



## **NEW SAMARITAN HOSPITAL COMING TO NEWPORT**

### **DRYWALL HAS BEGUN ON THE FIRST FLOOR**

While the installation of metal framing and interior mechanical conduit represents noticeable progress, once drywall starts going in, walls become clearly delineated rooms. Drywall installation — an important construction milestone — has now started on the first floor. It will be an ongoing process, going from north to south, first floor to third, but interior rooms are taking shape in clear ways.



*Surgery rooms in process (Neenan photo)*

### **“BOX WALKS” IN PROCESS**

You’ve probably heard the adage, “measure twice, cut once,” meaning it is better to double-check accuracy rather than to make a mistake. Hospital managers are working right now with construction crews on this very thing, making sure that room outlets are in the correct location based on department requests made early in the project. To do this, managers are taking “box walks” onto the construction site to make sure outlets in their departments are, indeed, located correctly.

### **RIBS, PANELS AND GLASS**

On exterior walls that won’t be covered by brick, silver ribbing is going up to hold fiber/cement panels.

Along with the brick, those panels will be our building's final façade. Additionally, installation of window glass is taking place.

#### **TRAINING WORK GROUP IN PLACE**

Staff training on the new building will be an important aspect of getting the new building ready to receive patients. Employees will need to practice working with the new medical equipment. There will be mock drills on such things as: how to run a code, how to exit the building in case of fire and how to find our way around the new building and quickly changing campus. A planning group began meeting last week to plan the extensive training required before the new hospital can be licensed and approved for operation.

#### **LOOKING BEYOND THIS PHASE**

Thanks to a seismic grant received by the hospital to retrofit the 88 Building, the entire building will be gutted, and the current brick will be removed and replaced with brick that matches the new hospital. Purging of old items that are not moving into the new hospital will begin shortly. Also, during the first six months of Phase Two, parking will be severely restricted. A planning team is currently exploring ways to minimize the pain for everyone, including the leasing of nearby lots and offering incentives for staff that would free up close-in parking for patients.



*View of hospital from airplane, May 22, courtesy Michael Harper, SPCH Pharmacist*

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