The renovation of 619-623 West 113th Street will offer a unique residential experience for sophomores, juniors and seniors by creating a Living Learning Center which will provide students with an environment to explore and cultivate common interests by connecting with faculty, administrators, alumni and community leaders. A professional-level staff member living within the Living Learning Center will be responsible for developing programming initiatives.

Project Scope

The project’s goal is to renovate 619-623 West 113th Street into a Living Learning Center for approximately 65 to 80 undergraduate students and provide amenities such as common areas, a classroom/study area in the basement level, a kitchen area, laundry space, and a station for a security guard.

The project scope will include full interior renovation of the five story building and new infrastructure, including mechanical, electrical, plumbing, fire alarm, sprinkler, elevator and exterior work. In addition abatement will take place and new windows and roof parapet repair will take place.

Abatement was completed in February 2012. Site mobilization and construction activity began in mid-July 2012 and occupancy is scheduled for August 2013. Please note that the project schedule is subject to change.

Construction Activities

- Basement layout for plumbing waste and storm piping
- Compact truck for debris removal
- Begin masonry rebuild of parapet walls on roof
- Removal of basement windows and louvers
- Removal of window guards and security screens
- Fireplace infill and floor joist reinforcements
- Continue installation of first layer of 1/2” subflooring on southern end of floors 2, 3, 4, & 5 approximately 16’-0” to 20’-0” from southern wall north and from northern wall south
- Cutting and chopping ledge for new elevator shaft
- Install second layer sub-flooring where applicable

What to Expect

Although contractors carefully stage construction activities to minimize disruption to the surrounding community, the nature of construction work is such that some disruptions will occur. The community should expect the following during construction:

- Regular work hours: 7:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
- Construction-related noise due to jack hammering during demolition, boom truck delivery on street, compaction truck for debris, nailing, and cutting floor joists

Contact Information

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