

Hi neighbors, a couple of things:

1) From Maine Med "**Traffic Impact Advisory for Dec. 17-19**

Assembly of a tower crane to support Maine Medical Center's Malone Family Tower construction project will reduce Congress Street traffic to one lane for several days.

The crane assembly will take place from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 17, Saturday, Dec. 18 and Sunday, Dec. 19. MMC contractors will set barriers in the inbound lane of Congress Street in the immediate vicinity of Forest Street to allow room for a smaller crane to be deployed to help assemble the tower crane.

Flaggers and signage will be used to direct traffic on Congress Street. The barriers will be removed nightly to allow two lanes of travel.

The assembly project will also prohibit use of the pull-out drive at MMC's Medical Office Building at 887 Congress Street, as vehicle traffic will be diverted into that area during work hours.

It is not anticipated that any on-street parking spaces will be blocked as a result of this operation.

As a reminder, the use of this tower crane will necessitate a slight shift of the LifeFlight helicopter preferred flight routes.

FMI:

2) From Mercy/Northern Light:

"Northern Light Mercy Hospital is in the process of consolidating hospital operations to its Fore River Parkway campus. I am excited to inform you that Mercy is preparing to make its final clinical moves to complete its consolidation project in early January.

We will open the new emergency department at 175 Fore River Parkway in Portland at 4 am on January 4, 2022, and the existing emergency department at 144 State Street in Portland will close the same day. The new emergency department will feature a dedicated parking lot for patients, offering quick access to care. There will also be a new patient drop off area for ambulances that is covered and protected from the elements, providing increased safety, convenience, and comfort. FMI: northernlighthealth.org/mercy

AND!

Remember that the [D2 Annual meeting](#) held by Councilor Victoria Pelletier will be replacing the December PNA meeting.

Happy Holidays to you all and Best wishes for 2022.

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Thanks!