

# Media Release



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## Maryland building demolition

Misericordia is blowing up a building! Well, not quite. It won't be as spectacular as in movies, but we are demolishing the Maryland South building with a 5,000-pound wrecking ball!

The Maryland South building – which was constructed in phases, the earliest in 1906 – is being demolished to make way for a new two-storey health complex, part of Misericordia's \$43 million redevelopment project awarded to BIRD Construction.

### PHOTO OP

**When:** 8:30 a.m. Wednesday January 11, 2012

**Where:** for the best view, media are invited to film from the roof of our Cornish building. Please take elevator 4 (at Sherbrook entrance) to the seventh floor. Alternatively, traffic reporters are welcome on the ground

**Where to park:** in our Sherbrook parking lot

**What exactly happens:** A 75-ton crane will start dropping the 5,000-pound wrecking ball. After 20-foot blows for 15-20 minutes, the roof begins to cave in. The walls will eventually collapse inwards and then clean-up starts. The majority of materials will be recycled.

Can't make it? You can still watch our time-lapse redevelopment cam at:

<http://bird40692.dnsalias.com/en/index.html>

The contractor has developed a comprehensive demolition plan to minimize disruption to the community, such as adding temporary fences for pedestrian control, and is working closely with the City of Winnipeg relating to street closures and traffic control.

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