

New mammography machine hits CG

PeaceHealth began using the new 3D machine in June



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PeaceHealth's Cottage Grove clinic debuted its new 3D mammography machine in June. The technology replaces the 2D machine and helps professionals better screen denser tissue and provides more accurate readings.

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Every two minutes, a woman in the U.S. will be diagnosed with breast cancer, according to the Susan G. Koman Foundation which says early detection and effective treatment has contributed to a 38 percent decline in breast cancer deaths since 1989.

PeaceHealth is hoping to in-

crease that percentage.

The Cottage Grove facility recently welcomed its long-coming 3D mammography machine. The technology was funded entirely through philanthropy and replaced a 2D machine that was no longer serviceable.

The new machine began servicing patients on June 13.

According to the facility, the 3D machine better scans dense

tissue and allows a better view of the area. It also requires less of a "squeeze."

"We're a friendly, familiar place," said mammographer Louise Baker. The familiar atmosphere attracts local patients and prevents them from putting off important screenings.

"It's easy to put off those screenings if you don't want to drive into Eugene," she said.

Patients will still have to travel to Eugene for diagnostic tests but the new mammography machine, which was obtained through the charity of over 100 local donors, will save patients the drive for screenings.

According to the facility, it served 1,300 women last year, a slow year due to the older 2D machine but now with the new technology the machine is

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12. The site tested in the drill hall; the space community members gather for fundraisers and award nights came back higher than in the base test. In 2004, the area tested at 49. In the latest test, the result was 96. According to Meyers, the city's theory is that the space is directly in the path of visitors walking from outside--specifically up the stairs leading to the armory.

"That's lead paint on the stairs. And we think people are tracking it in," Meyers said.

To verify the city's suspicions, Meyers ordered the stairs tested as well. The bottom section of the stairs closest to street level tested at 30. The middle section at 31 and the top level just before entering the armory tested at 97.

"You can see it building up on the stairs," Meyers said.

As for why the middle section tested lower than the bottom section, Meyers said it could be explained by where the test area was located.

"It's where he draws the square. If he moved over a foot, that reading could have been higher."

In light of the new readings, Meyers said the city is planning on renovating the stairs outside the building at a cost of approximately \$30,000.

"We have to do the stairs anyway," Meyers said.

Once the stairs are completed, Meyers said the city plans to do another cleaning of the armory and test the area again.

"It's conceivable that, with concrete stairs with lead paint can be responsible for tracking," said Perry Cabot, a senior program specialist with the Multnomah County Health Department who is responsible for providing resources and education on lead poisoning prevention within the county. It would be a sensible explanation, he said, but without knowledge of the remediation process he said it's impossible to know if it's the sole culprit behind the elevated test. "There's no way to say it's only from tracking."

Cabot suggested that in other armories the ventilation system could be the culprit for spreading lead dust but according to Meyers, the Cottage Grove armory does not have a ventilation system.

"We don't have one!" he noted. "We have the old boilers and the ceiling fans."

Meyers also noted that the city has been remediating the

building as the restoration progresses.

"We clean, we treat everything like it has lead because it's an old building," he said. "All of our contractors and people who work on the building are certified for lead."

The remaining re-tested areas of the armory came in lower as well including a spot in an office that went from 73 to 17, a basement sample that originally tested at 164 and came down to 51 and the highest reading of 2004 that measured at 345 came down to under five in the 2017 test.

Environmental Testing and Training Northwest out of Salem conducted the tests on the armory and the results were processed by SanAir Technologies Laboratory, Inc. which is accredited by the Better Business

Bureau.

Coming renovations on the armory include the exterior, which Meyers says is next on the list after the stairs and subsequent testing.

"We'll get the outside looking really nice," he said. "And we'll continue our fundraising."

Editor's note: As part of our service to the community and mission to provide the most accurate information available, The Cottage Grove Sentinel agreed to fund half the cost of the latest lead tests performed on the armory after being approached to do so by Cottage Grove City Manager Richard Meyers. The testing was performed by a third-party, licensed company and the results were obtained by The Sentinel

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