

Maldonado, Jane

To: Lanaghan, Mark; Lanaghan, Mark 001
Cc: Chapin, Diana; Chapin, Diana 001; Avaltroni, Robert
Subject: Call from Assembly Speaker Silver's Office

Mike Gilsenan asked me to forward this to you. Carol (from the above office) spoke to Kathy Callahan and was referred to Mike. They are looking for the list of 211 buildings that need exterior cleaning. They are especially interested in 125 Cedar Street.

Her telephone number is 518-455-4766.

Thanks

Gilsenan, Michael

To: callahan.kathy@epa.gov
Subject: Air Monitoring SOW

Kathy,

Please have someone review the air monitoring SOW for 125 Cedar/114 Liberty Street. We especially need your help in determining the number of wipe samples to be taken at each location. Once we have your input we will share with tenants, landlords and interested elected officials.

Thanks,

Mike

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NY Daily News
1/3/03

Back at home on Cedar St.

Chased from their homes by a storm of World Trade Center debris, the tenants of the closest apartment building to Ground Zero were kept out for 15 months by a blizzard of bureaucratic bungling.

Their wait finally has ended.

In recent weeks, anxious and optimistic tenants of 125 Cedar St. received permission to return to the 12-story building on the southern perimeter of the Trade Center site. Five of the building's 23 families have returned. All are expected to move back within the next month.

"This has been our home for 22 years," said Ed Serrapede, 58. "It's not like the normal building in New York City. We know everyone here."

The building was one of the first in the Financial District to be converted from offices into apartments. The tenants, who

have rent-stabilized apartments, did the work themselves.

Yesterday, many of them gathered in a dusty loft to thank the person they credit with getting them back home: Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver.

Last year, Silver (D-Manhattan) pulled the building's management, utility companies and representatives of various city, state and federal agencies into one room to resolve the problems keeping the building closed.

Electricity was restored, insurance claims were completed and the building was cleaned by the city Department of Environmental Protection.

For his help, Silver was named an honorary tenant, prompting him to joke, "As long as you keep the refrigerator stocked and I get the remote when I'm here, we'll get along fine."

Greg Gittrich

HOME SWEET HOME

Ground Zero residents reoccupy apts.

By ADAM MILLER

Nearly 16 months after the Sept. 11 attacks, the displaced residents of 125 Cedar St. — the closest apartments to the Twin Towers — are finally back in their homes.

And the 39 tenants of the charming, century-old 12-story building that stands 300 feet from Ground Zero couldn't have been more ecstatic yesterday about finally reclaiming their beloved loft apartments.

Andy Jurinko and his wife, Pat Moore, were in their third-floor apartment when the two hijacked planes slammed into the World Trade Center.

The tower collapse blew out 15 windows in their apartment and left chunks of debris — including parts of one of the planes and a blasted-out computer monitor — along with mounds of dirt and dust.

"It feels wonderful and exciting to be back in our home," said Jurinko, 63, a painter.

"It is such a relief. We've been through so much. Our loft was like a minefield of glass, rocks, debris and dust. It was like a war zone."

Moore, a fashion designer, added: "It's fabulous to be back home. We've waited a long time for this day. It's amazing. We're just so grateful because we didn't know if we'd ever be allowed back."

Mark Scherzee, 51, a resident of the building since 1978, moved back into his penthouse apartment last week.

"It's great to be back because it feels like the end



BACK WHERE THEY BELONG: Andy Jurinko and wife Pat Moore are thrilled to be living in their apartment again after their building at 125 Cedar St. was decimated by the Sept. 11 attacks. N.Y. Post: Michael Norcia

of uncertainty," said Scherzee, a lawyer. "I feel so relieved. But there's still a lot of cleaning to do."

The grateful tenants yesterday made state Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver (D-Manhattan) an "honorary resident" for his work fighting to ensure the building will remain standing regardless what is built on Ground Zero.

At a press conference yesterday, Silver said the residents would be the "pillars of building a new community in downtown New York."

Many of the tenants, including Jurinko, were the

original pioneers who took the once-derelict office building and turned it into a residential jewel with large lofts and low rents 25 years ago.

"This is a dream come true," said Gail Langsner, who moved back into her apartment Dec. 15.

"I'm just so glad to be back home. The force of the blast was tremendous. It was like an earthquake."

Mary Dierickx, who returned to her 11th-floor apartment Dec. 28, said she's "thrilled to be back."

