

NEW SAMARITAN HOSPITAL COMING TO NEWPORT

FRAMING NEARLY DONE; WEATHER BARRIER INSTALLED SOON

While the outside of the building looks unchanged, construction crews have been busy inside the 1988 Building. Framing is nearly complete on the second floor and will soon begin on the first floor. One new feature is the addition of a stair tower, to be located behind the set of old elevators; that tower will also be framed in this week. Soon, we will see the sunny yellow weather barrier on the building exterior, preparing the building to be dried-in for the installation of electrical and other work coming this fall and winter.



Second floor framing is nearly complete in the 1988 Building.

AIR HANDLERS ON THEIR WAY

Our two air handlers are being hauled here in pieces from Minnesota and should be here within a couple weeks. As they arrive, cranes will be on-site to lift the air handlers up to their home in the penthouse. During that time, parking on the west side of 11th Street will be closed to allow for the large equipment to be maneuvered into place.

MORE PEOPLE ON-SITE, COMING SOON

Starting in August, there will be up to 100 more construction workers on-site –from drywallers to electricians. As it was with the first phase, we can expect more congested on-street parking when they arrive.

PARKING LOT WORK CONTINUES ON BOTH SIDES OF BUILDING

The former asphalt driveway that served as patient drop-off at the Emergency entrance will soon become part of the parking lot, with approximately 20 additional parking stalls. Meanwhile, on the other side of the building, saw-cutting of concrete is in process on Abbey Street to prepare for the installation of the driveway to what will be the employee parking lot. The new drive will be widened from the original drive to allow for side-by-side entry and exit lanes.



Work to install the second half of the patient parking lot outside Emergency continues.

SIGNAGE IN NEW PARKING LOT TO MAKE IT CLEAR

We have been told that patients are still unsure whether it is okay to park in the new lot. Please be reminded that the lot is open to all patients and visitors, and not only for those with emergencies. The fencing around the lot continues to confuse people, but the sidewalk on the parking lot side ends abruptly and would not be safe, and until underground work can be done in the third phase of the project, the fence will remain. Large banners are coming soon to be attached to the fence, hopefully, making it clearer for patients that the lot is patient and visitor parking.

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE NEW HOSPITAL PROJECT?

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

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