



FMW Renovation Update

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En el departamento nuevo,
el albañil pica la pared buscando
dónde está la fuga de agua.

No es desorden lo que se ve,
es un orden disparejo.

— Luis Chavez

In the new apartment,
the handyman hollows out a wall
searching for the water leak.

This isn't disorder per se,
it's order of another kind.

A promising week, with the next major phase — concrete work —
to begin on Wednesday with the arrival of big concrete trucks.

Monday 🌞

A quiet day. A little progress in Carriage House
where new floor joists are hung from the sills.



Tuesday 🌩️

A little carpentry. A big storm.

Rain in the afternoon falls so quickly that the temporary drains and pump cannot keep up.



Monarc digs a relief ditch to prevent this from happening again.

Wednesday 🌤️

Carpentry continues on the Carriage House floor. Or ceiling, depending on how you look at it.

No mudslide today. The anticipated concrete pouring is postponed. The reinforcing steel does not arrive until the end of the day.



Thursday ☀️

Carpenters finish the subfloor of the new Carriage House room.

Concrete pouring is postponed, but an inspector shows up and checks the soil where the footings will go, and lines are drawn where the concrete will be.



A new excavator shows up, this one belonging to the concrete company,



Friday 

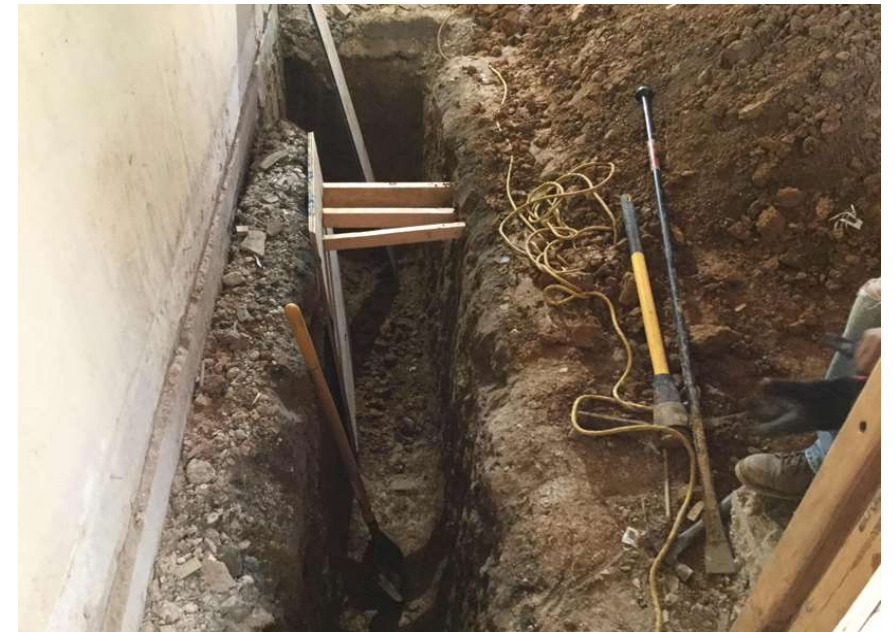
and cuts along the lines to prepare for the (imminent) arrival of the concrete.



The carpenters persevere, beginning the framing of the south wall of the new room:



While down below, the plumbers dig a trench in the Carriage House dirt floor, turning left under the wall into the Quaker House Boiler Room.



This trench will hold the new water line connecting the new fire sprinkler system to the DC water line under Decatur Place.

We are not allowed to connect the sprinkler system to our existing plumbing, because sprinklers need a very large supply of water.

Monarc reminds the plumber to wear a hard hat, and the carpenters emphasize the point by dropping a chunk of subflooring on him.

Monarc keeps a close eye on the subcontractors to make sure that safety standards are followed and writes a safety report every day.

Looking Ahead

There were rumors of movement on the excavation permit request at the end of the week. That would enable the completion of the connection of the water sprinkler line and the drain connections under Decatur Place.

The concrete work, now scheduled to begin on Monday will provide the foundations for the large, new Storage Room under the Quaker House Terrace. Also, the beginnings of the lower corridor connecting Quaker House to the new Lobby.