Superblock Progress Report

Updates on issues and advancements on the Superblock

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NYU’s Office of Faculty Housing and Residential Services wants to keep residents of Silver Towers and Washington Square Village 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.

In addition to the Superblock Progress Report, Heather Skolnick from the NYU Office of Government and Community Affairs, will be available to answer questions about projects on the superblocks on Thursday afternoons in 4 WSV apartment 2G. Please stop by with any questions you may have beginning Thursday, December 11th from 12-2pm.

For more information about projects on the Superblocks, please visit the NYU Construction website.

To receive updates about NYU construction projects on the superblocks at an additional email address please click here.

To stop receiving the Superblock Progress Report and emails about NYU construction projects please click here.

Washington Square Village

WSV Driveway Sidewalk Repairs

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

- Work began on Friday, November 21st and is scheduled to be completed in early-December.

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.

- The first phase of this project is scheduled to be completed in early-December.
- The schedule has been extended due to weather conditions.
- 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.

- The window replacement project has been temporarily suspended due to unforeseen labor issues between unions. We anticipate that these issues will soon be resolved and a new installation schedule will be communicated at that time.
- In response to concerns about the safety and the level of security ensured while the sidewalk bridging is installed around Washington Square Village, NYU constructed a forty-five degree overhang on portions of the bridging over the driveways, service entrances, and sections that touch the building. 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.
- 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 both Silver Towers buildings.
- NYU will communicate with residents about the installation timeline following NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission review.

Silver Towers II Garage Floor Replacement

NYU is replacing the garage floor in the northeastern portion of the Silver Towers II parking garage.

- Work will begin with the use of jackhammers to break-up the existing concrete and removal of soil damaged by a past water main break.
- Following concrete demolition, contractors will replace the garage floor with new concrete.
- Work is scheduled to begin on Monday, December 8 and be completed by the end of December. Work hours are from 9:00am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday.
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 was completed in late-November.
- Construction is scheduled to begin in January 2015.

Completed Improvements:

- NYU repaired hazardous sidewalk conditions on LaGuardia Place, between West 3rd and Bleecker Streets.

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, midday and late night walk-throughs to check for people loitering, checking for lamps that need repair, and to provide increased security presence.

Events

Washington Square Park Tree Lighting and Songs

The Washington Square Association is offering two opportunities to sing yuletide carols in historic Washington Square Park. The Association provides an annual 45-foot Christmas tree under the Arch that will be lit for the season between the hours of 4 pm and 1 am.

- On Wednesday, December 10 at 6 pm, join the Rob Susman Brass Quartet to sing holiday songs, see the lighting of the tree and enjoy a special visit from Santa Claus.
- On Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24 at 5 pm, the Rob Susman Brass Quartet will return to Washington Square Park to sing holiday songs.