



NEW SAMARITAN HOSPITAL COMING TO NEWPORT

ROAD CLOSURES ON 9TH STREET COMING SOON

Starting Tuesday, Sept. 4, Ninth Street will be closed to through-traffic for five days to install a new water line. Closures will take place from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day in increments, beginning with the southernmost end of the street at the intersection with Bay and moving north to Abbey. During the closures each day, the hospital, clinics and other SHS buildings will be accessible but not necessarily via the usual routes. Once that water line is in place, construction crews can begin testing lines for the new hospital for any leaks or other problems.

TRANSITION PLANNING AMPING UP

Starting the week of Sept. 10, managers will meet in transition planning sessions every two weeks to go over details of the upcoming move. At present, we are still working toward January 31 as the date when we will “go live” in the new facility. Many details on both the construction and planning side must fall into place first, so the date is still considered tentative. Staff training dates in the new facility will be announced soon, likely to take place after the holidays.

NEW HELIPAD POURED; EMERGENCY ENTRANCE DRIVEWAY IN PROCESS



The new helipad (left), which is larger than the current one, will be on the same level as the Emergency department and located directly outside the ambulance entrance, located at the far right. Just inside this ambulance entrance is a decontamination room for use in hazardous materials incidences.

FLOOR-BY-FLOOR UPDATE

Most of the first floor is now painted and flooring will begin soon. Surgery booms are due to arrive within the week, and since they are large pieces of equipment installed in the ceiling, completion of these rooms cannot move forward until they are in place. On the second floor, drywall is complete, and painting has begun. The third floor has been framed and drywall is going in now.

MAIN ENTRANCE GALLERIA BEING FRAMED

The main entrance will link the old building with the new and will include a large ceiling feature that will resemble the ripples a drop of rain makes when on a body of water. Just like that drop, health care has ripples into all areas of the community. Shown here is the main entrance from the first floor looking up and the second floor looking toward the large windows.



INPATIENT ROOMS TO BE ROOMIER; MORE EFFICIENT

On the third floor, all inpatient rooms will be private rooms with generously sized bathrooms. See below left a standard room, taken from the doorway with the bathroom in the upper right. For the Birthing Center, relaxing tubs for laboring mothers have arrived. Carmen Eisenbarth, maternity care coordinator, as you can see, discovered them on a recent walk-through.



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