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Abatement Continues; Demolition to Begin in July

The abatement phase of the project will continue over the next several weeks with work hours from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. No extended work hours are anticipated during the remainder of June or early July; should any become necessary our neighbors will receive notification.



Our contractor, Lend Lease, informs us that activities for the next few weeks include:

June 15th-19th:

- Continue interior abatement activities on Eighth Avenue.
- Begin exterior abatement activities on Eighth Avenue.
- Continue scaffold installation on Eighth Avenue and Fifth Street.
- Begin surveying of property and install monuments and benchmarks.
- Disconnect utilities (DEP/National Grid).
- Disconnect water and sewer lines for Eighth Avenue buildings.
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June 22^{nd-}26^{th:}

- Continue exterior abatement activities on Eighth Avenue.
- Continue surveying of property and installation of monuments and benchmarks.
- Continue disconnection of utilities (DEP and National Grid).

June 29th-July 3rd:

- Continue exterior abatement activities on Eighth Avenue.
- Begin site fencing in front of Sixth Street buildings to be demolished.

July 6th-15th:

- Continue exterior abatement activities on Eighth Avenue.
- Continue site fencing of Sixth Street.
- Remove MRI at 523 Sixth Street
- Begin scaffolding on Sixth Street.
- Begin disconnecting of utilities on Sixth Street,

Mitigation of Construction Impacts

At the April meeting of the Construction Task Force (CTF), there was a suggestion that the contractor create a document that would put the Environmental Assessment Statement recommendations for mitigation of construction impacts into plain language understandable to truck drivers and other members of the construction team. At the May meeting of the CTF, representatives from Lend Lease distributed several copies of a draft for the brochure that has been prepared in response to the suggestion. Pending review by members of the CTF, the brochure will be published and will be

distributed and reviewed at every orientation of every subcontractor and all truck drivers and other relevant members of the contractor's or subcontractor's teams will receive it.

In the meantime, Lend Lease has shared plans for mitigation in two areas about which neighbors have expressed immediate concern: dust and rodent control.

With regard to dust control, residents should be aware that the entire operation will be contained within the fence. All abatement debris will be loaded behind the fence and no sidewalk will be used for staging. There will be full netting around all of the buildings for dust mitigation. (The netting will remain for the duration of the demolition.) The buildings will be watered down regularly to further minimize dust impact.

A rodent control program for the construction site is in place and being implemented prior to demolition. To ensure maximum effectiveness, baiting of traps did not begin until the fence was completed.

For More Information...

This newsletter and previous issues are available at nym.org/build. Interested members of the community can also request that the newsletter be sent directly to their email addresses by making this request to build@nym.org. Requests for mailing the newsletter to homes in the vicinity of the project can be sent to this address or phoned into NYM's Department of Public Relations., 718 780-5367.

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