

Dear Neighbors of 611 W. 112th Street,

We are writing with the latest update of activities at 611 W. 112th St. related to preliminary preparations, building conditions assessment, and waterproofing.

Removal of boiler and oil tank

Work to remove an old boiler and abandoned 4,000-lb. oil tank will begin starting the week of January 23. Approximately eight workers will be onsite to demolish and remove the abandoned equipment. The debris will be loaded onto a truck for removal. While most of the work will be taking place inside the building, expect that there may be some noise associated with this work. Work hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. This work is anticipated to be completed in mid-February.

Information on Building's Use

After a close evaluation of university needs, it has been determined that this building will be designed and used for undergraduate housing. Several existing undergraduate residential buildings need comprehensive upgrades to building systems and infrastructure that will require those buildings to be offline for a year at a time. The renovation of 611 W. 112th Street will provide necessary swing space to allow for the necessary system upgrades at these other buildings.

Construction Manager

Columbia is in the final stages of negotiating a contract with a construction manager for the renovation and exterior restoration of the building. Once on board, the construction manager will begin forming the construction logistics plan, which we will share with neighbors once completed.

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.