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NEW SAMARITAN HOSPITAL COMING TO NEWPORT

DEMO AND DIGGING

Over the next couple weeks, the construction crew is prepping the portion of the clinics wing set for demolition (everything to the east of the former Walk-in Clinic). They will peel brick off the building, and construct an exterior wall between the demo site and the remaining clinic area. You'll also see them dig a trench for electrical conduit and at some point soon, adding new doors from the Surgery corridor to the Healing Garden. (By the way, if you can tolerate the screech of the equipment, the roses are gorgeous right now.) [Photos below: Guy cutting into the brick; roses in bloom in the SPCH Healing Garden.](#)



HELPING THE LOST FIND THEIR WAY

There are many signs to direct patients to the new location of the Walk-in Clinic, but there are a fair number of bewildered patients looking for their destination. A reminder: the clinic has moved behind the Emergency parking lot. Patients should park in that lot and enter the modular unit by way of the ramp/steps. If you see someone looking lost, please help them find their way. We will have many opportunities to practice our welcoming skills during the construction process! (Deep breath, everyone)

PARKING

SPCH is in negotiations to lease parking space near the hospital for staff, but it's taking longer than expected. In the meantime, please leave the best parking spaces nearest the hospital available for patients, and get a few more steps into your day.

CHANGES WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE

Changes aren't always easy, and there will be many to come in the months ahead, so let's celebrate the changes we look forward to. Send your thoughts to this question: "In the new hospital, I can't wait to see..." to tschug@samhealth.org, and we'll add them to an upcoming update. In the meantime, here are two:

- The Emergency Department will have a “fast track” section for more immediate service, and this section will be isolated from the trauma area so that patients will not be exposed to the chaos that often comes with emergencies. Better for patients; more efficient for staff.
- The cafeteria will be about four times larger than today’s space, giving families a place to get away for meals and breaks.

GROUNDBREAKING PHOTOS

Photos from the May 23 groundbreaking are below: [More than 200 attended. Drs. Ogden and Bigelow spoke and posed for the ceremonial dig along with Dr. Larry Mullins, CEO, Samaritan Health Services; Dr. Ralph Breitenstein, president, Pacific Communities Health District Board; and Jason Brown, pre-construction manager of The Neenan Company.](#)



QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS ABOUT THIS UPDATE?

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