

Salem Hospital construction update

Sept. 15, 2006

Tree plan

Coming soon: It has been the intent of the project to save the large fir tree, across the street from the hospital's main entrance, as part of the new campus. However, an arborist report has revealed that the tree's roots were damaged when the visitor garage was built.

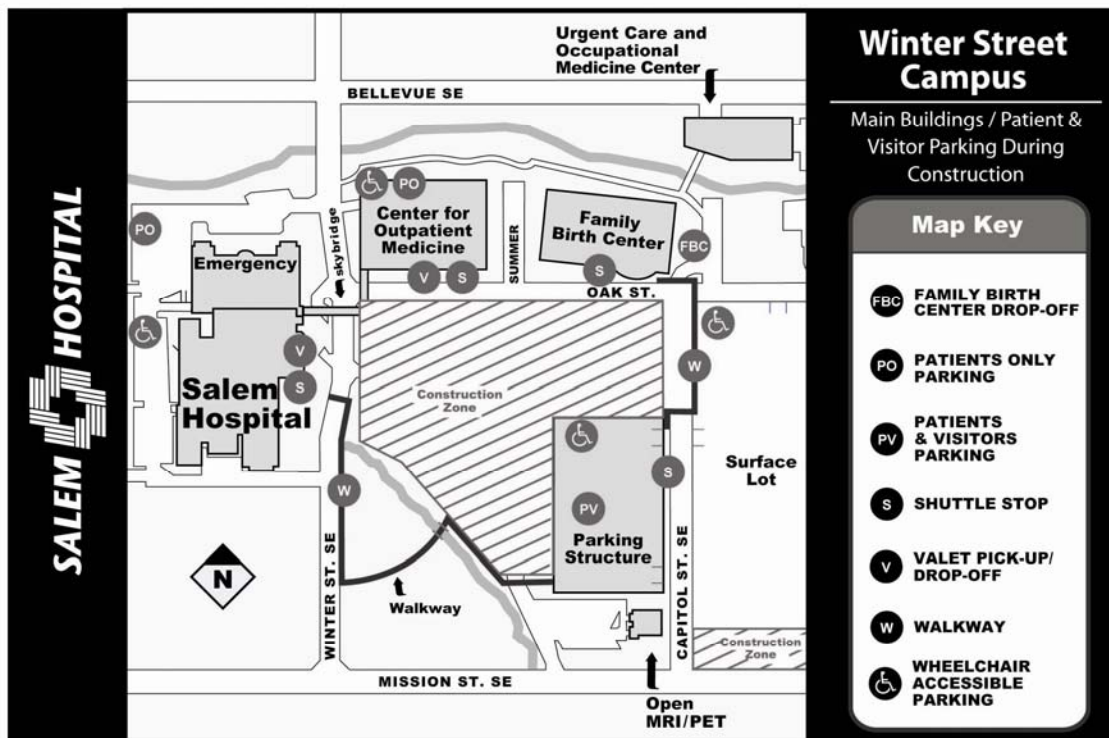
Because of that previous damage, the tree is unlikely to survive additional construction. It is dangerous to keep the tree standing, so the decision has been made to take it down. This will occur on about Sept. 23.

Trees are an important part of our landscape. We had set aside funds to protect the large fir tree during construction. Because we're losing the tree, we will use those funds to add more mature and larger trees that originally planned.

Parking garage improvements

In progress: Cement supports below the current parking garage are being improved. About 15 patient and visitor parking spots on the west side of the garage need to be removed from service while the work is underway.

Crews will build deeper, more substantial supports for the garage. Without those improvements, the excavation and construction for the new tower could cause the garage to shift. When the new supports are complete, the 15 parking spots will be returned for patient and visitor use.



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