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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Burleigh House Neighbors,

We come into 2021 persisting through both personal and global challenges related to the Corona Virus pandemic and I wish all of the Burleigh House community the best for the New Year. In regard to our ongoing remediation projects, we find ourselves with challenges of increasing scope and scale of the work needed to be attended to and with new projects that cannot be ignored. We have made consistent forward progress on the residential tower and garage work while commencing these newer projects and we appreciate everyone's support and patience as we continue.

At the start of 2020 we were still working to complete the last (line26) of windows on the South Side. Now a year later, the East side will soon be completed with final stucco and paint now being applied to the remaining lines. On the East, we experienced similar challenges as we had on the South, with an increasing amount of balcony and window sill repairs needed. The North Side is proceeding with 2 lines of windows already installed and balcony restoration is well underway. We have had our setbacks this year having to prepare for 3 storms and we were affected by the last tropical storm Eta, but our interior recovery is in progress. As we plan for the West side, we expect it will be challenging in regard to staging, mobilizing and execution while maintaining access to our main entrance door, the storefronts and the courtyard.

For the Pool project, in 2020 we assembled a team of new professionals including a Landscape Architect, Pool Engineer and Life Safety Engineer. Our objective was to develop a project plan suitable to restore the pool and pool deck with needs of our building and to be compliant with current city code. The city permits for the pool box rebuild are near completion, having compared multiple bids for the pool demolition and rebuild and negotiated a best price with our current concrete restoration contractor (GC). Bids are out with 5 contractors for the restoration of the pool deck and we expect to receive the bids back by end of January.

#### **President** (from page 1)

We are now embarking on work inside the Rooftop Mechanical Room to repair the floor and drainage systems and to replace all the old doors which is allowing water to enter. These repairs will solve some of the leakage problems that have occurred for the past several years in the PH hallways. Tropical storm Eta has exposed several vulnerabilities within our roof system and we are currently researching how make repairs in affected areas. A long term approach is recommended to replace of the entire roof but this project cannot be done until we are finished with the other Building Remediation projects now underway.

The scope of structural restoration work on the Garage levels continues to escalate. It is absolutely essential that all of this work be completed as these columns, beams and slabs support our parking structure, pool deck and the building. It continues to surprise our teams when engineering inspections reveal more and more deteriorating concrete and rebar. Work is being done in small sections at a time and as we move to new sections we are still uncovering deterioration that needs to be repaired including significant work in the perimeter wall. In reviewing past board meeting minutes from 2009 we learned that significant work was recommended by an engineer in the garage levels as a part of the 40 year re-certification, but almost none of the recommended work was either budgeted or completed. Now a decade later we are faced with the reality of having to repair these structures that had been left to further deterioration. Fear not however, as we have a capable team of contractors and engineers in place and all is fixable with the re-build being better with newer materials.

Soon we will have our contractor bids for the pool deck that is the last new large component of the Building Restoration Projects. With more than half of the building concrete restoration complete, we can make a more informed estimate of our overall project costs taking into consideration the expanded scope of work and new projects added. The list of additional Building Remediation project costs includes;

- 1) Expanded concrete restoration of the Tower, Window Sills, Balconies, Fire Escape landings
- 2) Projected cost for concrete restoration for Garage Lev-

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#### **President** (from page 2)

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- Waterproofing of the Balconies, Fire Escape landings and Penthouse Solarium
- 4) Pool and Pool Deck Remediation
- 5) Fire Escape and Exit Doors in need of replacement
- 6) Additional Engineering supervision costs due to the extended project duration

Please continue to follow the upcoming Newsletters and the Board minutes for further updates on the estimated costs for the building remediation projects.

Inside, our maintenance team continues with the hallway project with a focus on painting the residential doors one floor at a time. As expected and since we decided to carry out this project with our internal team, it is a very slow process having to go apartment by apartment gaining access with the support of Security. The work being done is in addition to the normal maintenance workload, but we will continue until completion.

Overall we hope 2021 to be a very productive year at the Burleigh House and we look forward to our progress as the year enfolds. Wishing all of the Burleigh House community a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous 2021.

Sincerely, Craig Trester



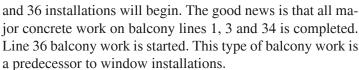






## WINDOW CORNER

Window installations are progressing well. On the North, lines 1 and 32 are fully installed. Next steps on those lines are to start exterior flashing around the windows (waterproofing), apply a scratch coat of concrete on top of that, then apply the final stucco layer. Simultaneously, window installations are now starting on lines 3 and 5. It is estimated that windows will be installed on those lines by end of March, after which time lines 34



On the East side, it was decided to add an extra waterproofing layer in the corner between lines 2 and 12, and in between the bedroom and living room windows on those lines where it was notorious for water leakage. There are already 3 newly installed waterproofing layers around the windows and this additional layer should do the trick to keep us dry. The intent is that we will do this same process on all quadrants of the building in this area. This will add time to completing the East tower, pushing the tower work estimated completion to the end of February or beginning of March, but it will be well worth having the added water intrusion protection. Also on the East, our windows that will be replaced in front of the gym and party room are here on site. For safety reasons, the replacement was delayed and will not start until all tower wall construction is completed. Safe separation of work elements is a driver of the timing.

City permitting to apply the final waterproofing to the South balconies is soon to be finalized. More to come when we can start that process that will be done line by line. Our team researched door stops for the balcony doors and soon will be installing a stop located on the ceiling of your terrace. The placement of the ceiling doorstop is a great alternative to placing one on the terrace floor where it could become an obstacle.

Structural column and beam work is progressing in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor garages. There are 16 more columns in the first floor garage that need repairs, mostly minor in nature. More extensive work is underway on the overhead beams on that first floor. The work includes replacing or cleaning rusted rebar, repouring cement where it was crumbling and cleaning or replacing steel holding brackets. As you look overhead



in the 1<sup>st</sup> floor garage, you can see areas of rusted rebar. All of this is being repaired. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor garage, similar work on the beams surrounding the pool is underway.

As we move through this lengthy and massive project, we discover hidden issues that have been driving the deterioration of concrete and rebar for many years. We tackle every observation, research each one and arrive at solutions that will secure

the building. The project started as a window replacement and tower wall painting! We will end as a safe and secure building, upgraded to new codes & standards and we will fulfill city building re-certification requirements. Our iconic building was a shining star when it was built in 1970. All of us should be proud of polishing this star to its former glory.

Elaine Litwin

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