

Neighborhood Forum: Questions & Issues

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From the January 2010 Neighborhood Forum	
Question/Issue	Answer/Update
Share more information about future campus renovation and development plans.	As future plans are solidified they will be indicated here and discussed at future Neighborhood Forums and on our Neighborhood Forum web page.
Share more information about the Geisinger trail system and the stewardship forest.	This topic will be addressed during the June 2010 Neighborhood Forum.
Share more information about storm water management at Geisinger.	This topic will be addressed during the June 2010 Neighborhood Forum.
Can campus neighbors join the gym on Woodbine Lane?	The fitness center is an amenity available only to Geisinger employees, their dependants (over 18) and spouses/partners. It was designed with this population in mind so space in the gym is limited. Geisinger did not want to compete with the Danville area fitness centers when opening this facility.
Continue to share what you are doing to eliminate smoking on campus and in the neighborhood.	We face an ongoing struggle with Geisinger employees smoking on our campus and in the surrounding community. This is something we take very seriously. We have enhanced security patrols through problem areas, continue educating our employee population and when necessary have issued more aggressive disciplinary action. You may review the Tobacco Free Policy here: TobaccoPolicy (.pdf).
Would it be possible to turn the lights in the parking lot behind HealthSouth off from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m.? Employees could use a close-in lot to accommodate the "lights out."	Geisinger Medical Center is a round-the-clock operation. Our staff work long and sometimes odd hours which means they are walking and driving through all parts of campus at all hours of the day and night. Because of this unpredictable activity, it is very difficult to predict and control when and where vehicles are parked. As a result, we must keep all areas of the campus lit to enhance the safety of our staff and other campus visitors. The parking lot in question falls under township regulations that prohibit spilling light onto adjacent properties. We are in line with these regulations.
Does Geisinger have a Good Neighbor Policy for its employees?	Geisinger supports the good neighbor philosophy by incorporating the concept into its human resources policies when appropriate. Two policies referencing good neighbor practices are in the areas of tobacco use

	<p>and employee parking. These policies can be reviewed by following the links below:</p> <p>Tobacco Policy (.pdf)</p> <p>Employee Parking Policy .pdf)</p>
<p>Will there be a charge for patients and visitors to use the parking garage?</p>	<p>Patient parking garage fees will be waived by presenting authorization received from your doctor's office following your appointment. Visitors will be charged to park in the garage, however this fee has not yet been determined.</p>
<p>Red Lane can be dangerous with all the traffic and the speed at which they travel. Can anything be done to improve safety?</p>	<p>A four way stop was recently added to the intersection of Red Lane and Powder Mill Road. This is in addition to the existing four way stop at Red Lane and North Academy Avenue. The hope is that this will help slow traffic moving through this area. We will continue to monitor the situation.</p>