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## *Progress continues on this new Independent Living expansion! See more..*





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## Summer Update

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## CONNECTING THE PIECES

The new 156 Independent Living apartments and Community Center are bringing much more than new living options and amenities to Mason Pointe. The expansion is providing new opportunities to the Mason Pointe community. With the addition of Independent Living, Mason Pointe will be a full Life Plan Community, which also includes Assisted Living, Long Term Care, and REACH Short Stay Rehabilitation.

Not only are the two Mason Pointe buildings coming together figuratively, they recently came together literally with the construction of a bridge that connects the new Independent Living building with the existing Mason Pointe community.

This connection is a clever design that allows residents to walk indoors from their homes to the Community Center on two levels above the two-lane road below. Plus, eight apartments are located on the bridge, four on each level, making for a unique residential location with convenient access to everything the Community Center has to offer.

The bridge connects to an expanded area of the Community Center that is being added to accommodate the casual and private dining restaurants and the market. A new kitchen built to support the restaurant venues is located in this area as well. An outdoor dining terrace with firepit provides a beautiful finishing touch to this expansion.

This new addition is being built on a hillside with multiple elevations, which made for a complicated foundation. The bridge and its connection to the complex Community Center addition took talented architectural,

engineering, and construction skills to design and complete. Now that the tricky part is complete, all the spaces are under roof. They are finishing up rough-in and sheeting.

Inside the apartment building, work on finishes is moving along at a good pace. At the southwest wing, which is the furthest along, carpet was just installed and they are applying the final coat of paint and cleaning those apartments for punch list.

The other wings are at various stages of completion, with flooring, doors, cabinets, countertops, sills, shelving, trim and appliances being installed. Finishing work is being done in the corridors and on the outside brick work and siding are wrapping up, as is work on the decks. Final grading of the site has started.

*"We are making good progress with construction, even with the current pandemic challenges," said Brian Bell, senior project manager for BSI Constructors. "Our biggest challenge has been cabinets. More than 75 percent of our kitchen and bath cabinets are on site, but the factory in Pennsylvania temporarily closed during the COVID-19 pandemic. The factory opened up again on May 4th and we just received the updated delivery timelines. We were happy to learn that cabinet delivery will have minimal impact on the construction timeline. We don't anticipate any major delay in completing the building."*

While the apartments are nearly 75 percent reserved already, there are still great options available! Call 314.626.8996 to learn more.





Mason Pointe Independent Living residents have complimentary access to the LSS Move-In Resources Team to help prepare, plan, and move to their new homes. Pictured left to right are Move-In Specialists Pati Slay, Cindy Waddell, Kathy Schneider, Jan Schrader, and Karen Bernstetter. Not pictured are Alana Grimshaw, Ashley Herrera, and Joy Brother, Director of Move-In Resources.

## An Inside Look HELP WITH A BIG MOVE

Moving is a big undertaking. There are so many considerations and decisions to make. Wouldn't it be great to have someone who has done this a lot help you along the way? That's exactly what Mason Pointe Independent Living future residents are getting from Mason Pointe and Lutheran Senior Services (LSS).

*"Mason Pointe is part of an organization that has years of experience in building, opening, and operating Life Plan Communities," said Kelli Gould, Director of Community Sales and Marketing. "New Independent Living residents have a wealth of knowledge at their fingertips with Mason Pointe and the LSS team."*

*"It's evident LSS has done this before," said Nancy Helms, a future resident of Mason Pointe Independent Living. "They've moved many people and have the experience to make the move into this new lifestyle less stressful."*

To help with the logistics of moving, each future resident has complimentary access to the LSS Move-In Resources Team who assist with selling the home, planning furniture layout, hiring a moving company, and much more. The Move-In Resources Team also helps future residents coordinate on move day, taking a huge load off those moving in and their loved ones.

But there are still big picture questions about moving. To answer those and keep future residents updated, LSS hosted an Update Luncheon with presentations from BSI Constructors, LSS Move-In Resources, and the Mason Pointe Team.

*"Everything is so well done and well planned," added Helms, who attended the Update Luncheon with her husband. "The events are very informative and they throw great parties. I had shared I was interested in hearing more about the construction decisions and Brian Bell with BSI Constructors was included in this event as a presenter. His presentation addressed many topics. The team has responded to residents' requests throughout this building process." Helms was especially happy to learn about the varying size and maturity of the trees that will be planted throughout the property.*

In addition to hearing directly from the builder, future Mason Pointe Independent Living Residents heard about the move-in process and were able to ask questions of presenters to help them better plan for what to expect when their move date comes.

*"When we started talking about moving to Mason Pointe, my husband wasn't sure we should be doing this," added Helms. "Then we thought about what we want to be doing the next 15 to 20 years of our life: Struggling through unknown economic challenges or enjoying what our life could be? That's why we decided Mason Pointe would be a good transition into the next phase of our journey."*

### Mason Pointe COVID-19 Update

A Note from Drew Redman,  
Mason Pointe Executive Director.

As this newsletter goes to press, there have been no cases of COVID-19 for five weeks at Mason Pointe. Earlier in the pandemic, we experienced a few cases. The numerous precautionary and infection control measures we put into place, along with our dedicated staff and ample supply of personal protective equipment (PPE), were effective in stopping the virus from spreading.

The health and safety of our residents and staff is our highest priority. As part of Lutheran Senior Services, we have the strength of our 160-year tradition of excellence providing support, expertise, and resources during this unprecedented time.



## Team Spotlight

# JULIE WALTERS

Growing up in the St. Louis area, Julie Walters, Mason Pointe Independent Living Senior Living Associate, was introduced to Lutheran Senior Services (LSS) at an early age. In fact, her first job was working in dining at an LSS community! Julie enjoyed this experience so much that she continued exploring different opportunities with LSS and is now at Mason Pointe Independent Living.

### **What do you enjoy most about working with new residents of Mason Pointe Independent Living?**

The residents are by far my favorite part of my job. I really enjoy forming relationships with them, answering questions, and helping with appointments. It's wonderful to hear the excitement of people who are reserving an apartment and how excited they are to move in.

### **What are you most excited about for the new residents of Mason Pointe Living?**

So much! I really enjoy wellness myself, so I'm excited that residents will have the Community Center, the wellness programs, and all the classes to support their health and well-being. I know how helpful wellness and having classes you enjoy can be. I love yoga and do it at least twice a week. It will be great for Mason Pointe residents to have access to programs and classes that they can enjoy too.

### **What are you doing when you're not helping new residents?**

My husband and I have four dogs and a cat so we're super busy taking care of them! We love food and trying new restaurants all over St. Louis. We love downtown, The Grove, The Hill, there are so many fun neighborhoods in St. Louis to explore. We also have lots of family in the St. Louis area so we get to see them often and enjoy spending time with our nieces and nephews.



### **What are your favorite warm weather St. Louis area activities?**

We enjoy riding electric scooters around the Arch on the weekends. It really makes you feel like a little kid again! We also just started hiking, so we're looking forward to exploring more of the parks and trails around the area.

## — SALES & MARKETING TEAM MEMBERS —



### **Kelli Gould**

Director of Community Sales and Marketing



### **Julie Jones**

Senior Living Counselor

## Want to learn more about Mason Pointe?

We have great renderings of the new Independent Living area! With our virtual reality tour, we can take you for a "walk" through the grounds, show you where your new home could be, and help you see what your view could look like in every season! Call 314.626.8996 to learn more.

*\*Apartment and building pictures are renderings of Mason Pointe Independent Living.*

