



Meeting the Neighbors



TOP: RMH President and CEO Jim Krauss talks with neighbors of the new hospital site at a neighborhood meeting held at the Harrisonburg First Church of the Nazarene Sept. 8. More than 30 people who live close to the new hospital came to hear an update on construction progress and transition planning. They also took bus tours of the site, like those coming in October for employees.

ABOVE: Transition Planning Director Judith Trumbo talks with new hospital neighbors Flo and Lewis Guerin during the neighborhood meeting and site tour. Along with being a neighbor of the new facility, Flo serves as a volunteer at RMH.

Reserve Your Seat Now...

Fall Employee Bus Tours of the New Site

Thanks to the nearly 100 employees who responded to our recent online bus tour survey. Based on your feedback, we have selected these days and times for fall bus tours:

**Monday, Oct. 20 and Wednesday, Oct. 22
Noon-1 p.m. and 3:30-4:30 p.m. both days**

To register, please call RMH HealthSource, x4580, by Friday, Oct. 17.



Project Update

- Brick work is 85 percent complete.
- Window installation is 25 percent complete.
- The metal studs for hanging drywall are 95 percent complete. Placement of drywall in the Ambulatory Surgery Center will begin in mid-September.
- The building's energy-saving roof has been installed. It will be monitored and repaired as necessary if damaged during construction activities.
- Major equipment such as boilers, chillers and air handlers are in place and being hooked up.
- There will be heat available in the building this winter.
- Wiring and plumbing for individual outlets and sinks are being installed in the areas on the west side of the building.
- Base paving is ongoing on the road and parking lots, with a goal of completion by late fall.
- Final selections are being made for interior finishing materials.
- The electrical substation is nearly complete.
- The staircase from the lobby (first floor) to the café (lower level) is in place.
- About half of the elevators are in place, though not operating yet.
- Planning efforts continue for the methane gas lines that will run from the Rockingham County landfill to RMH.

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Working in the New Hospital: What About Parking?

Our decision to build a new hospital and health campus was based on a commitment to meet the needs of our growing community. A key challenge in accommodating that growth is providing adequate parking for patients and employees.

As everyone knows, we've maxed out our parking capacity at our current facility because we're "landlocked" by JMU and other neighbors. Parking at the new facility is an opportunity for improvement in employee and patient satisfaction.

At our new hospital, our parking situation is going to be much better for our customers, both internal and external. In fact, it will be about 680 spaces better. Imagine that! Our new facility will have a total of 1,888 parking spaces, including 51 for handicapped persons. Compare this to our current facility, where we have 1,209 spaces, including 36 for handicap.

- **Lot A**—The main visitor parking lot. With 314 spaces, it will serve all hospital visitors, Cancer Center patients, medical imaging patients, Heart and Vascular patients, conference center attendees and cafeteria patrons.
- **Lot B**—Parking for the medical office building, with 463 spaces intended for MOB patients and MOB staff.
- **Lot C**—Employee/physician parking with 221 spaces, 96 of them for physicians.
- **Lot D**—Employee parking lot, with 617 spaces.
- **Lot E**—Emergency Department and Family BirthPlace parking, with 58 spaces immediately outside the ED walk-in entrance.
- **Lot F**—On-call physician parking, overflow parking for ED and Family BirthPlace, and overflow employee parking, with 114 spaces.
- **Lot G**—Ambulatory Surgery Center and outpatient parking, with 101 spaces.

We're also planning a courtesy shuttle service to assist those parking in remote locations on campus. The shuttle will likely run from 5 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday to Friday and noon-8 p.m. on weekends. A Harrisonburg Transit bus stop will be located on the loop road around the hospital.

"We are excited to see this project come together," says John Olmstead, RMH parking coordinator. "Over the last six months the new hospital parking workgroup has met with transition planning officials and considered many factors, but most importantly, our priority is the comfort, convenience and safety of our patients, visitors and staff."



★ main entrance



Art Selection Begins for New RMH Hospital and Health Campus

RMH is calling upon the talent of local artists as it begins art selection for the new hospital and health campus scheduled to open mid-2010.

According to the mission statement for the new hospital art selection committee, "RMH seeks to nurture an atmosphere of healing for patients, families and visitors at its new facility by selecting visual art that reflects the personality, culture and natural environment of the surrounding Shenandoah Valley."

RMH anticipates selection of multidimensional, innovative pieces that will enliven the new campus and engage the public, noted Merv Webb, vice president, Foundation, and chairman of the art selection committee for the new hospital.

To accomplish this goal, RMH is working with The Ambiance Group of Nashville, Tenn. The Ambiance Group is an art services company specializing in art for healthcare, senior living and corporate environments. The company provides art consulting, framing and installation and has helped furnish artwork for hundreds of health care facilities across the U.S.

The Ambiance Group will help RMH to assemble a permanent art collection for its new facility. All artists are asked to deal directly with the Ambiance Group in submitting work for consideration.

To have work considered for display at the new hospital, artists should submit a portfolio that: a) conveys the style of the artist's work, b) includes digital images of artwork, c) includes artist biography and d) preferably comes in the form of a Web site or e-mail with attachments.

All inquiries and submissions should be directed to Ginny Parker at ginnyp@ambianceart.com or The Ambiance Group, 6015 Neighborly Avenue, Nashville, Tenn., 37209. For more information, visit www.ambianceart.com.