



FMW Renovation Update

July 14, 2019

The same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. And the rain was upon the earth

— *Genesis 7:11*

Monday ⚡

In mid-morning, the sky turns very dark and we receive three inches of rain in half an hour. Before global warming, at least, this would be a once-in-a-century event and a pretty good test of our new drains, if they had been ready.

As it happens, there is as yet no grass to slow the flow and no new downspouts to carry some of it away. The trench drain is largely blocked by silt from the bare ground. The adjoining drain and the one in the upper terrace are still blocked by silt cloth.

The water rises and fills the yard up to the emergency overflow drain, which is partly blocked by floating construction debris, so the water reaches the door sills and a little flows into the kitchen and out into the Assembly Room.

A lot shows up in the Storage Room, so there is still work to be done there.

Considering that the drainage and downspouts were not ready, the flood is handled remarkably well, giving us some reason for optimism about future downpours.

By afternoon, the tide has receded and work proceeds.



Carpenters work on doors and crown molding.

Sprinkler installers add a second sprinkler to the elevator pit.

Plasterers conceal the walls in the small Assembly Room bathroom.



Douglas and Mario continue to drill holes for stair railings.



Tyrone and Tyrone and the electricians continue to remove walls to enlarge the Carriage House west office.



The electricians also install new lighting fixtures.



The painter painteth every day, and over time things look newer and newer.

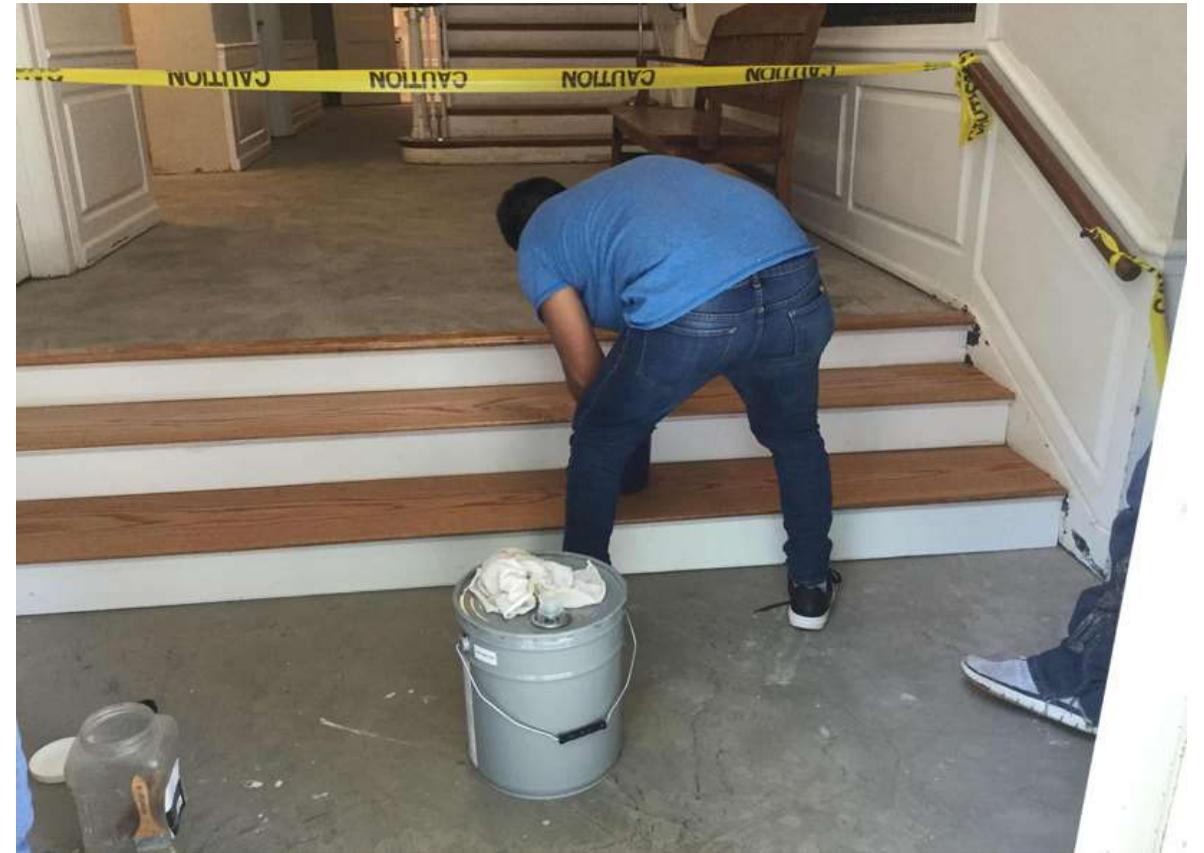
Tuesday ☀️

A sunny, busy day. Carpenters work around the Quaker House entrance.

