

Dear Neighbors of the Maranamay building (611 W. 112th Street),

As mentioned in our last communication, there will be some preliminary preparations taking place at the Maranamay building (611 W. 112th St.) prior to the start of the building assessment and waterproofing work. The first of these preliminary preparations is asbestos abatement of pipe insulation and miscellaneous debris within the building, scheduled to begin Monday, December 5.

What is happening

During the week of December 5, cleanup remediation will be performed in the building's basement.

Safety for the workers and neighboring buildings is ensured by following a strict protocol consistent with all city and state regulations. The work will be performed in a controlled, enclosed area by a licensed asbestos abatement contractor, who will be monitored by a licensed asbestos project monitor. The asbestos project monitor will be monitoring air quality throughout the project to ensure all the asbestos containing material is abated safely and no asbestos hazards remain.

Work hours are 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. This work is anticipated to take approximately four days, with completion by the end of the week (Friday, December 9), subject to change based on field conditions. There will be delivery and pick up of materials during the week as needed.

Background on asbestos containing material

Asbestos is insulating material that was commonly used in building construction and infused into other building materials until approximately the 1970s. Asbestos containing materials, when undisturbed in good physical condition, pose no health risk. If disturbed, or as a precautionary measure, asbestos is removed through a strict protocol consistent with this abatement.

Upcoming work

Additional preliminary work is anticipated to commence in late December or January to remove a boiler and abandoned fuel tank. Details on this work will be shared in the coming weeks once the schedule has been confirmed.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have. Thank you for your patience and understanding while this work is performed.