



As we watch the completion of the Loading Dock quite a number of you have commented on how quickly it has come along... on the other hand we realize how long it

has been "in process". Those who have been unable to use Baxter Street between Market and High will no doubt think it has been a very long time, but, as you receive this newsletter, the street will be open to traffic.

Because many areas must be complete before the next stage can be accomplished, the complex will be "in process" internally for some time... for example, upgrading our power station. Obviously the new power station has to be up and running before the current power station can be disengaged. We must also move entire areas and utilities without interruption to the rest of the Medical Center. In some cases this means a temporary move before the final move.

On the north side of the campus the patient tower work continues. In August one of the largest cranes most people will ever see will be moving in. Currently smaller cranes are at work building platforms and structures in preparation for the arrival of "the big one".

The third new parking lot is finished and the new traffic lights on Market and Charles, North and Charles and North and Baxter are operational.

As always, I want to express my appreciation for the understanding and cooperation of our neighbors and the community as a whole, as we progress on the Medical Center of the Future.

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LOADING DOCK BEGINS TO BE OPERATIONAL



Overhead shot of the Loading Dock prior to opening.

Although there is still work to be done, Phase One of the Loading Dock becomes operational at the end of July. The structure usually referred to as the Loading Dock is in reality a much more extensive project. Because of the enormous infrastructure work that had to take place, the "Loading Dock"

on Baxter between High and Market was one of the first major renovations of the Medical Center of the Future project. The structure required more than 4,657 tons of concrete.

The adjacent Boiler Room was also interesting. The 50 year old boiler, abandoned in place in the basement of

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In the Spotlight

Ryan Sawall is one of the newest McCarthy people working on the Medical Center of the Future Project. An Architectural Engineer with a specialty in mechanical building systems, Ryan graduated from the Milwaukee School of Engineering in May (also the Alma Mater of Project Engineer, Al Gomez). He is a native of Milwaukee and worked with a roofing company and an engineering firm when he was still in school. He joined the Lima, McCarthy team in June as a Project Engineer.



"I had other offers in addition to McCarthy, but they were mainly desk jobs," he said. "McCarthy gave me the opportunity to also work in the field which I really enjoy. I also like the fast pace of this project. I work mainly with the Tower ...literally seeing the building come out of the ground is exciting."

When not working, Ryan is an avid fisherman, but has not yet had a chance to discover his favorite fishing spots in the area.

"I know there are lakes around here and they tell me you can fish in the reservoirs, but I haven't had a chance to try anywhere yet," he said.

Ryan and his wife Amanda have recently relocated to Lima and are expecting their first child, which according to Ryan, will be born at St. Rita's in September. Amanda has a healthcare background as a dialysis tech.

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the Boiler Plant, was removed, making room for two new state-of-the-art package boilers. The crew found the removal to be a challenging and "dirty job". The old boiler had to be dismantled one pipe at a time with some 1000 pipes to cut!

While the Loading Dock portion may be the most visible, the project also includes the new power sources for the entire Medical Center including the new patient tower.

The two new generators located on the roof of the Loading Dock each weigh 33,000 pounds.

According to Todd Freed, McCarthy Project Director, "the generators have more power capabilities than some small cities".

The elevator in the new Loading Dock is the largest on our campus. It is 8 feet wide and 15 feet deep. It can carry 10,000 pounds... large enough to carry a full size car or SUV!

On the lower level, Materials Management and Distribution have moved into renovated space formerly housing Central Processing. The former Distribution space is being evacuated for building demolition and the construction of the Nutrition Services

Complex including the dining areas and High Street Mall.



Ron Connovich, St. Rita's Director of Facilities Management talks with Dan Williams, Smith Boughan in front of the Loading Dock at an earlier construction stage.

"We're looking forward to our new systems and our people all being in one place," said Scott McConnell, Material Services Manager. "It will better streamline the movement of all our materials throughout the entire campus. It will be a much more efficient and a greatly improved work environment."

Baxter Street outside the Parking Garage officially closed December 2004 and reopened in July making it possible for delivery trucks to access the Loading Dock from Market or High.

"This is just the first phase for the "Loading Dock" project," said Freed. "For example, new power must be up and running before removal of the existing generators and remodeling of the area. In many cases one phase must be complete before the next phase can begin. It is one of the things that makes the building of a new structure around and adjacent to an existing structure so much more challenging than starting from scratch. Although from the outside, the building may look complete, it will take several more months to complete the additional phases and everything is totally complete."

THE MAIN ENTRANCE VISION IS BEGINNING TO BE VISIBLE

Driving down Market Street you may have noticed what looks like a pond or small pool being installed not far from the current Lima Pathology building. It is not a mirage... it is indeed a pond. More specifically, it is called a Wet Pond that is part of the design of the Plaza at the Main Entrance. (See the Q&A section for more on the pond).

You will also notice a bridge in the making that will separate the two areas of the pond. The concrete bridge has stone veneer on the sides. Decorative pre-cast pavers will cover the 60 ft. long, 35ft. wide walkway.

For those who enjoy a healthy and scenic walk, there is a path or walkway under construction. The path will curve around what will be the Plaza. Beginning at Collett and Market Street, the 6 ft. wide path runs along the inside of the pond up to Charles and curves around North Street, running parallel to the city sidewalk, and will extend to the Medical Office Buildings parking lots.

It will be a great place for a scenic stroll or a safe half mile health walk. For those who wish, the path will also be suitable for jogging. Benches will be placed at various spots along the way for those who wish to rest, meditate or just enjoy the beautiful surroundings.



If you watch the construction progress for the new patient tower you may have noticed a “flock” of cranes gathering at the mass excavation site. Cranes ranging from a small 25 ton to a 120 ton are at work preparing for the arrival of a “giant” crane which will have a 199’ 10” tower.

In order for the giant crane to be able to roll on the worksite, considerable work must be done to “pave the way”. The crane will arrive in August and will be assembled on site.

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Q&A

Question and Answer

Q: *Is the Pond Just for Looks?*

A: Although it is designed to enhance the appearance of our campus, the pond actually serves an important function. All of the storm water collected from the roofs of the new buildings as well as from some of the parking lots is collected in the pond and then used to irrigate the entire 53 acre campus. This unique feature is very efficient and environmentally friendly - just one of the many progressive ideas you will find in the "Medical Center of the Future."

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Did You Know?

... that the new Loading Dock was uniquely designed to provide a "circular" flow for everything coming in and out of the Medical Center. All new supplies, food and clean linen arriving at the docks are broken down and delivered through completely separate areas and corridors than the trash, dirty linen and infectious waste leaving the facility. A tremendous amount of thought and planning has gone into the design of our new facilities.

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