

Annapolis Hospital breaks ground on \$24 million project

Oakwood Healthcare System leaders welded sparkling silver shovels earlier this month to break ground at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne, marking the official start of a \$24 million expansion of the healthcare facility.

Taking place over the next two years, the expansion project will increase the size of the current hospital, bringing updated technology, expanded surgery and state-of-the-art diagnostic techniques to serve the western Wayne County community.

"We expect Oakwood Annapolis to be a primary source for comprehensive healthcare for our service area. Our patients can expect excellent care, out-

standing service, and care that is designed for their individual needs," said Gerald Fitzgerald, Oakwood Healthcare System president and CEO.

The expansion will include the addition of a 36,600-square-foot surgery center that includes seven operating suites, with most equipment supported by ceiling-mounted booms, which frees floor space and makes the rooms multi-functional.

The center also will include a new pre-anesthesia testing area, pre-operation and post-operation areas, visitor waiting area and its own entrance.

The current surgery space will be renovated into volunteer space and an emergency room

observation room.

In addition, a new CT scanner will have a newly built space, including visitor and patient waiting area. The radiology department also will receive extensive renovations to improve and upgrade the hospital's diagnostic technology.

"This new addition clearly prepares us to provide outstanding service well into the future and to anticipate the growing healthcare needs of our community. The staff is delighted with the program, and we look forward to working in this brand new facility," said Tom Kochis, chief administrative officer for Oakwood Annapolis Hospital.



Breaking ground: Putting in a shovel at the Oakwood-Annapolis expansion ground-breaking at, left to right, Gerald Fitzgerald, chief executive officer of Oakwood Healthcare Systems; Al Haidous, mayor of Wayne; Joe Diederich, chief operating officer of Oakwood Healthcare Systems; Tom Kochis, chief administrative officer of Oakwood Annapolis; Dr. Melvyn Rosenblatt, chief of staff at Oakwood Annapolis; and the Rev. Roger Lands, chaplain at Oakwood Annapolis.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

ONGOING

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
Everyone is welcome to the AA meetings held at noon every Tuesday and Thursday at Providence Medical Office Center-Novi, 39500 W. 10 Mile Road (at Haggerty), Novi. Call (248) 348-9362.

JULY

CHOLESTEROL
Learn all about cholesterol "in a nut shell" 5:30 p.m. Monday, July 15, at Providence Park Medical Center-Novi, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi. Call (877) 345-5500.

BIRTH PRESENTATION
Join Dr. Daniel Loframboise for a presentation on birth trauma beginning 7 p.m. Thursday, July 18, at Ann Chiropractic Clinic, 18444 Farmington Road., Livonia. Call (248)474-5252.

HEALTH FAIR
Maple Manor Assisted Living and Oakwood Hospital will host a health fair at Maple Manor, 3999 Venoy Road (south of Michigan Avenue), Wayne, noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, July 21. Seniors 65 and older. Screenings for blood pressure, cholesterol, osteoporosis, glucose and more. Call (734) 727-0440.

HEART DISEASE
Attend "Understanding Heart Disease" 5:30 p.m. Monday, July 22, at Providence Park Medical Center-Novi, 47601 Grand River, Novi. Learn about signs and symptoms, risk factors and how to avoid heart disease. Call (877) 345-5500.

GRIEF SUPPORT
Angela Hospice in Livonia offers

a grief support group the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 23. Call Bereavement Coordinator Ruth Fayer at (734) 464-7810.

BRAIN FOOD
What you eat and drink can affect your ability to learn and pay attention. Sign up for a two-session class, "Feed the Brain for Learning," 9-10:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 23, and Thursday, July 25, at Schoolcraft College. Sandy Baumann, a biochemist and author, will discuss the role of protein and carbohydrates in keeping you alert and relaxed for learning, as well as the latest research on the role of water, vitamins, and minerals in supporting brain functioning. Cost, including booklet, is \$44; seniors \$35.20. To register, call Schoolcraft's Continuing Education Department, (734) 462-4448, and ask for CES class 4234, Sec. 934002. For more information, call Michelle Funckler, Schoolcraft College, (734) 462-4448 or Sandy Baumann, (248) 474-1974.

PARENTS SUPPORT
Parents coping with the loss of an infant through miscarriage, stillbirth or newborn death meet 7 p.m. Thursday, July 25, at Providence Park-Novi, 47601 Grand River Avenue, Novi. The group meets the fourth Thursday of each month. Call (248) 849-5342.

WELLNESS
The National Wellness Foundation sponsors a comprehensive health support group for those with chronic conditions or diseases such as allergies, asthma, chronic pain, carpal tunnel, head injuries, etc. The group meets fourth Thursday of each month 7

p.m. at the Plymouth Library, downtown Plymouth. Next meeting is Thursday, July 25. Call Michigan Specific Chiropractic, Canton, (734) 416-2442 or visit www.cic2.com.

WEIGHT CONTROL
All welcome! Special weight control program offered 1 p.m. Sunday, July 27, at Providence Park Medical Center-Novi, 47601 Grand River, Novi. Program combines behavior modification techniques and hypnosis. First 45 minutes is free; \$59 for entire course. Call (877) 345-5500.

STOP SMOKING
Join a Providence Hospital-sponsored "Smoking Cessation" program: 10 a.m. Saturday, July 27, Providence Park Medical Center-Novi, 47601 Grand River, Novi, and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 31, at Mission Health Medical Center-Livonia, 37659 Seven Mile (at Newburgh), Livonia. Programs combine hypnosis with behavior modification. Cost: first 45 minutes is free; \$59 for entire course. Call (877) 345-5500.

NURSING HOMES
Join St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 31, for a presentation that will empower you to make informed and caring choices for your loved ones. "Get Good Care Without Going Broke: Finding the Right Nursing Home" will be presented in the Auditorium by James Schuster, elder law attorney, who will show participants how to conserve financial resources, time and reduce stress. Written resources will also be available. Free. For more information or to register, call (734) 655-8940 or (800) 494-1650 (for out of area callers). Web site: www.stmary.org.



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