Towers Community,

Two weeks into this project and we’re picking up steam! There has been lots of work happening behind the temporary walls and it’s been very impressive to watch how quickly things have moved and how well all the teams are all working alongside one another.

**Exterior Dining and Entrance Site Work**

Site Work teams have been onsite all week digging out the areas where the concrete foundations will be poured and as of today they’re installing the helical piles, which look like large wine corkscrews and secure the foundation even further.

They’re readying for some concrete work next week. It’s been really neat to see residents viewing the work from the small sofas that are in the Tower One lobby!

**Dining Space/Display Kitchen**

This week the demolition teams have completed the work in the café and dining room with regard to the ceiling, flooring and electrical systems.

As you can see in the photo, the space is almost ready to have the display kitchen laid out; which means the wall in the dining room can come down (that’ll really open up the space).

There will be some noise when those cinderblock walls are demolished, but with the temporary walls in place, we shouldn’t hear too much of that.
Required Letter of Nondisplacement
Attached to this memo is a letter that we’re required to publish for our project; it’s written very officially so I wanted to just prepare everyone.

Any time you receive the type of funding we did for this renovation you are required to publish a Nondisplacement memo; essentially saying that our construction is not in a residential area, so if you decide to move out, you wouldn’t qualify for any assistance under the federal programs listed.

It’s important to us that no one reads this memo and panics; this is just something we had to publish. So don’t worry 😊

Upcoming Work
Looking ahead, demolition will continue for the next two weeks inside the kitchen and dining area, while site work and concrete continues outside. We don’t anticipate this creating too much of a noise concern or interruption of daily life.

The week of 3/20/2023 the demolition of the car port in Tower One is scheduled and that is the stage of demolition that we’ve talked about being the loudest.

This is when we all need to remember that this temporary disturbance of our peace will deliver us an amazing ground floor for years and years to come.

Until next week……..thank you for staying patient and positive thus far!

Jesse Wescott
Associate Vice President – The Towers at Tower Lane
December 28, 2022

Dear Resident,

On February 1, 2021, The Towers submitted an application to the State of Connecticut for financial assistance to renovate and expand the ground floor of The Towers located at 18 Tower Lane, New Haven, the building which you occupy an apartment in. The funding application was approved in two separate rounds one on December 21, 2021 and the other on July 20, 2022.

This notice is to inform you that, when the assistance is provided and the ground floor is renovated, you will not be displaced. Therefore, we urge you not to move. If you do elect to move for reasons of your choice, you will not be provided relocation assistance. You will be able to lease and occupy your present apartment upon completion of the renovation. Of course, you must comply with standard lease terms and conditions.

After the renovation, your rent terms will not change until it’s time for recertification.

If due to an emergency or unforeseen circumstance that requires you to move temporarily, suitable housing accommodations will be made available to you for the temporary period, and all relocation expenses paid on your behalf, including accommodations and all moving costs.

Again, we urge you not to move. Because Federal and State Assistance is involved, you are protected by the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended and State of Connecticut General Statutes Chapter 135, Department of Housing, Uniform Relocation Assistance Act.

This letter is important and should be retained. You will be contacted soon. In the meantime, if you have any questions about our plans, please contact:

Cesar Silverio, Director of Support Services at (203) 772-1816.

Sincerely,

Gustave Keach-Longo
President and CEO