



Plumb Line



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PROGRESS SO FAR

Landscaping Begins

You know you're getting close to the end of a construction project when the landscaping gets started! We've got a load of mulch out at the site, and it's waiting for a crew to spread it out around the building. We plan to have a band of mulch or tree bark all around the building, skirted by a strip of grass that goes out to the curb.

Rick Waneka brought a Bobcat loader to the site and helped out quite a bit by moving rock and dirt around, and the landscaping crew is eagerly preparing to start work.

[By the way, a 'Bobcat loader' is a small earthmover with a big bucket in front, not a machine that you would use to load bobcats. Just thought I'd clear that up....]

Creeping Curb?

Watch out! While your back was turned, the curb has been creeping across the parking lot at the new building! The concrete crew has been pouring quite a bit of curb and gutter, racing to complete the whole boundary of the new parking area. The curb and gutter work has to be finished up before the asphalt folks can pour the parking lot, and quite a few of our guys have been putting in long hours on that project.

Cut-Up Cul-de-Sac

If you walk out to the cul-de-sac by Pastor Archer's house, you might wonder whether some gigantic concrete-eating monster has bitten holes in it. (Hey! That's what it looked like to ME, anyway!) Those two big notches in the curb will be the entrances to our parking area, and Fred is working now to get the concrete forms in place for a pair of driveways. Since that section of the curb will adjoin the city street, we'll have to work with a city inspector throughout the process of pouring the driveway entrances.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Evening Crews Needed!

Ed Ford will soon be available on Tuesday evenings out at the construction site, providing direction and supervision for people who can come out after work and help. There is an awful lot of work to be done, and Eddie can point you in the right direction if you'll just come out and help.

If you'd like to 'adopt' another weekday evening, please check with Fred or Pastor Archer. A number of folks would like to work in the evenings after work, and you could perform a valuable service by heading up some evening work teams.

Buried Box?

When I was walking around the site the other day, I discovered a big concrete box sunk several feet down into the ground. At first, I had no idea what it was; as far as I could tell, it's out in the middle of the new parking area!

Time capsule? Hmmm... could be...

Missile silo? Only if the missiles were square, I guess. Besides, it wasn't covered in camouflage and signs that said "This IS NOT a missile silo!" (which is what I would expect from the government).

Finally, someone took pity on my ignorance and explained the whole thing to me. The big box is a storm drain, and it will help deal with the water running off the parking lot.

Buried Cable

Now that the dirt levels on the property are pretty well set, it's time to start digging trenches and laying electrical cable for the lights in the yard. Keep your eyes open, and you'll soon see trenches zigzagging all over the place! The yard is starting to look like a jigsaw puzzle, with all sorts of pipes, curbs, and trenches running every which way.

Working Hours

The work schedule varies with the weather, occasional hold-ups experienced while waiting for material, and other reasons. In general, there's something going on all the time weekdays and Saturdays unless the weather turns really bad.

For specific dates and times, ask around -- DeeDee Minne is helping Pastor Archer coordinate the volunteer effort, and you can also grab someone on the construction team to find out about day-to-day operations on the site.

Back Talk!

Got a question? Want to make an announcement? Want to recognize someone for a job well done? Get it in the paper! Contact **Philippe Nave** at **469-8327** (home) or **538-3150 (work)** (send e-mail to pnave@lucent.com)

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Coordination of meals and work breaks