

NEW SAMARITAN HOSPITAL COMING TO NEWPORT

BUILDING BEGINS TO STAND TALL

As the steel frame of our new building goes up, it becomes easier to imagine what the new facility will look like. In the currently erected section, you can picture our new galleria (minus the curved canopy), Surgery and parts of Diagnostic Imaging on the first floor, part of the new Clinics space on the second floor and part of the Inpatient floor, including a large public lobby area. As new beams are erected and bolted down, there will be detail work done and then floor decking will go in, with inserts for mechanical, electrical and plumbing, and finally, concrete. These processes will be done in sections at a time. The goal is to “fly up” (via crane) 55 to 60 beams each day, and to get the roof on as quickly as possible.

WEATHER CAN BE A ‘DOWNER’

Our coastal weather, of course, can ruin any admirable goal. When wind gusts reach 30 mph, the crane must be shut down. During shut down, construction crews work on other projects to help increase efficiency later in the process. An example: the open-webbed joists in the roof. In down time, crews have connected single joists together to hoist the whole section at once, rather than one piece at a time.



Photo taken Nov. 27, from the roof of the 1988 building looking between 2nd and 3rd floors.

CENTRAL UTILITY PLANT TO GET DIFFERENT TREATMENT

Behind the steel structure is the footprint of our soon-to-be Central Utility Plant (CUP), where all the mechanical, electrical and plumbing “brains” of our building will reside. That building will not be structured with a steel frame, but will be built with masonry block. Built for durability and not necessarily beauty, it will still be constructed from block sporting a handsome color that blends in beautifully with our new building.

WATCH IT

See the worksite live on our webcam here: samhealth.org/NewHospitalNewport

Also, watch for periodic updates and photos on the hospital Facebook page here:

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