Community Information

STORMS HALL AND KNAPP HALL DEMOLITION

In April, we advised you that Iowa State University plans to raze Storms Hall and Knapp Hall, two of the four tower buildings that make up the Towers Residence Association. We promised to update you as more information becomes available. We are pleased to inform you that the general contract to demolish these buildings has been awarded to Peterson Contractors Inc., of Reinbeck, Iowa. The implosion sub-contractor for the project is Controlled Demolition, Inc., of Phoenix, Maryland. We expect the implosion event to occur on July 19, 20 or 21, although the exact date is subject to change up to a few days prior to the event.

In the earlier letter, we predicted an approximate 750-foot radius safety zone surrounding the demolition area, but indicated that this could either enlarge or shrink. Peterson Contractors, Inc. has considerably reduced the size of the safety zone, or “exclusion zone.” Only 35 properties are now in the immediate exclusion zone. They include:

517 Hayward Ave.  519 Welch Ave.  628 Stanton Ave.
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521 Hayward Ave.  525 Welch Ave.  619 Stanton Ave.
522 Hayward Ave.  528 Welch Ave.  620 Stanton Ave.
524 Hayward Ave.  530 Welch Ave.  621 Stanton Ave.
531 Hayward Ave.  531 Welch Ave.  703 Stanton Ave.
532 Hayward Ave.  535 Welch Ave.  711 Stanton Ave.
535 Hayward Ave.  601 Stanton Ave.  717 Stanton Ave.
538 Hayward Ave.  602 Stanton Ave.  2342 Storm St.
601 Hayward Ave.  605 Stanton Ave.  2340 Storm St.
611 Hayward Ave.  608 Stanton Ave.  2509 Storm St.
517 Welch Ave.  609 Stanton Ave.  2517 Storm St.

We ask that occupants within the exclusion zone leave the property on the morning of the implosion. The university invites all who receive this letter to view the implosion via live television at the Frederiksen Court Community Center (Hawthorn Market), located off Stange Road on the north side of the ISU campus. Complimentary beverages will be provided. We encourage you to view the event in this comfortable environment, as the experts tell us that this will be superior to viewing the event in person.

While we do not encourage spectators at the implosion, we know it is inevitable that some people will want to view the event in person. The public will be allowed to view the implosion a safe distance away from the site – either to the east or west of the Towers, depending on weather conditions and wind. Stay tuned to local media and check the ISU web site (www.iastate.edu) for updates as the implosion date nears.
For your safety, traffic will be restricted in and around the Campustown area. Hayward Avenue will be closed between Mortensen Road and Knapp Street; Welch Avenue will be closed South of Knapp Street; Stanton Avenue will be closed south of Baker Street; Lynn Avenue will be closed South of Baker; and Storm and Donald Streets will be closed west of Ash Avenue.

As part of Iowa State’s commitment to keep you informed about preparations and implosion activities, we invite you to a public meeting Wednesday, July 6 at 7 p.m., 1414 Molecular Biology Building on the ISU campus.

Design professionals, university representatives, city officials and contractor representatives will be on hand to provide the latest updates about the project and answer your questions, including:

- Overall schedule of demolition activities
- Opportunity for public questions
- What to expect in the week leading up to, and on the day of, the implosion, including:
  - Exclusion zone and traffic control boundaries
  - Accommodations for adjacent residents
  - Post-implosion clean-up

Please plan to attend the meeting so you can receive first-hand information and ask any questions you may have. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact Kerry Dixon-Fox, ISU project manager, at 294-1014. Additional information also may be found at the project information website: www.fpm.iastate.edu/Knapp-Storms.

Directions to 1414 Molecular Biology Building are as follows: The building is located on Pammel Drive on the north side of the ISU campus. Parking is available in the lot to the north of the building.

We look forward to seeing you on July 6th.

Kerry Dixon-Fox
Project Manager