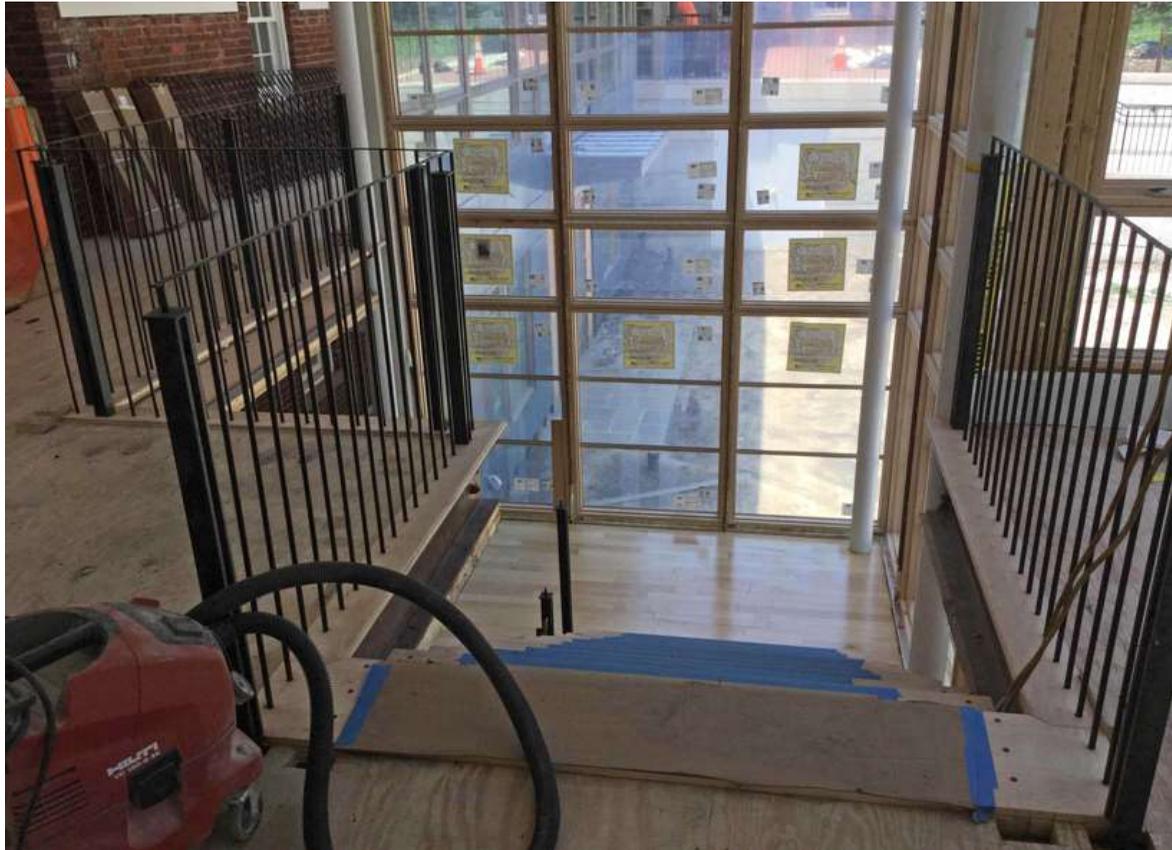
Plasterers plaster in the Parlor.

Floor guys come by and almost install stone thresholds.

A flooring crew smooths out the Meeting House hallway and kitchen for tile installation and replaces the two front stairs with oak.



Ironworkers install railings above the Lobby steps.



The roofers and the painter carry on.

A different flooring crew returns and skims the remaining patch of Assembly Room flooring, preparing to finish the cork.



Mario, Douglas, and Tyrone continue hole drilling and demolition as yesterday.

Electricians add smoke and heat detectors to the elevator pit.

