



# *Municipality of Princeton*

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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. The report has been received and is being reviewed by the Whitman firm who is the Municipality's Environmental Consultant. **Dr. Whitman has completed his review of the final UST Closure/Site Investigation Report and in his opinion the remediation conducted satisfied the requirements of the Site Remediation Reform Act (SRRA) and was protective of public health, safety and the environment and no further action is required.**

- 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. 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. No work will be proceeding on the garage during the current snow storm. **Repairs continue on the parking garage. The majority of the jacking hammering work is completed and new concrete floor slabs will be poured after the weather warms (see photo below).**

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.

- Yannuzzi Construction worked on the removal of the seven (7) story hospital building closest to Witherspoon Street for the four (4) day period starting Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup> through Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. During this time the section of Witherspoon Street between Franklin and Birch Avenues was closed to all traffic. Due to the work being more tedious than expected along with some equipment breakdowns this phase of the building removal process was not completed.
- Yanuzzi Construction completed the removal of the section of the seven (7) story building closest to Witherspoon Street on Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup> (see photos below). Now that this phase of the work is completed it is not anticipated that there will be further need to close Witherspoon Street, to complete the demolition work. The removal of the remaining above ground section of this building is anticipated to be completed within the next 2 weeks.  
**Yanuzzi Construction completed the removal to grade of the last of the hospital structures, that being the seven (7) story building, last week (see photo's below). The removal of the basement and foundations will continue through March. The onsite crushing of the concrete is anticipated to start toward the end of February. During the crushing operation a fifth air monitor will be utilized and the crushing operation will be wet down to minimize dust.**
- **The Witherspoon Street sidewalk abutting the hospital site will remain closed as work continues. The Franklin Avenue sidewalk has been reopened.**
- **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. 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.**

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Engineering Department at 609-921-7077 or at [cceballos@princetonnj.gov](mailto:cceballos@princetonnj.gov).



