

Building Humanism from the Inside Out

Issue #13: Elevators and Windows

Welcome to the newsletter of **Building Humanism from the Inside Out**, the First Unitarian Society Capital Campaign.

Even more than in our last issue, our building *really* looks under construction now—from the outside, you can see windows have been removed and temporarily replaced by plywood, construction equipment and trailers are placed everywhere, a huge hole has been dug outside the Lower Assembly. And inside, walls are down, rooms are closed, and elevator shafts are visible.

Construction News Highlights

The Big News: Elevator demolition and construction proceeds apace! The old elevator has been removed, and construction is underway to fill in the shaft that remains near the entrance to the Dietrich Room. Meanwhile, the new elevator shaft and the new elevator lobby are under construction near the other end of the Art Gallery.

Mount Curve Entrance: The big box on the lawn near the Mount Curve entrance is a construction trailer, and it will remain there for the rest of the summer. Also, we are currently expecting that Xcel will come to hookup our new transformer, recently installed near our southeast property line.

Balcony: The balcony has been closed for the summer. Construction continues on the maintenance access doors from the balcony to the roof.

3rd Floor (aka Upper Assembly Level): The hallway in the program wing is undergoing substantial reconfiguration. You can see that walls have been removed.

Lower Assembly Level (aka 2nd Floor): In the new restroom area, sheetrock has been installed. And, of course, work continues on both elevators.

Groveland Side: A big new hole has been dug outside the lower assembly, and a second exit from the first floor will be built. The Groveland Avenue entrance has been closed as accessibility and landscaping work proceeds.

Coming Up

Things to look forward to soon:

- Windows will be installed in the next few weeks

- Masonry work for the new elevator continues throughout the building
- Installation of the new elevator should begin in the near future
- Finishing work is proceeding in the new all-gender bathrooms

NOTE: We are now temporarily without an operating elevator. Fortunately, our summer programming **is still fully accessible**, because we are conducting all Sunday morning activities on the 3rd floor—in the Upper Assembly, the Dietrich Room and other spaces on that level.

Please make sure to enter through the Mount Curve entrance. The Groveland entrance has been closed until further notice.

NOTE: The accessible restrooms on 3rd floor have been disconnected. For now, accessible portable restrooms are available just outside the Mount Curve entrance.

Staying Informed

Keep an eye on the floor plans that have been mounted on the walls of the gallery outside the Upper Assembly Hall. They will be updated with the latest news of construction work and room availability.

Your questions and comments are always appreciated, so please send us a message at fustomorrow@gmail.com.

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