

Construction update

Dec. 13, 2005

Trees and construction

Removal of trees within the construction area begins this week.

Our tree plan calls for retaining as many trees in the construction area as possible, while still meeting our construction goals.

Before deciding which trees to keep and which to remove, we had an arborist inspect the trees in the construction area. The arborist determined which trees were diseased and therefore must be removed, as well as which trees would not survive the site work necessary to install utilities (e.g., electricity) and/or parking-lot development.

We reviewed the trees in the area of the new surface parking lot (where the old Bush School used to stand) and identified which trees we could keep while ensuring adequate parking spaces when the parking lot is finished.

We're also recycling the trees that are removed from campus. Most tree debris will not go into the landfill but will be ground into wood chips which can be used in creating other wood products. None of the trees will be available to anyone for personal use.

Road work on Oak Street

December marks the beginning of road work for the construction project. You'll soon see construction crews digging trenches on Oak Street, in front of the Family Birth Center. These trenches will house additional electrical services.

Urgent Care demolition

In the near future, the building that used to house Urgent Care and Occupational Medicine (on the corner of 12th Street SE and Leslie Street SE) will be demolished.

Don't forget that Urgent Care and Occupational Medicine have moved to a new location at 1002 Bellevue Street SE, between Winter and 12th Streets. Patient parking for Urgent Care is in the Bellevue Street parking lot. Occ. Med. patient parking is in the parking lot east of the Family Birth Center. If you're on campus, it's just a short walk across the foot bridge from the Family Birth Center to the new location.

Parking plan

Everyone has questions about parking. The parking plan, including where patients, visitors, physicians, and employees will park, and how people will be moved around campus, will be finalized, and publicized, in January.