"After all we've been through, it's terrific to be home," she said. "It's unbelievable."



DEVASTATION: Pat Moore cleans up the mess last August left by the WTC collapse. N.Y. Post: Michael Norcia

Gilsenan, Michael

From: Mears.Mary@epamail.epa.gov
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2002 12:30 PM
To: Callahan.Kathy@epamail.epa.gov; LaPosta.Dore@epamail.epa.gov;
 Fitzpatrick.Robert@epamail.epa.gov; Santella.Dennis@epamail.epa.gov;
 Rotola.Joe@epamail.epa.gov; Basso.Ray@epamail.epa.gov
Cc: Bellow.Bonnie@epamail.epa.gov; FMCCarton@OEM.NYC.GOV; Gilsenan, Michael
Subject: 125 Cedar

I got a call from NBC TV. The reporter said that residents from 125 Cedar are upset because EPA and the city "told them to remove their own debris" and now it seems that they may have unwittingly moved human remains. The reporter said that they have removed "tons of debris" from 125 Cedar (is that true I wonder?). I explained that EPA and the city directed building owners to get a professional contractor to remove debris and that we never recommended that they do it themselves. His issue is more why the city didn't look at the buildings to look for remains before. I gently reminded him that the city was dealing with a 7 story high debris pile, but I directed him to Frank McCarton at OEM. He said "so EPA doesn't care about human remains." I said of course we care, but that our role is on the environmental side and that OEM and FDNY took the lead in recovery efforts.

Gilsenan, Michael

From: Mears.Mary@epamail.epa.gov
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2002 9:42 AM
To: Gilsenan, Michael
Subject: Commitments made to 125 Cedar residents

I had your email wrong. Also, you should know that Nadler's office called to say that they will be attending the 125 Cedar meeting (they invited themselves).

----- Forwarded by Mary Mears/R2/USEPA/US on 06/26/2002 09:39 AM -----

Mary Mears

Dore

06/26/2002 08:59 AM

Bonnie

michaelgi@nyc.dep.gov

residents

To: Kathy Callahan/R2/USEPA/US@EPA,
LaPosta/R2/USEPA/US@EPA, Robert
Fitzpatrick/R2/USEPA/US@EPA
cc: Benjamin Barry/R2/USEPA/US@EPA,
Bellow/R2/USEPA/US@EPA,
Subject: Commitments made to 125 Cedar

Ben and I spoke and he took notes at the last 125 Cedar meeting (I wasn't there). Ben reports that we made the following commitments:

- 1) To share a draft SOW with the residents BEFORE its final (DEP will need to do this, so we should ask Mike Gilsenan)
- 2) To test for Mercury with the Lumex
- 3) To CONSIDER pre and post testing for dioxin
- 4) To CONSIDER followup testing 6 months to a year after the cleanup
- 5) To get NYCDOH to send someone to check on the mold
- 6) Bob commitment to ask asbestos experts to provide a list of various items and how to properly clean them (this would also be fab for the Web page in general!).

I suspect we will be asked to report progress on these commitments before today's meeting. I think we should quickly run through them at the 1:30 pre-meeting.

Gilsenan, Michael

From:

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Sent:

Wednesday, July 03, 2002 1:00 PM

To:

Gilsenan, Michael

Cc:

Morrowy@assembly.state.ny.us; linda.rosenthal@mail.house.gov;

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MOORE@AMNH.ORG;

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Subject:

125 Cedar interiors cleanup scope of work

Michael Gilsenan--

Thank you for your progress report of today.

It is my understanding that we are in the 7th inning of the acquisition process for the writers of the site specific scope. Additional information has been requested and subsequently provided to the scope writers to aid them with their proposals.

It is anticipated that they will be submitting their proposals in the very near future and hopefully, their contract will be awarded no later than Monday, July 8.

New item: There will be two scope writers, one to address asbestos containing material (ACM) and another to address heating, ventillation and air conditioning systems (HVAC).

As previously discussed and agreed to, additional issues such as metals will be incorporated into the site specific scope at a later date with the input of the EPA and the tenants association.

You do not require any thing from the tenants association at this time.

Again, thank you for efforts in moving this along.

