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IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING WORK AT THE HOSPITAL SITE

The following is an update regarding work at the Hospital Site. Please refer to prior notices regarding additional background information not included here. The following is proceeding at this time.

- The removal of the additional soil from the location of the 6,000 gallon #6 heating oil tank and the installation of the new monitoring well is complete.

A sample from the monitoring well was taken and test results are anticipated to be available in the next few days. Additional sampling of the well will be scheduled in mid October due to insufficient water in the well to obtain a representative sample. **We have been advised that the testing firm was not able to obtain a sample due to water no longer being present in the well and no further testing is required. The Whitman firm has requested additional information from Avalon Bay's Environmental Consultant who has advised that the information and a report will now be provided by January 15th.**

- A building permit has been issued allowing for repairs to be completed to the former Hospital Parking Garage. During this time the garage will remain open for limited parking. **Three (3) sections of the upper deck have been replaced and additional sections are being prepared for replacement (see photo below). Approximately 60% of the upper deck is now completed. It is anticipated to take 6-7 additional months' time to complete all repairs to the garage.**

The site continues to be monitored on a regular basis by representatives of the Municipal Building, Engineering and Health Departments along with the Whitman firm. In addition, representatives of the Department of Labor continue to visit the site as well. Workers continue to be found to be qualified and properly certified for the work that they are performing and have been observed to follow proper safety protocols.

- **The removal of the 7 story structure (see photos below) is proceeding working from east to west toward Witherspoon Street. The demolition project is anticipated to take an additional 1-1/2 months to complete, weather permitting. The sidewalk on the northern side of Franklin Avenue is closed as the work proceeds.**

- The section of the 7 story building closest to Witherspoon Street is planned to be removed on Friday 1/16th; Saturday 1/17th and if needed on Sunday 1/18th and Monday 1/19th weather permitting. During this time, in which schools are not in session, Witherspoon Street will be closed between Franklin and Birch Avenues.
- Avalon Bay is having staff walk through the neighborhood each day, if needed, to pick up any litter that may be present.
- Avalon Bay's acoustical consultant, Cerami & Associates, continues to be onsite monitoring noise levels of the demolition process and parking garage repair work. In addition, the Princeton Health Department is working alongside the Mercer County Division of Public Health to provide additional noise monitoring. A temporary sound absorbing wall and sound absorbing blankets have been installed adjacent to where the upper concrete floor deck of the garage is being removed. In addition, Avalon Bay is investigating ways to mitigate noise created by the jackhammering of concrete from the structural beams of the building. This work will not continue until acceptable mitigation measures are taken. Any noise related complaints should be directed to the Engineering Department and on days that the Municipality is closed please call the Princeton Police Department at 609-921-2100, who can relay any concerns to the appropriate individuals.
- The Mercer County Health Department and/or the Princeton Health Department will be taking additional noise measurements as the work proceeds.
- Three individuals have reported experiencing a metallic taste in their mouth after walking by the hospital demolition site. The Princeton Health Department is working alongside Whitman Environmental Consulting on investigating these cases. If anyone experiences abnormal health symptoms after being in close proximity to the hospital site, they are urged to contact Princeton Engineering Department as soon as possible.
- The air quality monitors continue to be checked and have been found not to have exceeded 50% of the regulated standard.
- The demolition will be resuming regular hours beginning today at 7 am to dark Monday through Friday and 8 am to dark on Saturdays.
- A progress report on the work at the Hospital Site along with a description of the planned closure of Witherspoon Street on 1/16th through 1/19th will be provided at the Princeton Council Meeting on Monday January 12th.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Engineering Department at 609-921-7077 or at cceballos@princetonnj.gov.



