

Feeling a little nostalgic as we announce that this will be the final Construction Update for our project(s).

Our first update letter came in November 2022; thank you to all who have read along as we shared our progress on the ground floor renovation, and all the other large-scale projects we completed as well.

In that first letter (back when I had hair....), we talked about staying the course and how the pandemic brought our community closer than ever before. We were unified in strength to do all that was needed to preserve health and life.

Now, as we are getting ready to close out this project, I'm reminded how resilient and amazing this community is. This letter is a testament to you. Let it serve, not only as gratitude for all the hard work and long hours spent, but also as a heartfelt expression of thanks to you, our residents and families. Without you, none of this would have been possible. Without you, we'd never have been able to dream big or bring about the largest change to our campus in years.

Finishing Touches on the Ground Floor

We "cut the ribbon" on the bathroom suite outside the Café and Dining Room. We didn't have actual ribbon, so we used toilet paper; it felt fitting.

We replaced 2 single use bathrooms with a suite that can accommodate 10 users.

This allows us to open our doors more freely for events and ensures residents won't have to wait during mealtimes.





The Janie Holmes Library and Silverman Reading Room are nearing completion, and our wonderful volunteers have already begun the creation of a category system and layout for our books.





We're proud to share that all the other beautiful spaces you've read about in our updates are being well used by residents and our programming staff.

The last piece of renovation, or the 0.01% still left to complete, is moving steadily. We expect to have ramp finished within a few weeks and residents have already begun to use the gentler slope with ease.

The final step of the project, beginning in August, will be the punch list completion.

The designer, architect, builder and Towers staff will perform several walk throughs and call out the small details that need to be completed or fixed. Once this step is done, we'll say farewell to our partners and happily take back several parking spots!



Completion of Additional Capital Projects

We've shared along the way that our team also completed several large-scale capital projects, thanks to generous donors and grant funding.

 Community Garden – Residents are enjoying the shade structure over a paver laden seating space. There is a walking path with benches under shade trees and a large area of roll up garden beds that produce vegetables, herbs and flowers.



- Upgraded Fire Alarm System Bringing the ground floor and hallways up to date with the latest alarm system to help keep our building safe. The project will also enable us to upgrade all the apartments in one of our next phases.
- Upgraded PERS System Personal Emergency Response System (PERS) now boasts an enhanced locating function that helps us further cut down on response time for residents who have made the choice to purchase Towers pendants.
- Tower One Elevator Modernization The two oldest elevator cars have been modernized and will help ensure smoother travel for our residents in Tower One. Doing this work in a building that is as active as ours was a heavy lift (pardon the pun).



- Entry Gate & Additional Cameras Through grant funding we have added to our camera capability and our entry gate allows us to see who is coming onto our campus for greater resident safety.
- Barry's Barking Lot (Dog Park) We recently opened the gates on our beautiful dog park, thanks to the Vine family.

Residents and their pups can share the space with neighboring pups and their humans for intergenerational and interneighborhood interactions.



See You at the Ribbon Cutting

You'll hear from us next when we invite you to our official ribbon cutting ceremony. We hope you can join us to properly thank the donors, supporters and members of the CT delegation who helped make this dream a reality.

With all that said, I'd like to highlight our amazing team who all touched this project in some fashion and kept this community going no matter what these projects threw at us. Beyond proud to share this journey with them.

Signing off now; if you want to chat, I can be found sitting in our café, enjoying New Haven's Kosher Pizza......if you haven't tried it, you're missing out. Thank you and see you at the ribbon cutting!

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