

Renovation Update

As it seems with all construction projects, despite the best of intentions and lots of hard work, progress grinds slowly. As previously reported, the New York Building Department has dramatically slowed in both scrutiny and permit approvals, and final permits continue to dribble in. One minor, but essential, permit was only received in mid-November. To keep pace with our schedule, we also embarked on this phase in a fast-track mode with design and construction proceeding concurrently without the benefit of final plans at the start. Thus, minor design clarification changes have been a constant throughout the construction as well as dealing with the unknown conditions of 46 years of unrecorded changes to the building.

The bottom line is that we are late. We expect the kitchen to be operational by Thanksgiving, allowing for an expanded menu and even more efficient operation. The fourth floor is on schedule to be completed by the end of December, and the centerpiece of the project, the third floor Tiger Bar & Grill and formal dining room, by the second week of January- a great way to commence the New Year!

We continue to appreciate your patience, our members, during this important and wonderful project.