Masons add bluestone steps and cast stone capstones in front of the Meeting entrances.



Wednesday ☀️

The masons continue to work on the steps.

The carpenters install helpful door hardware.



A flooring crew lays down vinyl tile in the kitchen.



The ironworkers continue the railings down the stairs.

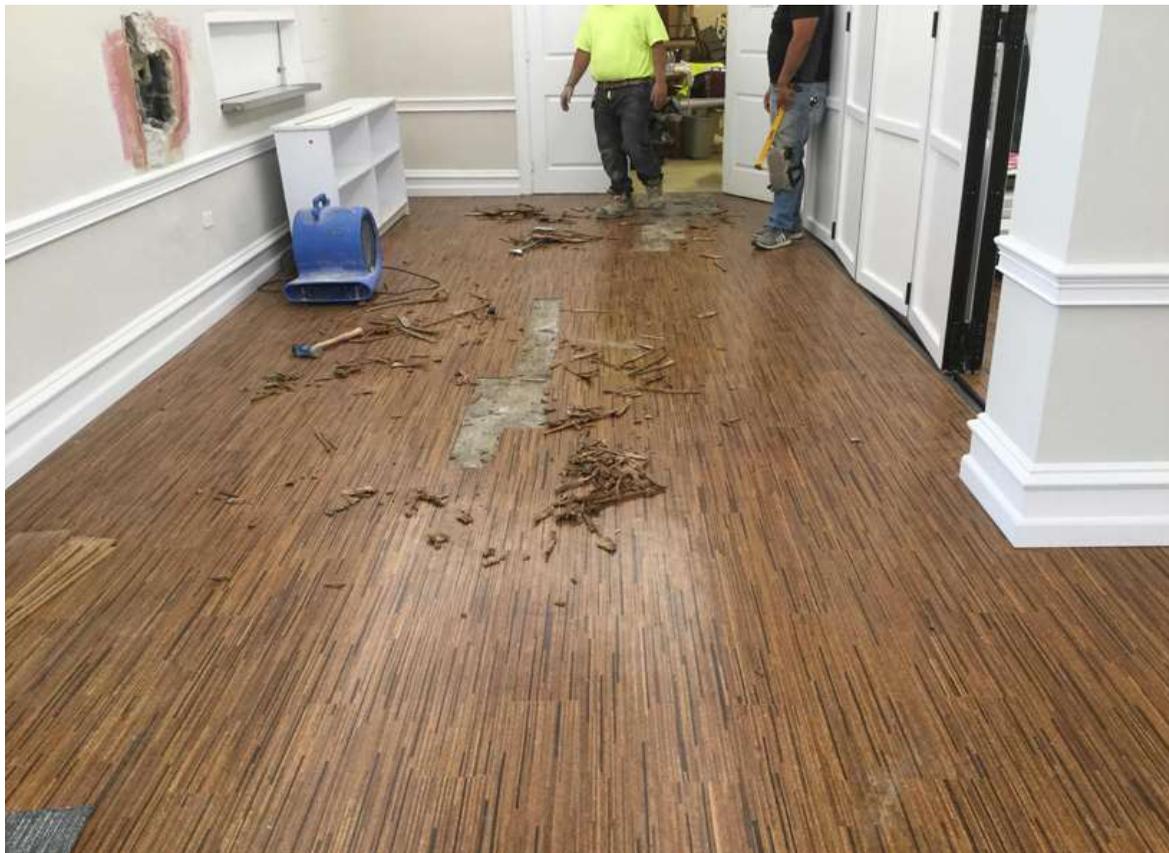


Three concrete workers deepen the sump pit at the bottom of the elevator shaft, because it was a little too shallow for the pump.



A second flooring crew installs maple flooring on the Lobby stair landing.

A third flooring crew patches and extends the cork flooring in the Assembly Room.



The Monarc crew was busy. Douglas and Mario helped with the stair railings and worked to relocate the Monarc field office from the North Room to the empty Carriage Office that is now being enlarged.

Tyrone Lee worked on deepening the holes to receive the stone door thresholds and on clearing the lower garden drain. Tyrone Anderson installed vinyl tile in the small Assembly Room bathroom.

Electricians installed lighting in the upper garden and automatic door openers.

