



Town Hall Announcements

June 26, 2008

Mohammad (Couples' Resource Coordinators)

1. We will do a Harbor Cruise event in August. More information will be made available later.

Jones and Julie (Partners' Community Coordinators)

2. Information of "Westgate + Tang hall Orientation Music Party". August 31st. Outdoors. MIT musical group will be part of show. Would also like to invite local residents to volunteer to participate. The event will be joint between Westgate and Tang Hall. Part of Orientation.

Jeff and Lily (Recycling & Floor Representative Coordinators)

3. Wii Game night. Friday July 11, starting 8PM. There will be two Wii's and two TVs. 8 controllers, 2 consoles, food like the coffee hours. Games: Mario Karts, and Rabbits games, or Wii sports.

Jason McKnight (Residential Life Associate)

4. Work that is being done on the roof will be done soon. It was delayed by rain. Should be done by mid next week, but depends on weather. After the 4th, they have to do some more work. The noise level should be less, and the project should be completed by mid-July. A bit off schedule, but not too bad.
5. A guest: Zhanna Davidovitz. PCB. Work will start July 7. Start with FJK units, possibly also the H unit building. An information sheet will be put together. Information about the materials will also be made available. The optimistic schedule is 4 to 6 weeks. Then comes the next units.

Question: What is the order of the work? Answer: Reverse alphabetic on the outside, and then on the inside of the playground also reverse alphabetic.

Some equipment might be coming next week. No work will start until the 7th.

Landscapers should be working over the weekend, on work that is not noisy.

Question: Is there a refuge apartment for residents that want to escape noise? Answer: Yes, C1. LA key will be able to open it. When the work moves to unit C, then an apartment will be made available on the other side.

Air conditioner units will be made available on a per request basis. They are portable, and take

a bit of floor space. Since space is an issue in apartments, this is being managed on a per request basis.

Question: What exactly is being done? Answer: Removing the caulking between the brick and the concrete and the window, which has PCB. For environmental hazard reasons, it is being removed. Some of the concrete and brick will be sealed with epoxy.

Q: How noisy? A: Only hand tools will be used, so we expect there will be no noise issues. Just in case, a quiet room will be made available.

In the Westgate website there is a PDF on the provisions that are being taken for this project. Michael and Jason will be sending out next week information on the project.

Should it become completely unbearable, then in that event we can look into alternative housing. But that is not anticipated really. It is an option, so that you don't feel trapped. But is a big process.

Q: Will the street side doors be available? A: We expect to keep them working. She will check anyway.

Q: Do we need to move stuff away from the window? A: No, only stuff that is on the tiny balcony.

Q: Who pays for moving AC units? A: MIT pays for dismount and mount once the project is done.

Q: Will the construction workers come into the apartments? For what purpose and how long? A: At this point we only envision Michael's people that come to clean the apartment. At that time, access will be needed. Else, no access is needed.

Q: Windows on the working side have to remain closed? A: Yes. They will probably seal the windows.

Q: The connection between the two balconies is part of the escape plan. Will this be completely shut off? A: At this point, I think they will seal windows.

Q: You need two ways of egress the building. You might want to look into the code. A: Even if they seal it, the sealing material is such that you should be able to rip it open. She will check into it.

Any more questions on PCB? No more questions.

There will be a check in meetings.

Issues brought up by residents

6. Separate issue: Air conditioner in play room might be broken.

7. Question about the Tech Shuttle new stop. Jeff addresses it. MIT employers in 600 Mem Drive. Part of the bargain to move them was the new stop. We contacted transportation, to see if they could skip Mem Drive. They are looking into third approach, with U-turn. Not sure it can make the turn.
 - a. Jones brings up two points. First, the need for a shelter. Mothers and babies need a shelter. MIT agrees to install a shelter. Second improve GPS tracking.
8. A resident brings up issue of people spitting in the playground. Not the first time, but the third time. Other personal hygiene issues, which are too gruesome to be described. Kids are playing there. Maybe notices should be sent out in different languages. They are residents, some of them do not speak English.

An empty container of Vodka was found in the play ground. So, maybe a reminder to abstain from alcohol in the play ground would be good.

9. Workers that come to paint and smoke on the balconies. So maybe a reminder. Keep this in mind for the PCB, too.