

Harborside update for December 2023 – January 2024

The Trust and Management Company would like to wish you and your families a happy and healthy new year.

As previously reported DiPietro continues to work throughout the winter to complete the project as quickly as possible, indeed you may have seen them at work this morning in 18-degree weather. We did get a bit of bad news just before Christmas, though, when DiPietro discovered rot in a number of the cantilevered beams that support the second-floor. In consultation with the structural engineer, the ceiling in the unit below had to be partially opened and the rotten part of the beams removed. New beams were sistered to a solid part of supporting beams. As the inspection of this beam replacement has now been completed, the ceiling is being restored. This created a delay; however, DiPietro Family Contracting (DiPietro) dedicated a team of workers to quickly address the issue.

Work has started on the framing of the second-floor deck. As the framing is completed, the final measurements will be taken for the second-floor deck railings which will allow for drilling and galvanizing the supporting steel.

As soon as the decking is fixed to the second floor, work can begin on the installation of the first-floor railings.

The Trust and Management thank owners and residents for their continued patience as the project nears completion.

The early January 2024 storm and tides

There was serious tidal action up and down the coast causing significant damage and road closures. As this was forecasted, DiPietro made considerable efforts to secure the construction site, moving some materials, where possible, to a more secure area and lashing down equipment. During and after the tidal action, they also sent a crew to assess any damage and assist in cleanup activities. Although there may have been a few loose boards when the storm flooded the construction there was no major damage and the work proceeds unabated.

Other neighboring properties did not fare so well including the construction site at the Boston Yacht Club, the Landing and the Barnacle Restaurant.

The Marblehead Fire Chief complimented Harborside for its preparations to weather the storm and the limited amount of damage incurred compared to other properties. The Trust wishes to express our sincere gratitude to DiPietro for going “above and beyond” to help Harborside prepare and clean up.

Important

During the winter months please do not put any product on the decks to melt the ice. DiPietro is reaching out to the manufacturer to identify an ice melting product that will not damage the decks.



Opening a section of the first-floor ceiling to remove and replace rotten segments of support beams for the second floor deck.



Framing underway for the second-floor deck