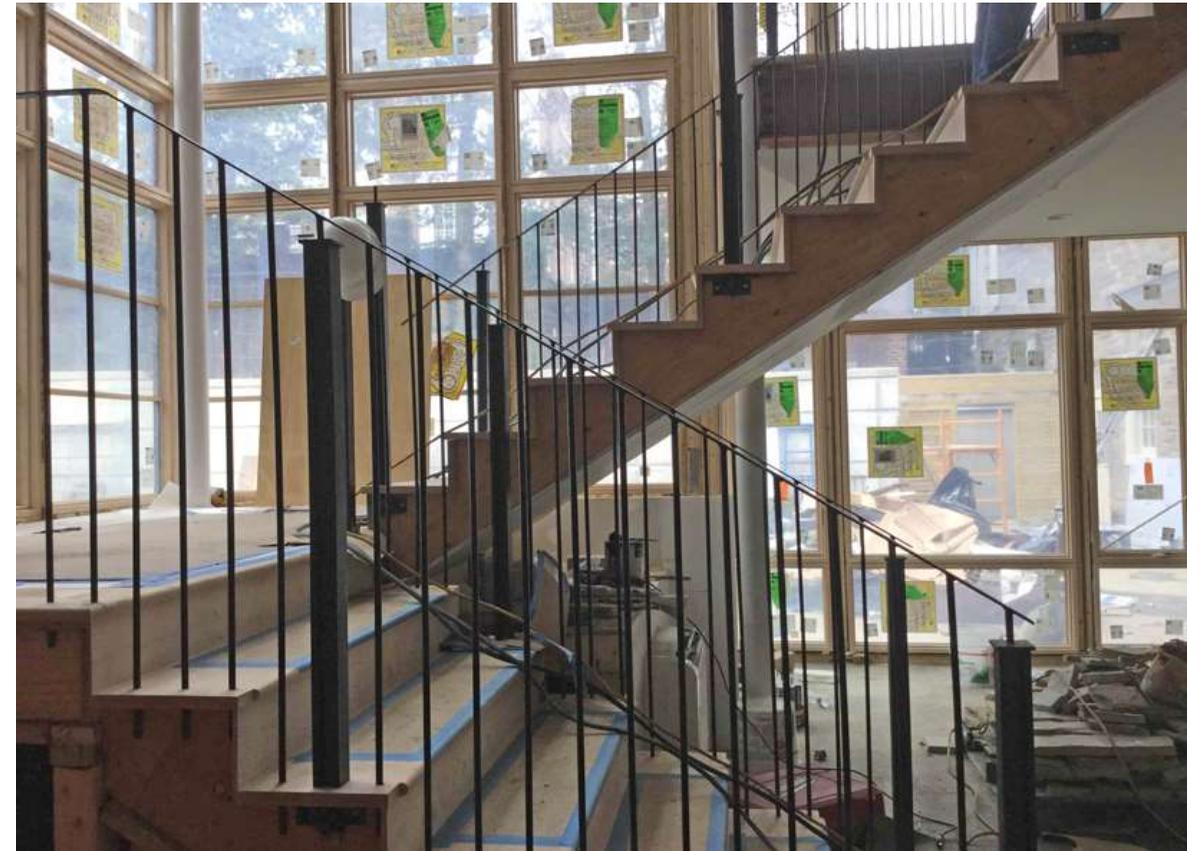


Thursday 🌤️

Four carpenters work on door hardware and wainscoting.



Four ironworkers work on the Lobby stair railings.

