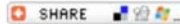


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Bangor fire station to open in April

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BANGOR, Maine — On schedule and on budget.

That was the succinct update on progress at the new fire station that's being built on Griffin Road in Bangor.

Construction on the \$2.4 million project began in September, and Bangor Fire Chief Jeff Cammack told city councilors recently that he has every assurance from general contractor Barr & Barr Builders that the new station will open on April 1.



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When it does, the city will have to decide what to do with the current Station 6, which is across Griffin Road near the new site.

"We're still in the process of discussing how or if that facility will be reused," City Manager Ed Barrett said.

Construction continues on the new Station 6 firehouse on Griffin Road in Bangor. An April 1 opening is expected. [Buy Photo](#)



The new station, at 8,878 square feet, will be larger than its predecessor, which was built in 1987. The current Station 6 was built to last 20 years, but Cammack told councilors for years that it was too small and badly configured.

When councilors first authorized construction of a new fire station in 2005, the anticipated cost was about \$1.5 million. The project was delayed, however, and by the time the city officially gave the green light in September 2008, the cost had ballooned by \$900,000.

A number of factors contributed to the increased cost, according to city Finance Director Debbie Cyr, including: sewer line extension, adding an extra bay and a 30 percent jump in construction costs.

The new Station 6 will be a one-story building, with three garage bays facing Griffin Road for fire vehicles and equipment. The building also will have bunk rooms for six crew members, an office, training room, weight room and kitchen.

The facility also will be the first city building to be LEED-certified, said Cammack, which means it's being constructed with environmental sensitivity. Some of the "green" measures, the chief said, include: recycled rubber flooring, low-flow plumbing, high-efficiency lighting and natural-gas-fired boilers.

"We have appreciated the opportunity to work with [Barr & Barr] on the design-build process," Cammack said. "They have been very responsive and open with us regarding every facet of the project. We have been able to ensure that the completed project will not only meet our needs, but the needs of our citizens well into the future."

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