

HVAC town hall meeting: November 2015

We're on schedule, and we're just here to talk about the move in January. This move will be easier than the previous one, because no one is being blocked. But it's a tighter turn-around, within a week.

There are three possible move dates, and you'll get to choose which date individually: January 23, 28, and 30. That's two Saturdays and the Thursday between. Those are the dates movers will be around to move your things. You can move your things on your own as well between Jan 23 and Jan 30.

Q: How big are the moving kits?

A: They're boxes that you'll have to construct, so pretty flat.

Q: What about people taking quals?

A: That's why we have multiple dates, so people should be done with everything at January 30th.

Q: Do we have our room assignments already?

A: Yes, you should have received it at the same time as your current room assignment.

Q: Will both sides of the building be open during that 8-day range?

A: Yes. The taller side will be

Q: Will we be able to keep both sets of keys for the full week?

A: We'll talk about it, because it's outside of our key policy.

Q: Can two people in a double plan to be moved on the same date?

A: Yes, we can accommodate that.

Q: I subletted my room through MIT's system during this time. What can I do?

A: The only person who can sign out the key for your new room is you, the person on the form. You can choose your move date to be the 30th, and you'll need to be there. Different people have different move dates, in case that wasn't clear (You can choose between the three available dates for movers to help).

Q: Will all of the rooms like the gym, computer room, and so on be moved back?

A: Yes

Q: What access will we have to the bike rooms?

A: You'll be able to access the bike rooms from the outside only.

Q: What about the mailboxes?

A: You'll be able to access the mailboxes, but there will be a wall past them.

Q: Can we access the inside of the building from the garage?

A: Yes, there's an elevator there. They will no longer be keeping that part closed for the second half.

Q: How can we contact the student team?

A: Check the front page of the SP website, which is always up-to-date. You can also e-mail sp-hvac-committee@mit.edu. To reach housing, you can email sidpachvac@mit.edu

Q: Laundry will be open 24/7, correct?

A: Yes, as of January 23rd.

Q: Is there any plan for people who need common kitchen fridge access?

A: Yes, we will be moving them into the lounges.

Q: Will you move the microwaves, too?

A: Yes, we can do that.

Q: Not the ovens, though?

A: Nope, we can't move those.

Q: What was the progress of the discussion on further rent reduction?

A: We discussed it, and we won't be making any further rent reductions. Everything we've done as advertised. Remember that you can still cancel your housing on the small side. Thank people who provided the ice and lunch during the power outage. We've been finding ways with your student leadership to minimize the inconvenience.

We are trying to give everyone advance notice on everything. We obviously couldn't plan upon the fire. Columbia is doing a good job with that.

Q: We were talking about security recently, and the construction team has been taping the garage door open. Are you doing anything about that?

A: We were made aware of that 2-3 weeks ago. Is that still a problem? (No, it seems like there isn't.) There shouldn't be any duct tape there, and if you see it there, either take it off or e-mail Jen.

Q: Is the current gym, will the move be converted back to a bike room?

A: Yes, that'll happen during the move period. It might be a couple days to coordinate it. We'll put in a new floor and paint the room.

Speaking of which, we'll also be doing some work like repainting walls, beyond what Columbia has to do to repair things. We're hoping everything looks refreshed.

Q: What will be done cleaning-wise to the rooms that we move out of?

A: We'll strip and wax all the floors, and if anything else needs to be done, let us know.

Q: I got an e-mail from housing saying I should remove myself from the degree list because I'm graduating in February. Can I and others in a similar position have a little more leeway?

A: We're trying to balance the need for people to have housing to get it. Let me look at what your department sent us and we can chat about it.

Q: There are multiple entrances on the side of the building we're currently on, but there's only one door you could get in through on the north side. Can we open some more of those doors up?

A: We'll give full details at a December 2nd security meeting. We're outfitting those doors with new card readers and everything.

Q: Do you have any more information on the next August move date?

A: Not at this time. We'll continue town hall meetings through the spring.

Q: Anything you expect will be different in the second half as far as shutdowns?

A: There are some water connections we have to make, so there might be some lack of water at times. We should be fine electrically, though. They did all of that on that one shutdown. We'll be sure to give you two weeks notice. You probably saw that the cell phone boosters won't work tomorrow, but I don't think that'll affect you much.

Q: What about on the day-to-day?

A: The parts and pieces are similar. There will be cranes, but no courtyard work.

Q: How long might the water outage be for in the spring?

A: We're trying to determine how long it'll take. Around a day. We need to do similar separations as the last time. Again, we'll give enough advance notice for that. Columbia has done a good job about the planning.

Q: The construction's going well?

A: Yes, it's going very well. Notice the temperature in this room now.