



NEW SAMARITAN HOSPITAL COMING TO NEWPORT

LAST BEAM...CHECK

The final beam was secured into place on Wednesday, Feb. 21, and now has been roofed over. This penthouse area will house the air handlers, which are now in place and bolted together. Crews are also working now to connect ductwork between the handlers and the building.



*Final beam headed to the penthouse on Feb. 21. Notice all the signatures!
Neenan Co. photo*

KEEPING THE WIND ON THE OUTSIDE

Much of the structure is covered in yellow, weather-resistant barrier (WRB) substrate. As that continues to be installed, crews are adding another barrier resembling red paint to cover the seams and screw joints. All of this will help to keep Newport's notorious winds where they belong — on the outside.

INSIDE PROJECTS

Inside the structure, fireproofing continues. Because the steel needs to be at least 40-degrees to hold the fireproofing material, the spraying process is taking place in sealed off areas warmed by heaters. At present, much of the first and second floor fireproofing is complete.

Also, inside, fire sprinklers are being installed, as well as conduit for mechanical, electrical and plumbing.

MOCK-UP SHOWS MATERIALS UP CLOSE

Out in front of the Neenan trailer on 11th Street, you can see a mock-up of the new building, showing the

materials that will be used on our project. This is where crews work out any concerns before they get out to the jobsite.



Inside, this guy is installing fire sprinklers. Look closely and you can see the fireproofing paper mache-like materials clinging to beams. Neenan Co. photo

MEANWHILE, PLANNING CONTINUES

Before our building can be occupied, it must pass a multitude of inspections. A team from Newport and Corvallis has started planning this month on the licensure work that will need to take place. All operations will need to be approved by the Oregon Health Authority prior to move-in. Additionally, other state boards and governing bodies must review plans and conduct inspections after projects are completed. To make sure every “i” is dotted and “t” is crossed, it will mean a mind-boggling amount of planning and paperwork, as well as workflow drills, new equipment training and much more.

This week, managers will have a last review, room by room, of their departmental space to make sure every detail that has been planned for has made it correctly to the final plans.

AND THIS IS JUST PHASE ONE

While the excitement over the new building is growing, it is important to remember that this will only be the first phase of a longer project. Once we occupy the new building, the 1988 building will be gutted down to the studs and completely renovated. Then the 1950s building will be demolished and a parking lot created. The full project won’t be done until early 2020. *Deep breaths, everyone.*

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