

Neighborhood News

The combined project of Mercy General Hospital and Sacred Heart Parish School

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Under the guidance of Mother Mary Gabriel Brown, the Sisters of Mercy arrived at the Sacramento waterfront by steamer on October 2, 1857.

Mercy General Unveils New, Free Community Shuttle For Patients, Neighbors & Employees

A new community shuttle connecting Mercy patients, neighbors and employees to Light Rail is now available. The shuttle travels to and from Mercy General Hospital and the Light Rail station at 29th and R Streets, Monday through Friday, with departure times every 20 minutes from 6:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Mercy General Hospital encourages you to take advantage of this brand new, air-conditioned, FREE community resource.



For more information on the shuttle or scheduling, call (916) 453-4249.

Study Finds Mercy General is Among Best for Heart Procedures

Mercy General Hospital was recently found to be among the four highest performers in California for coronary bypasses.

Community members and employees enjoyed bicycle tune ups and learned about fuel cell vehicles.

Community Transportation Fair a Success



On Saturday, June 23, more than 350 residents and employees attended Mercy's annual Community Transportation Fair, which included 35 vendors promoting clean air and alternative forms of transportation. In addition to the debut of the free community shuttle, participants rode electric scooters, had their bicycles tuned up for free and enjoyed more than 300 servings of ice cream.

? MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the Sacred Heart Parish School and Mercy General Joint Proposal, please contact Heidi Wilson, with Mercy General Hospital, at (916) 453-4432, or Nancy Heffernan, with Sacred Heart Parish School, at (916) 747-5662.

Draft EIR Shows Minimal Impact

A critical step of the revised Sacred Heart & Mercy General Hospital Mixed Use Project is to identify any possible environmental impacts. To do this, an independent, third party was hired by the City of Sacramento to conduct a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the project. Every DEIR, including that conducted for the revised project, evaluates a number of environmental areas. These areas include the following:

- Aesthetics & Visual Resources
- Air Quality
- Cultural Resources
- Hazardous Materials & Public Safety
- Noise
- Utilities
- Transportation & Circulation

The DEIR defines impacts into two categories. The first is classified as “Less than Significant” and can be addressed with mitigation measures. The second

classification is “Significant and Unavoidable.” In the course of preparing the DEIR for this project, it was determined that all categories except one were determined to be “Less than Significant” with accompanying mitigation measures. The Transportation & Circulation category only had “Significant & Unavoidable” impacts as it related to freeway access, but nothing specific around the immediate project area.

In summary, according to the DEIR, with mitigation measures, there are no significant environmental impacts to East Sacramento neighbors or businesses. This is due in large part to the reduction in project size and other changes made by Mercy over the past few years in response to community input.

The DEIR is currently being circulated, and anyone interested can receive a copy at the City. Comments are being accepted through Monday, August 27, 2007.

“As a 50-year resident of East Sacramento, who lives just three blocks from Mercy General, I am pleased to support the proposed Sacred Heart-Mercy Hospital Project. The proposed new buildings are beautiful and will be an asset to our community.”

***—Nadya Andrews,
50-year East Sacramento resident***

Sisters of Mercy Celebrate 150 Years of Caring

One hundred fifty years ago, the Sisters of Mercy entered Sacramento and became an integral part of its story. Just before dawn on the morning of October 2, 1857, a river steamer slipped into Sacramento’s dock bringing with it merchants, miners and five Sisters of Mercy. At the request of Bishop Joseph Alemany, the Sisters came to establish a school, care for its orphans and do all that was needed to assist its poor and needy.

Over the last 150 years, the Sisters expanded their ministry to include over 14 elementary schools and four high schools. Today, Mercy education flourishes in a variety of modes including Mercy Education Resource Center and Cristo Rey High School.

Members of the medical community urged the Sisters to open a hospital to respond to the healthcare needs of the City, and in 1896, Mater Misericordiae Hospital, known as the Sister’s Hospital, opened at 23rd and R Streets. Shortly thereafter, the Sisters added a nursing school, training others who could join in their work.

For 150 years, the Sisters have provided unwavering service to Northern California, adjusting with the City’s ever-changing needs. Its past is a promise



In 1900 the Sisters assumed responsibility for orphans and half orphans at Stanford Home. They served there until 1937 when the children were transferred to the newly opened St. Patrick’s Home on Franklin Boulevard, Sacramento.

that Mercy is continually growing and changing with the communities it serves... yesterday, today and tomorrow.

