East. We'll look at each facet of the next stage.

These changes will start on or around 5/1/2024 and will involve the following:

Closure of Tower East Entrance

- As of 5/1/2024 the Tower East entrance will be under construction so it will be closed to all foot traffic for a few months
- We understand that some of our Tower East residents may need parking accommodations for their vehicle. Please call your Resident Service Coordinator to request a change; we'll do our very best to work with everyone
- Please remember to allow yourself extra time to get down to the Tower One entrance for all pickups and rides, etc. and make sure to inform the drivers that you're booking rides with to stop at the Tower One driveway to do your pickup

Opening of New Tower One Entrance

- As of 5/1/2024 the new Tower One Entrance will be open
- The desk arrives about 2 weeks later so for a period of time you'll see one of our Front Desk Officers sitting by the new doors buzzing people in
- The current Tower One desk and living room will be under construction

Ground Floor Bathrooms

- During this stage of construction the two bathrooms outside of the Café will be the only ground floor bathrooms available
- Our team will step up the frequency with which we clean these due to the foot traffic increase, but should you notice a bathroom that needs cleaning please let our front desk know immediately

Temporary Programing and Spiritual Services Space

- The Tower East Meeting Room, which houses all our amazing programming and spiritual services will be closed as of 5/1/2024
- We will host all of those programs and services in the Tower East Living Room for about 2 months and then move into another temporary space as construction progresses
- The TV will remain in the space and residents are welcome to use it when programming or services are not currently happening. Our staff/volunteers will turn the TV off when they need to run a program
- There will be a pause in some programs from 5/1/2024 to 5/6/2024 to allow our team to set up the new programming space; watch for flyers to inform you about other programs and their locations

Suggestion Boxes for Gus, Tenant Council and Bill Pay Boxes

- There will be temporary locations for boxes where residents leave checks for finance and notes for Gus or Tenant Council
- In Tower East, those boxes will be mounted near the mailboxes on one of the temporary sheet rock walls. These boxes will be on camera to help safeguard the notes and checks
- In Tower One, the suggestion boxes will be mounted on the temporary sheet rock wall near the elevator lobby. The check drop box will remain next to the Finance office door on the 1st floor

Library

- The library space will be closed to help construct a much needed conference room in Tower East
- There will be a new library space constructed closer to the Tower East living room
- For a period of time, until construction moves into that area, there will be a temporary library set up outside the Convenience Store. It will be scaled down to fit the space allowed and books that don't fit will be sorted, stored and some will be donated to a local library (we have no doubt the library will fill right back up once it reopens)

Community Garden

- The garden is open & we welcome you to enjoy some fresh air while walking on the path
- Benches are on their way and will be installed as soon as they arrive onsite
- Gardening spaces are being prepared and we're partnering with a local Girl Scout Troup to help us finalize the layout; it's almost growing season!
- We are so grateful for the community donations and seeing the engraved pavers and dedicated benches is just tremendous
- Grass seed and plants will be deployed soon on the inner portion, with nice mulch beds going on the outer sections; it's going to be beautiful!

Dining Services

We've saved the best topic for last; we'll be welcoming residents to dine with us in our new spaces, but we're going to do this slowly to make sure we allow Morrison the time to get acclimated to the space. Here are the highlights and dates, so please digest (pardon the pun...) this section carefully

- The last dinner served in the temporary dining space will be the night of 4/30/2024 as we close out Passover
- All meals from 5/1/2024 to 5/5/2024 will be DELIVERED. Please make sure you
 are circling your meal choices for that week on the printed menus and return
 those menus to Morrison in the bin outside the Convenience Store
- To order a single meal from 5/1/2024 to 5/5/2024, please call the Dining Ambassador phone between 7:00am and 4:00pm
 - That phone number is 203-535-9921
- Starting on 5/6/2024 we will open the Café for Breakfast and Lunch Service –
 ALL residents are welcome to dine with us
- Café hours will be from 8:00am to 2:00pm
- Dinner hours will be from 4:00pm to 6:30pm
- Between 6:30pm and 7:00pm, Dinner can be ordered, but it will be packed up for you to dine in your apartment
- With regard to Dinner, there will be 4 phases of opening as follows:
 - The week of 5/6/2024 we will serve the residents who are currently dining with us in the temporary dining space in the same time format we're using now
 - The week of 5/13/2024 we will welcome another group of residents; that group will receive an invite to come down for dinner
 - The week of 5/20/2024 we will welcome another group of residents; that group will receive an invite to come down for dinner
 - The week of 5/27/2024 we will fully open using the no reservation, open seating concept

As a gentle reminder, the Café and Dining Room are considered Kosher space and NO outside food is allowed in these spaces



Patience & Flexibility

As we pivot from this first stage into the second we wanted to share gratitude for the patience while the new areas were constructed. In that same light, we're asking for flexibility as we enter into this second stage.

We understand that this stage re-routes traffic inside the community and our teams have been working tirelessly to ensure resident life goes on with as little disruption as possible.

We're very proud of how they've stepped up and gone above and beyond!

We know this pivot coming up will have bumps in the road, but the juice is well worth the squeeze here!

Jesse Wescott
Vice President – The Towers at Tower Lane



Please come visit the Garden!