

New Samaritan hospital coming to Lincoln City

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Sound of silence signals end of noisy pile driving

Success! After fulfilling its function, the 130-foot tall crane that arrived at our construction site on Aug. 22 was disassembled on Sept. 6 and lugged away the following day. The clanging noise and vibrations caused by hammering 91 steel pipes some 60 to 80 feet down to bedrock lasted just seven days in total and ended far sooner than originally anticipated.

From a Marketing point of view, the noise was a wonderful way to remind everyone in north and central Lincoln City that we have, indeed, begun work on our new hospital building!

Foundation is next

The next steps are to dig and form the footings for the foundation and to excavate for mechanical, electrical and water systems. Then, the rebar-lined steel pilings will be cut off to ground level, filled with concrete, capped and connected to the grade beams. And, since most of us don't know what a grade beam is, it is a long, reinforced concrete beam that transfers the weight of a building to supporting structures as part of the building's foundation. It is called a grade beam because it is built at grade or ground level.



Temporary road work underway

With the pile driving completed, the temporary helipad access road is being finished and a second temporary access road is being built along the far east side of the work zone, for use during construction. Also, work is taking place at what will be the future site of the new hospital's main driveway.

Some miscellaneous items:

- The budget for furnishings, fixtures and equipment (sometimes calls FF&E) is being finalized now.
- Speaking of FF&E, the North Lincoln Hospital Foundation is responsible for the capital campaign to raise \$7 million to furnish and equip the new hospital. Following a very successful Summer Gala weekend which raised \$196,000, the campaign is now nearing \$5.5 million in donations and pledges.
- Our talented and multifaceted Engineering staff have already begun remodeling the north section of the Health Professions Education Center (HPEC) and they should be done with that work later this year. Our general contractor, Skanska USA Building, will handle remodeling of the space that will be the new home for Physical Rehabilitation.
- Value management solutions are being pursued as related to steel, mechanical equipment, exterior skin, roofing, etc. In other words, the construction team is looking for the most economical and suitable materials for our project without compromising on value and quality.
- The SHS Project Management Office has begun work on a preliminary move-in schedule. At this point, the project is on schedule to be completed in the fall of 2019—or just over one year from now!