

Mayor's Update

For people seeking information in the aftermath of yesterday's fire at The Towers of Chestnut Hill (250 Hammond Pond Parkway), please call the following hotline number: 617-796-1800. In addition, a Resident Assistant Center is now open at Newton Fire Headquarters (1164 Centre Street) to help the residents dealing with the aftermath of the fire.

At this time, we do not know when residents will be allowed back in the building. When there is more information, we will post it on the front page of the city website at www.newtonma.gov.

Shortly after noon yesterday, there was a fire in one apartment on the 8th floor of the South Tower at The Towers of Chestnut Hill. The sprinkler system was activated in that unit and the Newton Fire Department also used hoses to extinguish the fire.

There were three minor injuries to residents during the evacuation process.

Because of electrical issues, both the North and South Towers were evacuated yesterday. All residents found a place to stay with friends, family, or a hotel overnight.

I'm deeply grateful to the excellent response from a wide range of departments, including Fire, Police, Health and Human Services, and Senior Services. I am also grateful to the immediate and helpful response from the Red Cross. Thanks in particular goes to Fire Chief Bruce Proia.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor of Newton

