



# United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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At the east end of the CVC roof deck near First Street, a landscape crew plants one of the 36 Tulip Poplar trees that line the East Capitol Street Extension.

## **This Week – Ongoing Work – 5/19/08 through 5/23/08**

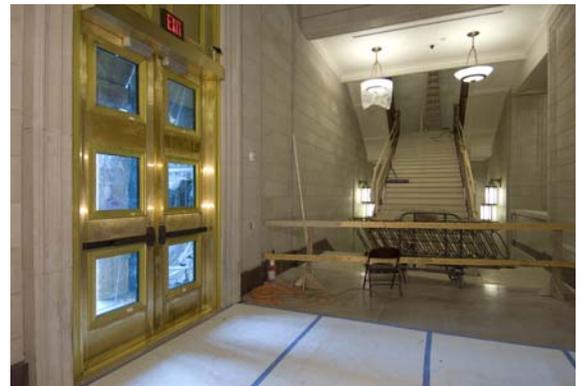
- Throughout the CVC, technicians continue final acceptance testing on the facility's complex fire and life-safety systems. This process is still on schedule to be completed this summer.
- Painters, carpenters, plumbers, masons, electricians, cleaning crews and other professionals continue to address punchlist items throughout the facility.
- Glass workers have completed the installation of glass panels to the exterior elevators on the CVC Plaza.
- Landscapers continue to plant trees along the CVC entrance paths and perimeter areas (*see photo above*).
- Landscape restoration work continues in the South "Egg" as crews continue to prepare the grounds for sod.
- Door installation crews continue adjusting doors and thresholds to achieve the precise separations necessary for the testing of the CVC's smoke purge and air pressurization systems.
- Masons continue to reset the stair-tread stones in the Senate stairwell atrium. Carpet installation will be completed this week in the House Hearing Room.
- Metal workers continue installing bronze cap plates at the base of bronze railing posts throughout the CVC.
- In the Exhibition Hall, substrate panels along the back alcove walls had been removed temporarily to clear the way for installation and testing of a foam sealant material that will restrict air flow inside the alcove walls. The sealant has been applied and the panels have been re-installed. The sealant tests will occur at the end of the month.
- Audio-visual technicians continue adjusting the projection systems in the North and South Orientation Theaters.



All of the construction trailers have been removed from the House “Egg” – the large grassy oval in front of the House wing – and landscape crews are now grading the soil to prepare for sod placements early this summer. Inset: Early in 2004, the House Egg was home to more than a dozen construction and security trailers, a concrete mixing plant, dumpsters, and myriad construction materials.

## **Next Week – 5/26/08 – 5/30/08**

- Technicians will continue the final testing process for the CVC’s complex fire and life-safety systems. This work will continue into the summer.
- Outside, landscape crews will continue to level the grade of the South “Egg” and prepare the grounds for sod placements and plantings. Other plantings will continue along both the north and south entrance ramps.
- Punchlist work will continue throughout interior spaces as millwork, wall stone, floor stone, grout lines, painted surfaces, ceiling panels, plaster work, doors, and other finish materials are inspected and deficiencies corrected.
- Masons will continue grout work and other stone detail work at the Rotunda and Gallery levels in the East Front of the Capitol, while metal works continue installing bronze railings. Fire alarm system testing is also ongoing at nights and on weekends in the East Front Extension.
- Metal workers will continue setting exterior bronze wall panels adjacent to the North and South Entrance doors.
- Work to adjust the terrazzo stair treads in the Senate stairwell atrium will continue.
- Terrazzo work may resume in the LOC tunnel pending the review of waterproofing at several locations.
- Landscapers will continue executing the final tree and shrub planting plan along the CVC entrance zones.



**In the East Front Extension of the Capitol, new bronze exterior doors have been installed at the Rotunda level.**

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