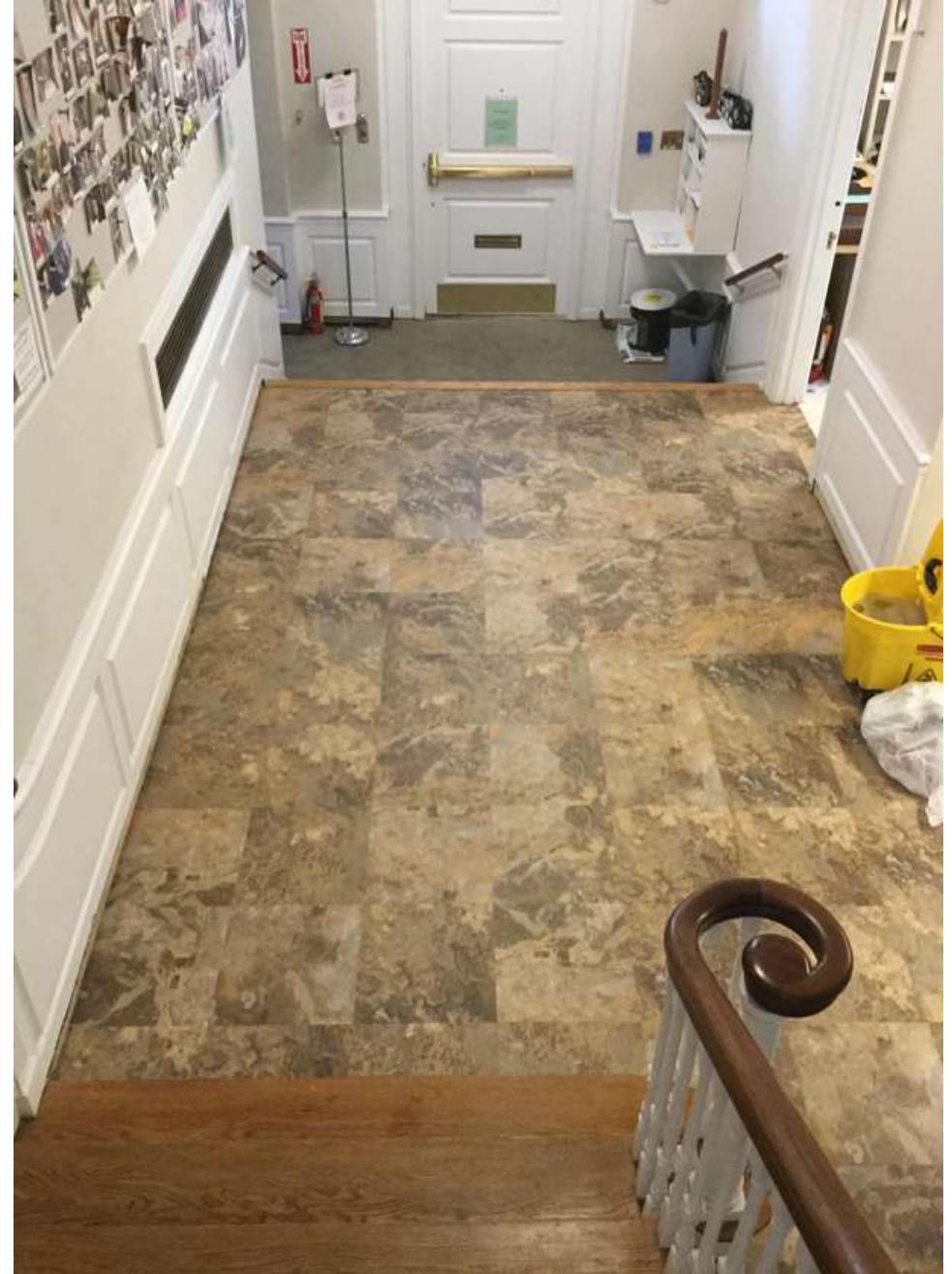


Three electricians work on lights, of which the Meeting is gaining more than 100.

Three roofers connect downspouts, which should help with the Storeroom flooding issues.



Two flooring workers finish the vinyl tile in the Kitchen and start to lay down tile in the front hallway.



Mario and Douglas complete the relocation of the Construction Office from the North Room to the Carriage House Second Floor West Office, where it will compete with the ongoing demolition and reconstruction work.



Our staff immediately relocate the Event Manager's office from to the North Room, to make way for the destruction of the window and wall, scheduled for tomorrow.

Friday 🌤️

And, sure enough, Friday dawns to the sound of smashing.



This is the last wall penetration, converting this former Main Office window into a door from Lobby into the Reception Office. The door isn't here yet, but we expect to see it the week after next.

The masons also install cast stone door sills at the new main entrance.

Six carpenters work on door hardware and finishing carpentry in the new downstairs hallway and the Parlor.

They also eliminate the bathroom windows in the Meeting House ground floor bathrooms.

Seems a shame, but the fire code makes it too expensive to keep these windows visible from the inside.

