Superblock Progress Report

Updates on issues and advancements on the superblocks

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NYU’s Faculty Housing and Residential Services wants to keep residents apprised of construction projects and site improvements on the superblocks. Below, is 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 the lobby of 4 WSV. Please stop by with any questions you may have from 12:00pm to 2:00pm.

➢ For more information about projects on the Superblocks, please visit the NYU Construction website.
➢ Please contact the NYU Client Services Center with questions at contactcsc@nyu.edu or 212-998-1001.

Washington Square Village

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

- To date, 283 apartments have received new windows; residents whose installations are completed have provided very positive feedback for these improvements.
- Window installations are scheduled to be completed in buildings 3 and 4 by the end of April.
- Window installations are scheduled to begin in buildings 1 and 2 in May 2015. Sidewalk bridging to protect pedestrian traffic is scheduled to be erected around the perimeter of buildings 1 and 2 in April.
- Residents will receive information about their installation at least 30 days in advance of their appointment. Any changes to the project schedule, if needed, will be communicated at least one week in advance of installation appointments.
- There are a few residents who have experienced difficulty opening the new windows, which are heavier as a result of being double-paned. The window team collaborated with an occupational therapist at the University to design and fabricate a device that will help these residents open their new windows. If you find your new windows are too heavy for you to open, please reach out to the NYU Client Services Center at either contactcsc@nyu.edu or 212-998-1001.

Roof Replacement and Local Law 11 Façade Repairs
NYU is replacing the roofs and conducting Local Law 11 work on all four WSV buildings. The time-frames for these projects are weather-dependent; we will keep residents apprised of progress and any weather delays.

- Abatement and temporary roof installation are underway in 3 and 4 WSV.
Local Law 11 façade repairs are scheduled to begin in April 2015.

Following the completion of WSV buildings 3 and 4, work is scheduled to begin in buildings 1 and 2 in March 2016 and will continue through December 2016.

**Upcoming Improvements**

- At the advice of arborists, hazardous and diseased trees around WSV and within Sasaki Garden will be removed this spring. The hazardous trees will be replaced in-kind where plant bed conditions allow, and diseased trees will be replaced with fungal-resistant trees.
- Shrubs encroaching on walkways will be pruned and replaced as necessary.

**Completed Improvements**

- The lighting in the WSV lobbies was upgraded to LED bulbs to improve lighting quality and reduce energy consumption.

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**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.

- Installations are scheduled to begin in both Silver Towers buildings this summer.
- NYU will communicate with residents about the installation process and schedule this spring.
- A sidewalk bridging plan to protect pedestrian traffic is being finalized. Installation is scheduled to begin in April. Residents will be notified about the start date in advance.

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**Superblock Site Improvements**

**LaGuardia Place Vacant Storefront Renovation**

NYU is renovating three vacant stores in the LaGuardia Place retail strip. These spaces will become the “LaGuardia Studio”, a 3-D printing facility, and the “LaGuardia Co-op”, a student technology center.

- The project is scheduled to begin pending the receipt of NYC DOB permits, and continue through June 2015.
- When work commences, the renovation will begin with interior demolition and the removal of existing machinery located on the roof.
- Interior construction will follow and is scheduled to be completed by early-June. Exterior construction will include the installation of new rooftop HVAC units. Sound barriers will be installed around the new HVAC units.