CHW Wins 'Champions for Change' Environmental Award

Catholic Healthcare West and six of its hospitals have received national environmental awards for improved performance that contributes toward a safer, healthier environment. CHW is the only hospital system in the state to receive the 2007 Champions for Change Award from Hospitals for a Healthy Environment, an independent, nonprofit organization that focuses on improving healthcare's environmental performance. The award honors leaders who improve their hospital performance and promote an industry shift toward environmentally responsible delivery of healthcare.



In 2006, CHW made the following improvements to support a safer, healthier environment:

- Reduced total landfill waste three years in a row
- Saved 88 tons of waste through increased use of reusable products
- Phased out PVC, a commonly used chemical in many medical supplies
- Managed the disposal of e-waste
- Joined the California Climate Action Registry and began efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

“One of our core values as a healthcare provider is stewardship, which includes stewarding Earth’s resources to sustain a healthy environment,” said Sister Mary Ellen Leciejewski, ecology coordinator for CHW.

“The revised project is a win-win-win for patients, students, neighbors and businesses.

The community sustains a good neighbor in Mercy General, while the project provides increased quality healthcare and a better learning environment.”

—Jim Shively, East Sacramento resident and business owner

Mercy General Hospital Offers Homes to the Community

Mercy General Hospital is offering a variety of single-family and multi-unit homes to anyone who has an empty lot and is willing to pay relocation costs to move them. The houses are currently available for relocation.

As part of a joint application submitted to the City of Sacramento by the school and Mercy General Hospital for improvements to both ministries, the houses need to be removed from the area near 39th and H streets in order to build the new Sacred Heart Parish School. Proposed enhancements to Mercy General Hospital, located across the street from the houses and the new school location, include construction of a new four-story Heart Center/Replacement Building. The project is currently in the public comment phase of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The Sacramento City Council is expected to review the project in November 2007. In order to meet the timelines established for the school and the hospital construction, the houses would need to be completely moved by February 1, 2008.

Mercy General Hospital is supportive of preserving the East Sacramento homes and pleased to offer them to the general public for relocation. “We believe there could be citizens out there who want to live in these homes on their own property,” said Jeremy Schrimsher, Vice President of Ancillary Services at Mercy General

Hospital. “The relocation of these quaint homes will help preserve the charm of our neighborhood while moving forward with our proposal to improve the quality of healthcare in our community.”

The single-family and multi-unit homes include:

- 836 39th Street: This single story wood-frame residence was constructed in 1921. The architectural style reflects a combination of Craftsman and Period Revival. The house has a recessed porch and is surfaced with stucco.
- 3836 H Street: This wood-frame house was constructed in 1906. A partial second story was later added to the Craftsman style home with a stucco surface.
- 3838 H Street: Two story multi-unit building
- 3858 H Street: Two story multi-unit building.
- 800 39th Street: One story four-plex.

People who are interested in the homes must already own a vacant lot, be in escrow to acquire a lot within 30 days, or have a storage yard or some other place where it could be stored. In addition, they must have the financial means to cover expenses such as the house move, permits and other fees that may be associated with such a venture.

Those interested in acquiring one of these homes should contact Mike Klein, Klein Properties, at (916) 452-1599 or mike@kleinproperties.com.

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Community Events—Mark Your Calendars!

Each year the California State Fair brings big name artists to Sacramento as part of its FREE State Fair Concert Series.

STATE FAIR

The 2007 California State Fair will run from August 17 through September 3, 2007, with Mondays closed (open Labor Day)

Thursday, August 23

Temptations Review featuring Dennis Edwards

Friday, August 24

Lonestar

Saturday, August 25

Jenni Rivera

Tuesday, August 28

Third Day

Wednesday, August 29

KC & The Sunshine Band

Thursday, August 30

All American Rejects with special guest Alana Grace

Friday, August 31

The Commodores

Saturday, September 1

Amy Hanaiali'i Gilliom

Sunday, September 2

Chicago

Monday, September 3

Weird Al Yankovic

2007 SCREEN ON THE GREEN

**Saturday, August 25th:
Glen Hall Park**

Alfred Hitchcock's The Birds

All movies begin at sundown

LOCAL CERTIFIED FARMER'S MARKET

**Every Sunday,
8 a.m. to noon
8th and W
(under freeway)**

**Every Tuesday,
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Fremont Park
(16th & P)**

**Every Wednesday,
10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Chavez Plaza (10th & J)**

**Every Thursday,
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Downtown Plaza (4th & K)**

