



Project Update

- The first coat of paint has been applied on half of the interior.
- All doors will be delivered by the end of April.
- Air handlers, boilers and chillers are undergoing test runs.
- Cabinets, floors and ceiling tile are being installed.
- About 550-600 workers are onsite daily.
- Bids for work to enhance entrances and add turn lanes to the new hospital at Port Republic Road and Reservoir Street should go out in May; work on these entrances is set for completion by the end of 2009.
- Work is set to begin in May to construct a three-story, 83,000 sq. foot medical office building that includes the Cancer Center on the first floor. This building will connect to the new hospital.
- The first draft has been created for a landscaping plan to manage new hospital campus land outside Medical Campus Drive (the road circling the hospital). The campus of the new RMH hospital includes various habitats, including forest, farmland, wetlands and open fields.
- The yellow pipe along Reservoir Street is the natural gas line set to be installed by Columbia Gas. This line will connect the new hospital site with the main line near the Costco location on Reservoir.



Above: The new hospital at dusk
Above left: Heart and Vascular Center pre-/post-op area
Above right: Virginia Funkhouser Health Sciences Library entrance.
Bottom left: Feathered friends visit the new hospital

Here's What You're Saying...

"It's just a once in a lifetime thing. Every time I think about it, my excitement grows more and more. It's state-of-art, that's true. But what's really special is that we got to design this from the ground up. On the team I worked with, everyone is so excited. This is the kind of thing you tell your kids and your grandkids about. This is the late-night stuff as a leader that pumps you up. It's bigger than the physical structure. It's also what we're going to be able to do for our patients and our families. My grandchildren are going to get treated there. This is legacy stuff. It's a once-in-a career opportunity to create a future that's just going to be phenomenal."

—Stan Holland, RRT, Pulmonary and Sleep Services director

"The windows and the views from patient rooms and public areas are striking, but there are also windows in the stairwells, so you have that contact from outside wherever you go. The views are beautiful from east or west, whichever way you look out. The size of the patient rooms will make a tremendous difference with patient satisfaction. I've also been glad to see the community involvement through the RMH-JMU Collaborative and the wetland management project. I am pleased and proud that RMH is taking into consideration the natural resources that were there previously and using those in any way we could. I drove past recently, and as I came around the turn, I thought 'Oh my gosh!' They've made such good progress and it's just a beautiful building. It's exciting."

—Linda Riddle, RN, nurse staffing office manager



Transition Planning: Operation Clean Sweep

Throughout the months of March and April, RMH team members participated in Operation Clean Sweep, an organization-wide project to lighten the load as RMH prepares for its move in 2010.

GOING GREEN

Fuel Efficient Vehicles

Are you driving a fuel efficient vehicle? You may be surprised by the answer! Fuel efficient vehicles produce lower emissions and get more miles per gallon—easier on the environment and the wallet. They may not necessarily be the latest model or newest car, and they need not be a hybrid vehicle.

The following is just a sampling of fuel efficient vehicles as defined by the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE). All achieve greater than 20 miles per gallon (mpg) in the city and greater than 30 mpg on the highway. Is yours on the list? A complete list is available on RMHOnline.com and RMHepicnet on the new hospital site.

Chevy Cobalt	Kia Rio	Toyota Corolla
Dodge Caliber	Kia Spectra	Toyota Matrix
Ford Escape	Mazda 3	Toyota Rav4
Ford Focus	Nissan Altima	Pontiac G5
Honda Accord	Nissan Sentra	VW Beetle (new)
Honda Civic	Saturn Ion	VW Rabbit
Hyundai Accent	Scion xD	
Hyundai Elantra	Toyota Camry	

It's Electric! Emissions-Free Vehicle Sparks Conversation

Carmen Schrock-Hurst, Hospice volunteer coordinator, purchased an electric-powered vehicle three years ago. The Chrysler G.E.M. (Global Electric Motor) can run 25 miles on 8 hours of charge at night. Schrock-Hurst plugs the car into a regular outlet, and it uses about the same energy as a computer, she says. She drives the car for her 4-mile commute to work, running errands and driving her son to school. She and her husband, Luke, purchased the used vehicle for \$3,000; newer ones run about \$12,000.

For more information, go to www.gemcar.com.



Dumpster Days

Employees sorted through old files and disposed of broken equipment during Dumpster Days. The Cath Lab and Family BirthPlace were the “winners,” filling the most bins respectively, said Lori Gravely, Materials Management director.

A total of 80 percent of paper waste was recycled, said Bernie Ferguson, Environmental Services director. Environmental Services staff helped sort recyclable waste from Dumpster Days as they were able in addition to their regular workload, he said.



Supply Swap

RMH Senior Administration assistants organized a supply swap for departments to share and trade excess working office equipment and office supplies. Through this effort, employees filled two conference rooms with furniture, filing cabinets, chairs, bulletin boards, office supplies and equipment, said Gina Delaney, administrative assistant.

Also invited to participate were Harrisonburg and Rockingham County Schools, Mercy House and the Salvation Army, Delaney said. “We had a lot of participation,” she said. “The schools were especially happy to get overhead projectors for their art teachers.”

Donations to Friendship Industries

Throughout April and May, RMH will undergo a major cleanout of the South Tower, said Gravely. Already, some furniture, carpet and equipment in need of light refurbishing has been donated to Friendship Industries of Harrisonburg, she said. Other usable medical equipment will be donated to medical mission work, she said, and portion of furniture and equipment will be auctioned and resold.



Above: Administrative assistants (from left) Sally Smith, Katrina Lintz and Gina Delaney show off wares collected for a supply swap.

Above right: Chad Eaton, retail operations director for Friendship Industries (left), meets with Carl Simon, RMH Plant Operations, to receive donated materials.