



## NEW SAMARITAN HOSPITAL COMING TO NEWPORT

### PREPPING OUR BUILDING'S 'FACE'

Slowly, but surely, our building's façade is beginning to resemble the architect drawings, as brick installation continues around the galleria entrance and the west side of the building. We can expect masons to be working for another month or so. Meanwhile, insulation is being added to the exterior in preparation for the June installation of the fiber-cement exterior panels. The brick and panel combo will be our final façade.



*View of hospital front, facing west, showing brick work Neenan photos*

### WINDOWS GOING IN NOW TOO

The installation of commercial windows is done one piece at a time, rather than the complete window system done in a home installation. Crews are now installing the flashing and frame, with the actual glass to follow in several weeks. Those windows will be a lovely feature of our new building by offering our patients remarkable, healing views of the ocean, the Bayfront and bridge. Our building may have the best views in all of Newport.

### PLANNING FOR 'GO LIVE' AMPING UP

The anticipated "go live" date for the new building is January 31. While the date could shift, it gives departments a goal to work towards for the intricate planning ahead.



*Interior framing continues as crews work from north to south, first floor to third*

#### **ALSO IN PROCESS: PLANNING FOR TRANSITION AFTER 'GO LIVE'**

While move-in planning groups are at work, planning is also underway for the transition following the new building opening. Two things will happen within days of going “live” with the new building. The entire 1988 building must be completely vacated so that renovation can begin. It sounds simple on paper, but literally, every single bit of everything must be removed so the building can be torn down to its studs. Also, just after “go live”, there will be an uncomfortable period of six months in which parking will be severely restricted for both patients and staff, and there will be fluctuating main entrances to the hospital. Committees are hard at work to make this transition as pain-free as possible.

#### **SOME ALREADY ON THE MOVE**

Meanwhile, our Rehabilitation Services (Physical Therapy) department has moved to its new permanent location, inside the SamFit building, located at 1111 SW 10<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Our Kidney Specialists clinic recently moved into the modular unit, alongside Walk-in and Occupational Medicine clinics. Additionally, several non-Samaritan clinics who partner with us have also moved. New locations are as follows:

Mid-Valley ENT & Allergy and Silver Falls Dermatology are now in the former Rehabilitation Services (Physical Therapy) space. Please note: these offices are only accessible from outside the hospital at the west entrance off 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The Corvallis Clinic (for sleep medicine) is also located within the SamFit building at 1111 SW 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. (Sleep studies are still conducted within the hospital).

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