

## NEW SAMARITAN HOSPITAL COMING TO NEWPORT

### NEW PARKING LOT OPENS LATE IN THE DAY ON FRIDAY

Finally! Parking relief is within reach.

Striping in the new parking lot at the southwest of campus is being done today, and, if all goes as planned, the lot will open to visitor and patient parking (only) late in the day on Friday. There is still some work to be done to the sidewalks along 9<sup>th</sup> and Bay streets, but those areas will be fenced off. The parking lot can be accessed by Bay Street only at this time, and drivers can drive right up next to the building to drop-off or pick-up patients. This will now be the main access to the Emergency entrance for patients. The temporary black asphalt driveway that we have been using for patient access will be closed Monday morning.

This lot will offer approximately 90 parking slots, which may not be enough to hold all those who use our building each day, so patients and visitors can continue to park in the two lots on Ninth Street for additional parking. They would continue to enter the hospital through the Ninth Street entrance.

### SHUTTLE SERVICE TO STOP END OF THE MONTH

With the addition of the new lot and ease of access into the building for patients, the hospital will stop our taxi shuttle service at the end of the month.

### RETENTION PONDS IN PARKING LOT

A quick note on the retention ponds in the center of the parking lot. While they are called “ponds” these will not hold water. When we get rain, the water is designed to quickly dissipate from these ditches in a controlled release into the ground. The landscaping currently in place will grow up so that these areas will be filled in by vegetation soon.



### **SEISMIC WORK CONTINUES ON 88 BUILDING**

To help stabilize the building in an earthquake, helical piers, or anchors, are being added to our existing foundation at a depth of just over 10 feet. Additionally, “buckle resistant braces” or BRBs, are being installed. These steel beams will help to provide lateral resistance to keep our building in place during a seismic event. While all new structures being built today have them, ours are unique for our seismic zone, and the ones being installed now are much larger (stronger) than those used in 1988.

### **ADDITIONAL INTERIOR WORK**

Inside the skeletal building, crews are grinding and resurfacing the concrete slab on the second floor. They will then follow up with a topical sealer to seal up all porous surfaces and keep the moisture out of the flooring. Overhead sprinkler mains are mostly done on the first floor, and overhead plumbing has started on the first floor. They are pouring concrete for the stair tower on the west side of the building this week. Soon, they will be replacing about 45% of the existing, rusted metal studs with new ones. A vibration consultant has been on-site this week to make recommendations for construction enhancements to minimize vibration in the area that will house the new cardiac rehab gym.



### **QUESTIONS ABOUT THE NEW HOSPITAL PROJECT?**

Send them to Tricia Schug, SPCH Marketing, and she'll track down answers for you: [tschug@samhealth.org](mailto:tschug@samhealth.org).

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