PII

125 Cedar Street tenants Association

Gilsenan, Michael

From: Jim Miller [jmill@health.nyc.gov]
Sent: Friday, July 12, 2002 12:08 PM
To: Gilsenan, Michael
Subject: Re: 125 Cedar Street -Mold

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>>> "Gilsenan, Michael (ex)" <michaelgi@dep.nyc.gov> 07/12/02 12:03PM >>>
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At a recent meeting between the representatives of 125 Cedar and EPA/DEP, the question of mold and how to address it was discussed. I've informed the residents that mold was not an item that could be addressed by the scope of work being developed for this and other unoccupied/uncleaned buildings. They were informed that this is an area that DOH usually handles. The residents asked that DEP contact DOH for assistance. Is it possible to arrange a walk-through at 125 Cedar with DOH's mold expert. The recommendations could be forwarded to the building owner to have the necessary steps taken to remediate any problem that might be found. DEP will coordinate all activities and keep the owner and tenants informed. Please let me know as soon as you can so that I may get back in touch with the tenants and their representative. Should you require additional information on this, please give me a call.

Thanks for your help.

Gilsenan, Michael

From: Jim Miller [jmill@health.nyc.gov]
Sent: Friday, July 12, 2002 2:31 PM
To: Gilsenan, Michael
Cc: Christopher D'Andrea; Jessica Leighton; Nancy Jeffery
Subject: RE: 125 Cedar Street -Mold

Mike--Chris D'Andrea is available for a walk-through at 125 Cedar. Please let us know when you'd like to do this. (Based on our last meeting at EPA, I thought I heard that next Weds is a possible date.) Jim

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 Thanks again!

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From: Nancy Jeffery [njeffery@health.nyc.gov]
Sent: Friday, July 12, 2002 3:02 PM
To: Gilsenan, Michael
Subject: RE: 125 Cedar Street -Mold

I will be on Jury Duty starting July 10, 2002. Please contact Chris D'Andrea at 788-4290 or Mary Perrin at 676-0723 or at PII for assistance.

Gilsenan, Michael

From: [PII]
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2002 12:05 AM
To: Gilsenan, Michael
Cc: Joe@Samsonmanagement.com; BARRY.BENJAMIN@EPA.GOV; Kyle.Brooks@GSA.GOV;
[PII]
Subject: DOH mold inspection

Hi Mike,

I received your message that you want to arrange to have the Dept. of Health inspect the mold at Cedar St. We need to coordinate with someone from Samson Management and the tenants from the 6th floor to the 3rd floor on the North side of our building.

I can be reached on Mon. either at [PII] or [PII]

Thanks [PII]

Gilsenan, Michael

From: Jim Miller [jmiller@health.nyc.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2002 3:52 PM
To: Christopher D'Andrea
Cc: Gilsenan, Michael
Subject: RE: 125 Cedar Street -Mold

I believe DEP has worked out access with the owner.

>>> Christopher D'Andrea 07/16/02 01:54PM >>>

I am scheduled to do a walkthrough of 125 Cedar Street this Friday at 10:30 with DEP. Are there any access/restriction/identification issues for this area?

>>> Jim Miller 07/12/02 02:30PM >>>

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Thanks for your help.

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From: PII
Sent: Monday, July 22, 2002 9:18 AM
To: CDANDREA@health.nyc.gov
Cc: fitzpatrick.robert@epa.gov; Gilsenan, Michael; Joe@Samsonmanagement.com
Subject: Walk through with the DOH

Hi Chris,

Here is the info. for Joe Massino the person at our management company that you should send your report about the mold in our building to, when it has been completed.

Joe Massino- Samson Management, 1-718-830-0131 x 125, Email= Joe@Samsonmanagement.com.

Please also send a copy of your report to Bob Fitzpatrick at the EPA and Mike Gilsenan at the DEP (see the cc on this Email) and myself.

Thank you for your time and attention in regards to our situation, Pat Moore.

Gilsenan, Michael

From: [PII]
Sent: Wednesday, July 24, 2002 10:35 AM
To: Gilsenan, Michael
Cc: egesmer@gulges.com; [PII]
Subject: DEP scope

Good morning Mike,

I'm checking to see if the written scope of work for 125 Cedar St. has been completed yet. My understanding when you and I spoke last week was that today (Wed., July 24th) would be the deadline.

We had a tenants meeting last night and everyone is concerned that the scope will not be thorough enough because a final DEP walk through was not conducted with ALL of the tenants present. Do you share my concern?

As you know all of the tenants are eager to return home A.S.A.P. but we also want the clean up to be as complete as possible the first time it is done.

Please get back to me with your thoughts.

Thanks [PII]