

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

A newsletter for the Maine Medical Center family

## MMC Submits Staff Garage Site Plan to Portland Planning Dept.

Maine Medical Center has submitted the site plan application for Phase Two of its expansion and modernization project, which focuses on the addition of a new staff garage at 222 St. John St.

Parking can be challenging near the Bramhall campus, and the new, 2,450-space garage will allow for safe, convenient and consolidated parking close to the medical center. This investment, coupled with the ongoing construction on the

visitor's garage, will vastly improve the parking situation in the area.

Following this plan submission, MMC will meet with the Planning Board, neighbors and local businesses to present plans and gather input on execution of this phase of the \$512 million expansion.

The new staff garage will be well lit, with 24/7 security presence and the latest technology, including electric vehicle charging sta-

tions. The new garage will allow for the removal of MMC's Gilman Street staff parking garage. MMC will expand into the Gilman Street space with a building featuring single-bed patient rooms and procedure rooms centered on enabling modern cardiac care.

"This new parking garage will benefit all our colleagues," said Jeff Sanders, MMC Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. "It will also allow us to significantly reconfig-

ure the footprint of our main campus, removing an aging parking structure and replacing it with a state-of-the-art medical building that will enhance our quality of care, improve our capacity and help us pursue our vision of working to ensure our communities are the healthiest in America."

Pending timely public hearings and approvals, MMC expects to begin construction of the garage this fall, with completion targeted for late 2019.

## United Way Seeks Volunteers for Loaned Executive Program

As a strong community partner with the United Way of Greater Portland, MMC is once again participating in the United Way Loaned Executive program. This year, one MMC/MMP employee will be chosen to spend nine weeks between September and November helping the United Way reach its fundraising goals.

The program offers employees a chance to build leadership skills and grow professionally, while helping the United Way reach its fundraising goal. Nicole Galietta, an administrative

specialist with Patient Support Care Services, served as MMC's loaned executive last year.

"It is very encouraging to see everyone from different businesses and backgrounds come together for the same great reason. This is an impactful and memorable experience, and I would highly recommend it to anyone willing to help make a difference!" Galietta said.

MMC employees interested in applying should speak to their manager and contact Jim Mangini at 661-3633.



2017 United Way Loaned Executives Nicole Galietta and Carol Rivest encourage donations to the United Way Food Drive.

## PEOPLE NEWS

**Brian McElhinney, DO,** of Spectrum Healthcare Partners, PA was newly appointed to the Maine Medical Center Medical Staff. Dr. McElhinney received his medical degree from the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine and will provide diagnostic radiology care.

**What's Happening will be taking a mid-year holiday break next week, July 1-7. Have a safe and happy 4th of July!**

### MMC Colleagues Recognize Each Other With Moments To Shine

#### **Elizabeth Pillsbury received recognition from Peter Eastman for Ownership**

Liz represents one of the great joys of working here — a colleague who is unfailingly helpful and patient with requests and always eager to find a solution to whatever knotty problem I bring. Thank you Liz!

#### **Crystal Valliere received recognition from Leah Mallory for Excellence**

Grateful for impressive teamwork in the middle of the night for a pediatric patient who had an acute life threatening decompensation. The pediatric inpatient unit and PICU staff demonstrated impressive competency and teamwork to stabilize a herniating patient.

#### **Nadine Kern received recognition from Nicole Letendre for Excellence**

Thank you for being a HUGE help with my patient who was very sick. You were excellent — always lending a helping hand, explaining the doctor's intentions and teaching me how to bridle an NG tube.

#### **Colleen O'Connor received recognition from Trisha Warren-Vanhorn for Patient Centered**

Colleen spent much of the day assessing a patient in crisis over the phone and in person to make sure this person was safe. Colleen worked directly with NECS, psychiatry and the MMC emergency room, communicating needs and concerns to lay the ground work for a warm handoff for this person into the hospital.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IS PUBLISHED WEEKLY BY THE COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING DEPARTMENT

Comments, questions, and story ideas:  
Caroline Cornish, Communications Manager  
[mmcnews@mmc.org](mailto:mmcnews@mmc.org)