

## New Samaritan hospital coming to Lincoln City

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### **Kerchunk-thud-kerchunk-thud!**

That is the rhythmic, vibrating and loud sound of a massive impact hammer supported by a towering crane as it pounds steel foundation pipes down to bedrock, about 60 to 70 feet below the surface.

This lovely sound of progress being made on our replacement hospital building can be heard for a few blocks around and across Devils Lake, but the response from neighbors so far has been accepting. In fact, some of our Lakeview Senior Living neighbors seem intrigued, watching from the safety of their sidewalk across the street.

The work is progressing rather smoothly so far. At last count, 22 pipes were in place, with 69 to go. If this quick pace continues, the loud pile-driving work should conclude before Sept. 19. Eventually, the steel pipes will be filled with concrete up to the building's main elevation (floor level), and then the excess pipe will be cut off and capped. Stay tuned as we move forward with foundation work.



### **Water line tie-in a success!**

Switching the hospital's water service from the existing water line—which inconveniently crossed straight through the construction zone—to the temporary water feed line went smoothly. Beginning around 10 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 24, this project was completed in under four hours. Now that the old water line is no longer in service, site excavation and pile driving in the area closest to the south entrance can continue.

Lots of preparation helped make this planned hospital water outage happen without inconvenience or harm to patients and staff. Every possible need for water during the outage was considered and a mitigation plan put in place. For example: surgical instruments were pre-sterilized, buckets were pre-filled with cleaning solutions, portable toilets and sinks were brought in for staff, commode chairs were available for patients, ice maker bins were filled, bottled water was available, etc.

Also during these wee hours of the night, our Emergency Management and Engineering staff were on site and the general contractor, Skanska, had extra parts on hand to deal with any unexpected situations.

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

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