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NEW SAMARITAN HOSPITAL COMING TO NEWPORT

THE BEST LAID PLANS ...

The last hospital project update was optimistic as Phase III completion seemed to be moving along smoothly and swiftly. Sadly, the coronavirus pandemic has had a far-reaching impact, even on construction projects. Most all job site activities on the Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital campus – in particular, demolition of the 1951 building – are on hold until the threat to public health subsides. Also, it is necessary that building demolition begins only once we are assured that it can be completed in a swift manner, as it is not safe to have a partially demolished structure exposed for a period of time.

Meanwhile, crews are monitoring the job site for safety and security measures, with the hope that work can recommence in a few weeks, with a date to be determined. It is expected that crushing and grading of the '51 building site will happen approximately 20 days after that.



View from Dr. Lesley Ogden's former office in the 1951 building.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS...

Now, moving on to recent accomplishments:

- All departments and staff were successfully moved into the totally renovated 1988 building. This includes Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation, Oncology and Infusion, Wound Care, Laboratory, Pharmacy, Administration and the Yaquina Bay Café.
- The 1951 building has been emptied, abated and prepared for demolition.
- Decommissioning of two underground fuel tanks is underway. This includes pumping and emptying the tanks, then drilling and testing soil samples to ensure there is no contamination.
- Design work is in progress on vehicle charging stations. This includes determining an appropriate number of charging stations, where these charging stations and transformers will be located in the hospital's main parking lot, etc.

Reminder: Throughout the duration of Phase III work and the COVID-19 pandemic, there is only one public entrance to the hospital, via the Emergency Department, and only one employee entrance, located on the east side of the building near Materials Management.