NEW HOUSE CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Hello New House!

I hope you are enjoying your last few days of summer! The summer here on campus has been full of summer guests, projects to help improve your living environments, and preparing for your return.

I am happy to report that the construction project for New House has been moving along nicely and is currently on schedule. I want to share with you the progress that has been made so far and what you can expect when you return.

WHAT’S BEEN ACCOMPLISHED THIS SUMMER

Work that has been completed this summer:

- Interior demolition of houses 1-4. This includes removal of all piping, walls, and electrical.
- Trench work on the first floor to start the installation of new piping
- Work on Amherst Alley to tie in new piping
- Façade work on the whole building
- Piles (supports in the ground) installed for construction of the elevator
- Construction on the Head of House apartment, laundry room, and front desk/package area for houses 5 and 6

The team has been working two shifts each day to keep this project moving along. When you return to campus, there will still be some façade work to finish. This work will be completed before classes start.

WHAT TO EXPECT THIS FALL

On your return, you will see a construction fence around houses 1-4 and a construction trailer outside of house 5. The new entrance for houses 5 and 6 will be the door between houses 4 and 6 facing the Alley. Work hours will be 7:00am to 7:00pm, with noisy work starting at 9:00 am. This time has been agreed to by both MIT and Suffolk Construction. I will be providing bi-weekly updates about the progress of the construction, as well as information about what to expect in that coming weeks. The work that will continue to occur during the fall semester in houses 1-4 is:

- Coring through the concrete between floors. This coring is necessary for the piping to be run throughout the building
- Saw cutting of the slab. This work is needed for piping as well as the new elevator.
- Construction of the 2nd floor of the mechanical room. This will include erecting the steel beams for the structure, bricking it, and placing the new mechanics into it.
- Street work on Amherst Alley.

As you can see, it’s been a busy summer. On Tuesday, September 5th we would like to invite you to meet the construction team during lunch, a more formal invitation will follow. In addition, during the first few weeks of the semester, we will hold a town meeting to help answer any of your questions. Be on the lookout for an email with more information and a meeting date in the next few weeks.

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