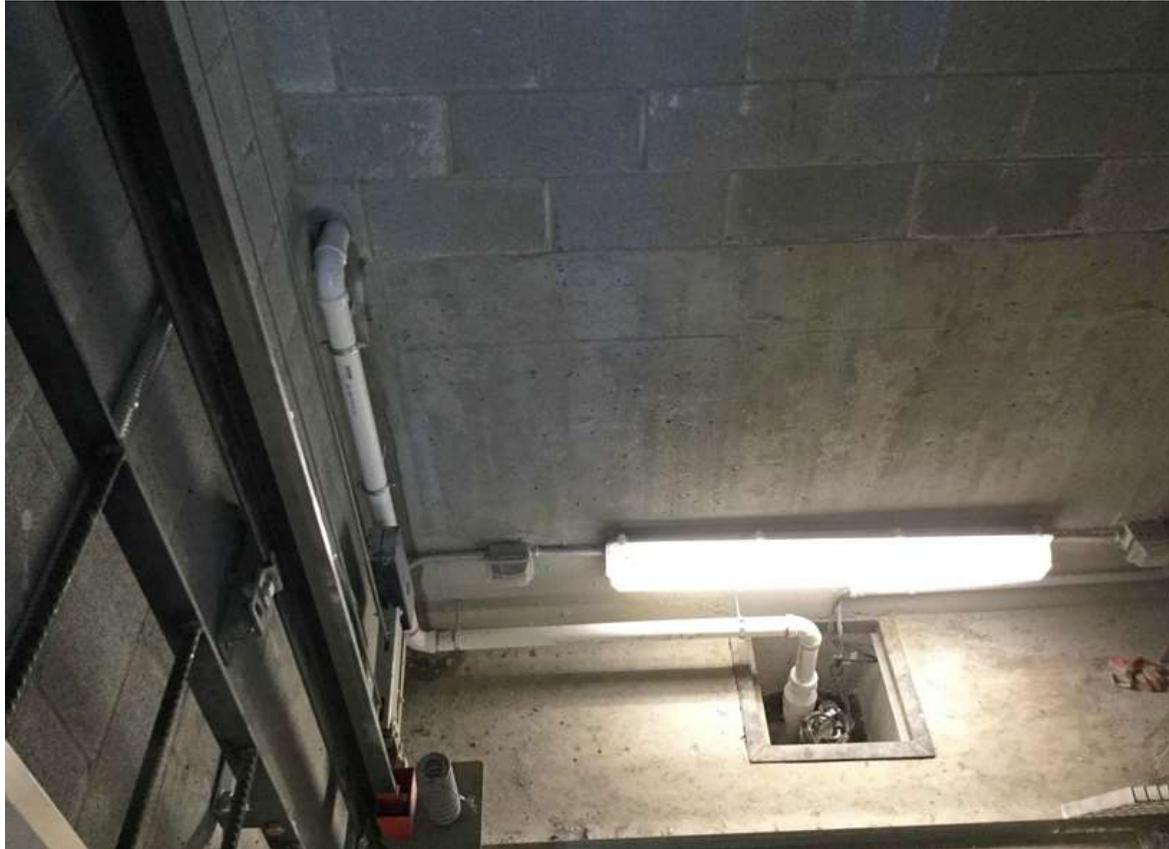
You'll still be able to see them as a historical feature of the exterior wall.



A flooring installer continues to lay tile in the old front hallway and the new hallway to the Lobby.



Plumbers install the new sump pump in the bottom of the elevator shaft.



They also work on plumbing for the sink in the reoriented north bathroom.



Roofers work on downspouts, flashing, and the exterior trim between Carriage House and the elevator shaft.

Three electricians wire up the door openers, assorted outlets, and exterior lighting.



Mario works on shelves.

Douglas works on exterior veneer panels.

Looking Ahead

There is an elevator in our future, as soon as we get our driver's license.



The latest schedule from Monarc suggests that there are still two fairly busy weeks left, so we will hold the countdown at:

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We should be able to start using our new spaces around the end of the month, although there will still be some unfinished tasks awaiting the arrival of delayed materials. The Parlor will not be quite finished. The Lobby will still have plywood in the ground floor windows and bare concrete block on the elevator shaft in the Lobby until mid-August.

The coming week should see installation of the flooring in the upper corridor, cable rails along the garden retaining wall, door thresholds, phone access system, completion of the small bathroom, completion of the plumbing replacement, further work on the Carriage House office stairway deletion, and much final patching and trimming.