

Christie Lane Industries April 1st, 2016 Update

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And now-- for John's usual excuses & apologies:

by John Schwartz

April is a big month for CLI. As of Friday, April 1st, CLI is the provider of record for adults that have chosen "Christie Lane" for their non-medical transportation and/or adult day array services. Just another plea for everyone to be patient with the mess that is the CLI front office for a little while longer. This should be a pretty seamless change for our clientele-- but it is a big shift for staff. We're making some office and work assignment changes this spring. If you are someone who attends the workshop to get a paycheck, these new work assignments will mean more money in your pocket because we are forming work-first priority crews for you. The plan is for these new crews to pay a steady \$8.10/hour + for the whole work day instead of piece-rate. This will also enable us to assign more staff to small, community-based groups. For people who'd rather stay in the building, but aren't here for work, we are making some big physical changes to accommodate more personal space and more activities.

The old CLI office space will be completely empty at the end of the day on Tuesday, 4/5. On that day we are officially moving the CLI front office to the former nurse's station. Dennis, Holly, Swick & I will still be up front as soon as you walk in the building, but after Tuesday you'll come in and turn left instead of right.

Why the changes? The reason is to make more space in the workshop building for people to spend quality time out of their wheelchairs and to make more space for alternative activities. You are invited to the big Christie Lane open-house on Monday, May 23rd from 5pm - 7pm. We'll have the whole shop open and we'll be running shuttle bus tours uptown to the new space at 16 West Main Street.

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Brace Yourself for Route Changes

**We will be changing workshop routes on
Monday, April 18th.**

Look for lots of notes from Kelly Sommers about your driver & personal pick-up and drop-off times. Kelly will also be touching base by phone with people at home to make sure that everyone is up to speed on the changes.

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16 West Main Street Project Update!

Check out www.christielane.com for the latest pictures of the construction progress. The ramp is ready to pour. The building inspector has done his walk-through and we are hoping to start putting this egg back together again! We'll be picking up the white pine planks for the floors next week & the drywall should be delivered next week as well. The furnace has been moved so that it is out of the way and pumping out heat once more.

- SHOP TALK - With Jen Swicker

Business as usual with the workshop. We continue to be busy and we are still looking for anyone interested in cleaning.

There will be one change on the horizon and that is that we will be developing a **Priority Work Force** that we count on everyday to be at work and complete any work that we may have in the shop. We will start assigning folks to this group based on what you have indicated in your ISP and on attendance and regular acceptance of work assignments.

If you do not wish to be in this **Priority Work Force**- please contact Jen or John ASAP. This group will be given priority to all jobs and assignments in the workshop. We will still offer work to everyone interested in working, but if there is limited work at any given time the assignments will be given to those on the **Priority Work Force**.

If you have any questions regarding the **Priority Work Force** please feel free to contact Jen or John.



Getting Out and About by Holly Binkley

Since the former CLI front office space is now cleared out, you are probably wondering who will be inhabiting that space. This suite style layout will become space for those folks who have chosen facility-based, integrated day programming.

Staff Tammy Jamison, Lynn Kuhn, Alysa Dublo and Kris Dublo will be giving this space new life and purpose. Their vision is a mix of both small, quiet spaces and small group, more active spaces where folks can choose to relax on their own or participate in a variety of activities.

The current senior group will be shifting from their current location, and those who would like to continue to do activities with senior friends will have the opportunity to do so through pull-out, more individualized activities. Please stay tuned as we continue to improve our services for senior folks.

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