

NEW SAMARITAN HOSPITAL COMING TO NEWPORT

GOODBYE, YELLOW BOARD WALLS

Say goodbye to those yellow walls; the masons are here. They'll be laying our beautiful brick starting this week on the galleria and continuing counter-clockwise around the building.

FIREPROOFING AND WATER-PROOFING STILL CONTINUES

Fireproofing of the steel beams continues and is nearly complete on both the first and second floors. The third floor will take longer because they have to get up under the roof as well. Speaking of roof, the sealing of it continues. Crews hope to have the roof completely sealed up within the next week so that the building will be fully "dried-in" and water-proof.

INTERIOR ROOMS ARE TAKING SHAPE

As the installation of mechanical, electrical and plumbing conduit continues, framing of walls is also going up. Now, with only a little bit of imagination, you can see that rooms are becoming more real by the day. Work is concentrated right now in what will be Surgery.

Remember the cardboard mock-ups of hospital rooms at the very beginning of this project? Well, a more sophisticated mock-up will take place in a few weeks of a surgery recovery room. Crews will work to get that room fairly complete with all the medical gas outlets in place for teams to view and, if needed, to make minor tweaks to the rooms going forward. A similar procedure will be done for other patient care areas as construction continues.



Welcome to SPCH Surgical Services! Operating rooms on the left; recovery on the right. (Neenan photo)

CENTRAL UTILITY PLANT GETTING MORE CONCRETE

Pending suitable weather, cement pads will be poured soon to hold mechanical equipment at the Central Utility Plant (CUP). That equipment will begin to arrive soon for installation.

MEETINGS, MEETINGS, AND MORE MEETINGS

New hospital meetings are springing up all over campus, as transition details and move-in planning begins to amp up. Groups are forming around such topics as licensure requirements, equipment planning, patient flow in the transition between building phases, the purging of the “88 building” and much more. Moving a hospital is not a simple matter.



First floor (Neenan photo)



Bonus photos: (left) Three young deer inspect the construction site on Monday, April 9; (right) A beautiful rainbow ends at the new hospital “pot of gold” on Tuesday, March 13 (captured by Pamela Martin in Pharmacy)

Questions about the new hospital project? Ask me and I’ll get you answers: Tricia Schug, SPCH Marketing, tschug@samhealth.org