You don’t have to go far on Mercy’s central campus to notice progress being made on several internal and external construction projects. Here’s an update with the latest details on past, present and future construction.

**MEDICAL IMAGING**
The three-month process to install a new air handling unit over the Medical Imaging department wrapped up in March. This project included the removal of several old HVAC rooftop units and the installation of one new air handling unit with an upgraded control system. In order to install the new unit, a portion of 5th Ave. was shut down for about a week to accommodate a large crane, which was used to hoist the new unit onto the roof. The new unit will greatly improve energy efficiency and air quality, keeping our patients, visitors and staff comfortable year-round.

**INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY**
A third interventional radiology room, located on the east side of radiology near the existing rooms, will be complete in July 2017. The third room provides much-needed capacity to support the growing volumes of neuroscience, vascular and oncology patients who require interventional radiology services – such as stroke clot removal and intracranial coilings of aneurysms and arterial venous malformations. The new room will allow Mercy to provide these lifesaving, cutting-edge procedures that are changing patients’ lives for the better.

**INFUSION CENTER**
Construction of a new infusion center is currently underway on Level A near the West Entrance. The new center will increase the number of patient treatment areas from 12 to 17 to accommodate growing patient volumes. The larger space will also allow for a more comfortable experience for our patients and guests. The new infusion center is scheduled to open to patients in October 2017.

**MERCY PARK APARTMENT BUILDINGS**
Demolition of the Mercy Park apartment buildings, which began in January, will continue through the spring and is expected to be complete in July. Exact timing for new construction on this site has not yet been determined, so stay tuned for more details in future construction updates!

**NEW PARKING STRUCTURES**
Demolition of the Mercy Office Plaza (MOP) building is set to begin in early July and will take approximately four weeks. Once demolition is complete, work will begin immediately on construction of a new two-level parking structure. The new parking structure will have 199 parking spots and is scheduled to open in spring 2018. A rendering of the new southwest ramp is pictured below. Construction is also underway for a new 100-stall parking lot, located at the northwest corner of 6th St. and Laurel St., north of the Holiday Inn. This new lot is schedule to open later this summer.

**MERCY CENTERVILLE**
In addition to the updates at central campus, Mercy Centerville has also been experiencing a major construction project. In August 2016, work began to upgrade the 35-year-old electrical generation system that no longer had the capacity to handle prolonged power outages. As a result, all electrical conduits are being upgraded and replaced, and a new emergency generator is being installed. This project should be completed in June.
Launched in 2011 by the Iowa Soybean Association and backed by more than 30 partners including Earl May, Hy-Vee and AE Dairy, the Ankeny-based Iowa Food & Family Project (IFFP) blends a unique assortment of voices, activities and expertise on a variety of farm-to-plate topics. Mercy is now partnering with the IFFP to improve the health and well-being of our patients and all Iowans.

“The Iowa Food & Family Project encourages Iowans to get to know the faces and families growing their food – ultimately empowering consumers to make more confident, informed choices at the grocery store,” says Mercy President Bob Ritz. “The approach perfectly aligns with our mission, as knowing how and where food is grown is an essential part of a healthy lifestyle.”

Mercy’s partnership will boost Iowa Food & Family’s audience – already 90,000 strong – while adding to the quality information it presents via a variety of activities and communications channels, including social and digital media. In addition to sharing content, Mercy leadership will participate in farm tours while inviting patients to engage in farm-centric activities at area farmers’ markets and the Iowa State Fair.

“We’re experts in health. Farmers are experts in food. Together, we can approach the issues in an objective and real-life way,” Ritz says. “It’s a perfect fit to combine our interests and energy to bring people and communities together.”

Learn more at www.iowafoodandfamily.com or @foodnfamilies on Facebook.

**EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: KIM-ANH NGUYEN**

Kim-Anh Nguyen began her career at Mercy 16 years ago. She has worked in several areas throughout Mercy, and currently supports Diversity Services and Volunteer Services as the administrative coordinator. Kim not only Lives Up for our patients and colleagues, but she goes above and beyond in her personal life as well. Kim immigrated to the United States in 1975 from Vietnam, and four years ago returned to Vietnam to help the terminally ill. Since that trip she has made it her personal goal to help more people. She taught herself how to crochet in order to raise money for 100 people to have cataract surgery in Vietnam. Kim continues to help those in need through her philanthropic efforts. Way to Live Up, Kim!