



NEW SAMARITAN HOSPITAL COMING TO NEWPORT

PUT A LID ON IT

Within the next couple of weeks, construction crews will be focused on getting a roof on the first part of the building. The stacks of white packages out on the construction site are sheets of a rubber-type material for our roof. It will be glued down and pinned through layers directly into the insulation. Nearly simultaneously, they will also be fireproofing the perimeter steel and the steel located underneath the roof. The fireproofing material, which resembles wet paper-maché, is sprayed on to the beams. A similar process will happen soon on the Central Utility Plant as well.

STEEL NEARLY COMPLETE

Weather permitting, all steel could be done as soon as Feb. 1, with the exception of one remaining beam around the air handler unit, that little boxy “penthouse” on the top of the building. That last beam won’t be placed until the air handler system goes in.



Photo taken from web-cam on Jan. 30, showing “penthouse”

You may have noticed the vertical metal studs around the exterior of the first half of the building. This is the skeleton framing that will hold our walls. You can now see where windows will go, and a more clearly defined shape to the building. On the first floor of the building’s west side, substrate is going up

to hold the walls, and it is now possible to imagine the long corridor that will connect the hospital's main entrance with Diagnostic Imaging and the Emergency department.



West side of building from Jan. 30, showing metal "skeleton" and yellow substrate going in

BEHIND THE BLACK WALLS

What's behind the black curtained walls? As you may have already figured out, those blankets are being used for weather protection for the construction crews. These insulated "concrete blankets" are typically used in freezing temperatures to insulate freshly poured concrete and prevent it from cracking. Since we don't have freezing concrete issues here, the blankets are better used to keep people warm while they detail the steel.

BEAM SIGNING AND TOPPING OUT

During significant construction projects, it is a tradition to have a "topping out" recognition at the time the final steel beam gets hoisted into place. Sometimes, particularly on skyscraper projects, construction crews place a tree on the last beam to honor their work. During the week of Feb. 12, we will have an opportunity to sign the final beam before it is hoisted up and placed near the air handler. Details are still to be determined, but watch for further information in the coming weeks.

DRONE VIDEO CONSTRUCTION SITE FLYOVER

If you haven't yet seen the video from early December taken by drone, you can see it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S3JiHfWysgQ>. Note: Video is 3:51 minutes and there is no sound. Or find it on our website, samhealth.org/NewHospitalNewport, just below the web-cam photo.

Questions about the new hospital project? Send them to Tricia Schug in Marketing: tschug@samhealth.org and I'll get answers for you.