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Date Set for New Chiller at Smullin

A timeline has been set for replacement of the 27-year-old water chiller at Asante's Smullin Health Education Center, where operations will continue on a limited basis during the five-day project.



A plumbing crew will shut down the existing chiller on Thursday, Jan. 28, and is scheduled to start the building's replacement chiller on Tuesday, Feb. 2. The temperature inside the Smullin Center will be raised to about 77 degrees late in the day on Monday, Feb. 1, to test the chiller's ability to cool the building the following day.

Normal staff use of the building will continue throughout the project, but use by some large groups may be limited to avoid generating heat while the cooling system is down. Smullin's auditoriums can continue to be used because they are equipped to be cooled with

outside air if necessary.

The water chiller is part of the building's heating and cooling system. It cools interior air by absorbing heat into a liquid, then removing warmth through a heat-exchanger and exhausting it into the outside air.

Most commercial buildings in Medford require wintertime air conditioning to offset heat loads generated by equipment, lighting and occupants.

The Smullin Center work – to be done by a Medford plumbing contractor – is scheduled to take place in part during a weekend, to minimize disruptions. The building's heating system will remain fully functional throughout the project.

The new water chiller will be similar to the existing one, but will be more efficient and up-to-date.

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