



New Samaritan hospital coming to Lincoln City

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Moving closer to shovels in the ground

As we near the end of 2017, we can proudly report that we are making steady progress toward the start of construction of our replacement Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital.

During design development workshops in November and this week, a large number of frontline staff, managers and executive staff continued to work diligently on the details of their new workspaces – from the Medical/Surgical patient rooms to Materials Managements storerooms and all the rest of the clinical, support and public spaces that will be our new hospital. Decisions are being made always with an eye on the comfort and quality care given to patients and families, multi-use spaces and employee work efficiency. This phase of workshops will wrap up before Christmas, bringing us one step closer to shovels in the ground – that is, obvious site work underway – by summer 2018.

City Council update: budget and construction market

On Dec. 11, CEO Dr. Lesley Ogden presented a project update to Lincoln City’s elected officials. If you are a Charter/Spectrum TV subscriber you can turn to channel 4 to hear her report. Or, you can view a video of the city council meeting online at LincolnCity.org. Go to “Agenda, Packets & Video,” click on the video for the Dec. 11 meeting and forward to the 42 minute mark. Dr. Ogden gave an enthusiastic and detailed report which seemed to be well received by the mayor and city councilors.

A couple of points Dr. Ogden touched on in her report were budget overages and construction labor shortages. Every detail of design and construction comes with a price tag, and the initial estimated total is about \$3 million higher than our allocated \$35 million budget. Because the design hasn’t been finalized, much of this cost overage is the result of educated “guestimates” and uncertainties. The professional designers and builders who are guiding us through this process have been identifying cost reduction strategies that will bring the dollar figure into line without compromising on quality.

As for construction labor, the region’s economic recovery has been good for the construction industry – which means they can command their prices and their timelines for work. There are big projects underway in our county, including the new construction at our sister hospital in Newport, Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital. To help offset tight resources, we have realigned our construction schedule and are securing contracts now with mechanical, electrical and plumbing partners for work that will begin months in the future.

At right is the proposed front exterior view of our new hospital.

**QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS
ABOUT THIS UPDATE OR THE
NEW HOSPITAL PROJECT?**

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