

BYRAM LIBRARY RENOVATION PROJECT

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Q: When will the project be finished?

A: Our goal for opening the renovated library is September, 2008.

Q.: What is the reason for the current/recent delay?

A: In renovations, unforeseeable issues frequently occur during the demolition stage, as they have in this case. Underground water was identified during excavation. Civil engineers designed a drainage system and construction crews have trenched through bedrock to complete this work. The discovery of a partial building foundation during initial excavation entailed additional construction work. Actual construction is usually more predictable because most issues have been identified and resolved. The Library shares the community's frustration with these delays.

Q: Is money being lost because of the delay?

A: No. We are working with a construction manager not a general contractor. This means we are not incurring extra expense because of delay; rather, MMA is working in our best interest and theirs to move the project forward and to stay within budget.

Q What are the sources of funding for the project?

A: The Library has received broad funding support from individual gifts and foundation gifts, \$2,233,358; Town of Greenwich: \$1,350,923; Community Development Block Grant: \$650,000; State Grant: \$500,000. A total of \$4,734,281 has been raised toward the \$4.8 million goal.

Q: What will the New Lebanon School parking status be this fall?

A: Parking will be the same as last year. There may be a few specific days when we will need to allow for building supplies or machinery to be delivered to the site. As much notice as possible will be given to Principal Nitray and the PTA Chairs, to inform staff and parents if parking will be impacted. Safety is always the primary consideration.

Trenching work in the parking area is complete.

Q: Why must the fenced in area around the construction site be so big?

A: All construction sites need to be as large as possible to ensure the safety of the workers, to allow them to do their jobs properly, to store equipment and supplies, and to protect the public.

Q: What is the best way to get the latest Byram Library Update?

A: We have a direct update link on the Byram Neighborhood Association website. The update is posted at the end of each month on the Library website – www.greenwichlibrary.org. Monthly update flyers are available at all libraries. You can also reach Branch Manager Miguel Garcia-Colon at the Byram Library: 531-0426 or at mcolon@greenwichlibrary.org.