Superblock Progress Report

Updates on issues and advancements on the Superblock

November 19, 2014

NYU’s Office of Faculty Housing and Residential Services wants to keep members of the Superblock Stewardship Advisory Committee apprised of construction projects and site improvements on the Superblocks. Below, you will find a summary of projects recently completed, in progress now, or coming up on the horizon.

Washington Square Village

WSV Driveway Sidewalk Repairs

NYU is repairing the major gaps and cracks in the driveway sidewalks between the WSV buildings.

- Work is scheduled to begin on Friday, November 21st. There will be no work on Thanksgiving (Thursday, November 27th) or the following day (Friday, November 28th). The work is scheduled to be completed by early-December. The work hours are 9:00am to 5:00pm and work is weather dependent.
- The work will require the use of jackhammers to break-up the sidewalk. Pedestrian traffic will be maintained throughout this project.

3 WSV Community Board 2 Office Exterior Repairs

NYU is repairing the overhead canopy and exterior staircase of the Community Board 2 office on LaGuardia Place.

- A new staircase railing was installed.
- The columns on either side of the office windows will be repaired.
- The overhead canopy will be repaired once the sidewalk bridging around WSV is removed.

Window Replacement Project

NYU is replacing all single-paned windows with new double-paned windows. New terrace doors and sound-attenuating covers for window air conditioning units, will also be installed in each apartment.

- In response to concerns about the safety and the level of security ensured while the sidewalk bridging is installed around Washington Square Village, NYU is constructing a forty-five degree overhang on portions of the bridging over the driveways, service entrances, and sections that touch the building. This work is scheduled for the week of Monday, November 17th. In addition to improving the security provided by the sidewalk bridging, NYU Public Safety has increased their visibility through extensive patrolling through the Washington Square Village complex.
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- Window installation has begun in WSV buildings 3 and 4 and will continue through spring 2015.
- Installations are scheduled for WSV buildings 1 and 2 from spring 2015 through late summer.
- Residents will be notified of their installation schedule at least one month prior to their appointment.
- Residents will also be notified of changes to the project schedule at least one week in advance of their installation appointment.

Silver Towers

Window Replacement Project

NYU is replacing all single-paned windows with new double-paned windows. New air conditioning (PTAC) units, insulation and other sound-attenuating materials will also be installed in the existing metal cabinet covers in each apartment.

- Window measurements have been completed in the 100 Bleecker Street building. Measurements are scheduled to take place in the 110 Bleecker Street building the week of Monday, November 17, 2014.
- NYU will communicate with residents about the installation timeline following NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission review.

Superblock Site Improvements

LaGuardia Place Vacant Storefront Renovation

NYU is preparing to renovate three vacant storefronts in the LaGuardia Place retail strip. These spaces will be utilized for an Academic Technology Center and an Advanced Media Studio.

- The 3 empty storefronts on LaGuardia Place were cleaned out in preparation for renovation. The old awnings were removed from the storefronts.
- Minor interior abatement work is scheduled from Thursday, November 20, 2014 through Friday, November 28th. There will be no work on Thanksgiving (Thursday, November 27).
- Debris will be removed from the storefronts, loaded into a van behind the retail strip, and deposited in an off-site waste container.

Ongoing Improvements:

- NYU is seeking to consolidate work schedules that require sidewalk bridging in the near future to reduce the total time of sidewalk bridging being erected on the superblocks.
- Carrying out general maintenance around the superblocks, including the filling of major gaps and cracks in sidewalks, removing graffiti, and ensuring all lights are in working order.
- Updating signage around the superblocks for clarity and efficacy.
- Power-washing and gum removal around the superblocks.
NYU Public Safety has added the superblocks to its daily schedule of rounds with early morning, mid-day and late night walk-throughs to check for people loitering, checking for lamps that need repair, and to provide increased security presence.