June 24, 2014 Update

Pupin Hall Upgrades
Construction Update

This construction update has been developed specifically for occupants of Pupin Hall and contains information on construction activities in and around the building. In efforts to make necessary upgrades to the building, while preserving its historic significance on the campus, a series of concurrent projects commenced in the spring of 2014 and continue until the fall of 2015. We hope you find this useful and thank you for your patience and cooperation as we work to make Pupin a better place to work and learn.

What is Happening

New Theory Center – 8th and 9th Floor
The Theory Center involves the renovation of the eastern portion of the 8th and 9th floors to accommodate the emergent needs of the Theoretical Physics Department. It will provide a modernized space for interaction and collaboration amongst theorists. The new office fit-out started in May 2014 and last approximately 12 months.

Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing (MEP) Vertical Infrastructure Upgrade
The building is in need of upgraded vertical distribution of mechanical and electrical risers. Existing mechanical and electrical systems will remain in place and horizontal connections will be incorporated into future renovations. Work is scheduled to start in the summer of 2014 and last approximately 15 months.

Exterior Copper Cornice
The copper cornice is original to the building and can be seen throughout the campus. Work includes the exterior substructure framework of the existing copper gutter system and the replacement of the majority of copper repousse and embossed copper fascia panels around entire perimeter of the building. Work is scheduled to start in the summer of 2014 and last approximately 15 months.

Pupin/CEPSR 5th and 6th Feeder Project
This project involves upgrading the switchgear in the 100 and 200 levels of the CEPSR building. The project will increase the current electrical capacity of the CEPSR switchgear bus and replace and enhance the existing electrical service that feeds Pupin Hall, Dodge Gym and Havemeyer Extension. Work is scheduled to start in the summer of 2014 and last approximately 15 months.

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 in the coming weeks:

- Construction work hours are 7:00am - 6:00pm Monday through Friday
- Demolition work is scheduled between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and midnight
- Asbestos removal on the 8th and 9th floors for the New Theory Center
- Delivery of materials
- Some noise due to demolition and other construction-related activities

Please note that all activities are subject to change based on weather and other field conditions

Additional Information
You can find updated project information at http://facilities.columbia.edu/pupin-hall-upgrades. If you have any questions or concerns about this project, please call the Columbia University Facilities Services Center at (212) 854-2222 or e-mail projx@columbia.edu, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Rendering of Pupin Theory Center