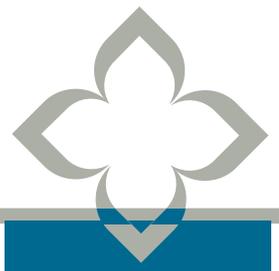


# Master Plan Updates

Information related to our upcoming renovation



Keeping  
our  
residents  
informed  
about the  
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## First Issue for 2016!

In an effort to make sure that our residents are up-to-date regarding the Marjorie Lee Master Plan, we are re-invigorating our *Master Plan Updates* newsletter that we used during our last renovation. We will be distributing this newsletter on a monthly basis. *Master Plan Updates* will include construction updates, information related to decisions and the planning process, etc.

### Architectural Drawings

As we mentioned during our resident meetings last fall, one of the key tasks needed to be completed prior to construction this year is finalizing the architectural plans. The staff have been working with our architect, SFCS, on the detailed plans.

Creating architectural plans is a process that spans more than a year with a project of this size. The first round of plans are referred to as “schematic” and are general in nature. They help determine what services or amenities will be located in a particular area. Next, the design development phase further refines the details of the plan. Finally, “permit” or construction drawings are very specific and give the contractor enough information to build the space. We have formally completed the design development phase. The hard work has paid off and I am pleased to share that we are ahead of schedule! This has al-

lowed us to speed up the next round of construction documents as well as pricing and bidding.

### Certificate of Need

A **certificate of need** (CON), in the United States, is a legal document required in many states and some federal jurisdictions before proposed acquisitions, expansions, or creations of facilities are allowed. In the State of Ohio, the development and acquisition of nursing home bed licenses is governed by a CON process. This process is in place to ensure that providers such as MPL do not arbitrarily add nursing beds. Instead, providers must apply for nursing beds and demonstrate that there is a need for beds in a particular community. If there is a need for a bed, the State grants a facility a license to provide care. Nursing home bed licenses can be purchased from other providers that are no longer using the bed license or that has low occupancy.

As part of the Master Plan, we will be expanding the number of nursing home beds available at MPL. We, therefore, needed to purchase bed licenses and apply through the CON process. Again, our hard work is paying off. Doug Spitler, Paul Scheper and Laura Lamb have been working on the application with our consultant. Our application was submitted to the state late last week. The review process can take up to 90 days. Based on our consultants review of the application, we are very optimistic that the state will approve our application.