

WTC 40 HARRISON ST.
FILES 80 North Moore St.

Theodorellys, Penny

From: Avaltroni, Robert
Sent: Wednesday, June 09, 2004 11:50 AM
To: Radhakrishnan, Krish
Cc: Theodorellys, Penny
Subject: FW: Re: Outreach to Independence Plaza

FYI - from Jane

-----Original Message-----

From: Jessica Leighton [mailto:jleight@health.nyc.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, June 08, 2004 5:49 PM
To: mgilsenan@dep.nyc.gov; ravaltroni@dep.nyc.gov
Cc: Jessica Morris
Subject: Fwd: Re: Outreach to Independence Plaza

Bob and Mike,
Hi! Hope all is well. The issue below came to our attention. We would like to suggest that they call DEP. Should they call Krish? Thanks much.
jessica

>>> Jessica Morris 6/8/2004 11:10:53 AM >>>

As we begin our WTC Health Registry outreach at IP, an environmental concern was brought to light. See below.

Just wanted you all to be aware of this (especially you, jessica leighton...do you think it's worth our looking at?).

>>> Diane <dlapson@nyc.rr.com> 6/8/2004 12:54:11 AM >>>

Hi there. I am enclosing the only electronic version I have, which was the final draft before the nice letter went out.

Read it and weep...

Glad to hear that you are coming to IPN.

Regards, Diane Lapson

BELOW:

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> To: IPN Tenants From: IPNTA Environmental Committee
> Subject: Window Replacement Project: Potential Health
> Hazards and IPNTA-Stellar Management Actions
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> This is to notify all tenants of an issue that has arisen in
> connection with the window replacement project begun by
> Stellar Management. A chronology of recent events is as
> follows:
> € In early April, soon after the window replacement
> work started at 310 Greenwich Street, the IPNTA
> environmental committee began work to monitor the project,
> in order to ensure that the work being done would not be
> harmful to tenants' health.
> € Members of the committee are: Diane Lapson, Chair;
> Harriett Grimm, Pat Dillon, Maureen Silverman and Mariette
> Bailey.
> € On April 28, the environmental consulting firm that
> has contributed its services pro bono to the TA, began
> testing windows for asbestos in 6 apartments at 310
> Greenwich St.

> € On May 11, our environmental consultant reported
> that the first round of sampling found unacceptably high
> levels of asbestos in the window tracks of all 6 apartments
> tested. Subsequent testing in a sampling of apartments at 40
> Harrison St. and 80 North Moore St. has found similar
> results, indicating that many, if not all, of our old
> windows contain asbestos.
> € During the first two rounds of testing, the
> consultant sampled the window tracks only for asbestos.
> They also took samples from a few surfaces of apartment
> interiors for mercury and heavy metals. Some apartments
> were found to have high levels of one or more of these
> substances of concern on surfaces that don't get cleaned
> very often - like the tops of bookcases.
> € For the final round of testing on May 20, our
> consultants took samples from window tracks for mercury and
> heavy metals, in addition to asbestos. Those tests found
> unacceptable levels of one or more of these substances in
> the window tracks of all 5 apartments tested.
> € On May 13, The environmental committee sent the
> first test results to a second environmental expert -- an
> industrial hygienist at the New York Committee for
> Occupational Safety, who promptly confirmed that the results
> present serious safety concerns.
> € On May 17, the TA environmental committee hand-
> delivered a letter, approved by TA president Neil Fabricant
> and signed by vice-president Diane Lapson, to Stellar
> Management, informing them of the findings of our
> environmental consultant.
> € Stellar responded promptly with a cessation of the
> project until the scientific facts can be verified, the
> dangers to tenants can be evaluated, and necessary
> precautions can be taken to protect tenants from adverse
> health effects. To this end, Stellar has hired its own
> environmental expert.
> € On Monday, June 7, members of the IPNTA
> environmental committee and three of our environmental
> consultant's personnel will meet with representatives of
> Stellar Management, their environmental consultant, and
> their architect, to discuss possible solutions to the
> problem we face. We are assured that the matter will be
> dealt with as expeditiously as possible.
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> In the meantime, no one should panic. Although
> asbestos and other substances of concern may pose a risk if
> disturbed, the amounts we have are small and if not
> disturbed should not pose a threat. You should avoid
> disturbing the substances; we advise that you do not attempt
> to clean the windows, and do not open and/or close them.
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> We will keep tenants advised of the progress of this
> issue as it evolves.

> Hey Jessica,
> I just this second e-mailed Diane. We have some environmental
> contamination going on. Diane has the flier that has gone to the building.
> I thought you should have it, at least for the record.
> Allan
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>> Finally, we're coming to IP!
>> Diane: thanks for helping to make this happen.
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>>>> "Dolan, Melissa" <mdolan@rti.org> 6/7/2004 4:29:18 PM >>>
>> On Friday, Amy was able to make arrangements with Deborah Dolan

>> regarding
>> outreach to Independence Plaza. Fortunately, Ms. Dolan decided to
>> allow us
>> to table in the building lobbies, rather than the community room as
>> initially discussed. As requested, we were able to secure tabling for
>> one
>> weekday and one Saturday in three building lobbies, as follows:
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>> SCHEDULE & LOCATIONS:
>> June 19, Saturday: 10am-2pm
>> 80 N.Moore St. LOBBY
>> 40 Harrison St. LOBBY
>> 310 Greenwich St. LOBBY
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>> June 23, Wednesday: 5pm-8pm
>> 80 N.Moore St. LOBBY
>> 40 Harrison St. LOBBY
>> 310 Greenwich St. LOBBY
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>> All buildings are located on Greenwich Street. We should be prepared
>> to
>> have interviewers in the lobby of all three towers on these dates at
>> the
>> times indicated. Independence Plaza will provide a table in each lobby.
>> If
>> the weather is nice, we have the choice of tabling outside of the
>> building
>> or remaining in the lobby. Ms. Dolan will notify security of these
>> events.
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>> STAFFING & MATERIALS
>> 1) Given that six staff will be needed at each of the two events, we
>> would
>> like to request that DOHMH supply 2 staff for each day (RTI would
>> supply 4
>> for each day). Would that be possible?
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>> 2) We are currently preparing a flyer that will announce the tabling
>> events
>> and will deliver copies to Ms. Dolan this week. She will place the
>> flyers
>> in the laundry rooms, at the lobby desk in each tower, and post in the
>> hallways of the towers. They will hand deliver a flyer to the 70
>> townhomes
>> in the complex.
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>> 3) We should bring at least 1,000 outreach items to each building
>> lobby,
>> each day - a combination of brochures, palm cards and go cards. Can
>> DOHMH
>> supply/deliver these materials? RTI can bring tripods for two of the
>> buildings - we only have two. Can DOHMH bring another tripod or
>> poster?
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>> Thanks,
>> Melissa
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