

Springtime on the Memorial Plaza

Spring has sprung at the WTC site and workers are busy preparing the Memorial Plaza for the thousands of daily visitors that will begin to arrive on the tenth anniversary of 9/11, which is now only a few short months away.

The National September 11 Memorial and Museum at the WTC will memorialize the victims of the September 11, 2001 attacks, a national tragedy that changed the course of history. "Reflecting Absence," the Memorial consists of two massive voids sized over the footprints of the original Twin Towers, each of which will have waterfalls cascading down their sides upon completion. These Memorial Pools are surrounded by the Memorial Plaza, which will serve as a contemplative 8-acre space accented with over 400 Swamp White Oak trees, all located over a below-grade, state of the art museum.

Today, as the over 140 trees that have already been planted in the plaza bloom and bud overhead, stone and cobble pavers are continuously installed on the plaza in preparation for its opening day. Dozens of benches have already been incorporated into the landscape of the Memorial Plaza, and will soon be used by visitors as they look out on the trees around them and reflect on the history of this place. The iconic glass enclosure of the Memorial Pavilion, which will be the entrance from the plaza to the below-grade museum, has begun to be placed around the structure, reflecting the trees and Memorial Pools around the building.

With spring upon us, and the Memorial Plaza in full bloom, one cannot help but be reminded that the tenth anniversary of 9/11 is just around the corner, and it is already clear what a magnificent tribute the National September 11 Memorial will be. ♦

Manhattan Community Board 1 visits the WTC Site

The WTC has been a prominent neighborhood in Manhattan's Community District One for decades, and as such, The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (the Port Authority) has a strong working relationship with Manhattan's Community Board One (CB1). The Port Authority communicates regularly about WTC construction with members of CB1 as well as other local neighborhood community groups, residents, and businesses through newsletters like this, and through presentations, walking tours, email blasts, and the WTCProgress.com Web site. Last month, the Port Authority lead members of CB1 on a walking tour of the WTC site to provide an up-close look at the outstanding progress that has been made.



Memorial Trees in Spring Bloom



Memorial Pavilion Cladding Installation

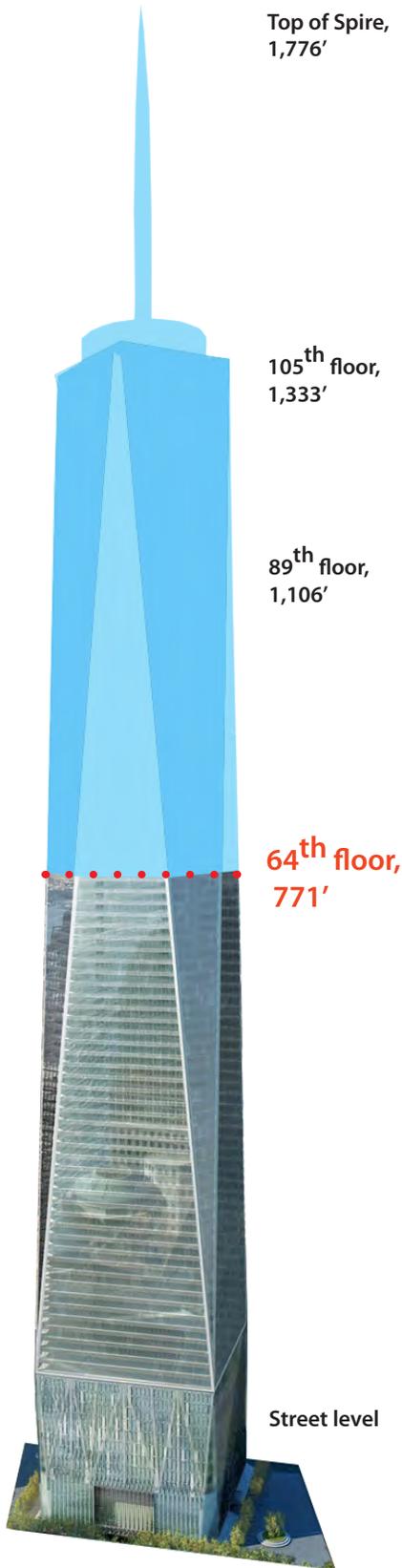


Memorial Plaza Pavers Installation

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CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS AROUND THE WTC SITE



One World Trade Center



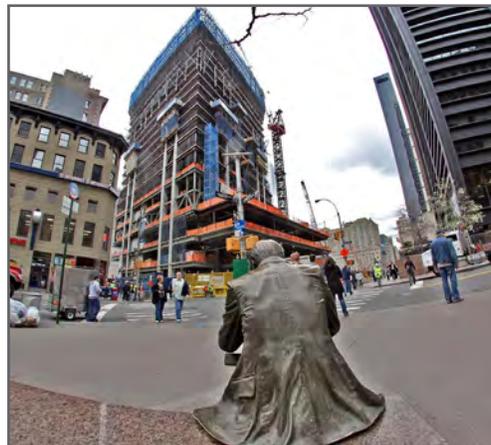
One WTC is quickly rising in the northwest corner of the site. Once completed, it will be the tallest skyscraper in New York City at 105 floors to the roofline, or 1,776 feet, including the mast. In April, steel erection progressed to the 64nd floor (approximately 771 feet above grade). This is more than half the height of the finished building and surpasses the height of the completed Seven WTC building, located just to the northeast. Installation of the building's curtain wall, composed of aluminum and glass panels, is currently progressing at the 33rd floor.

Transportation Hub



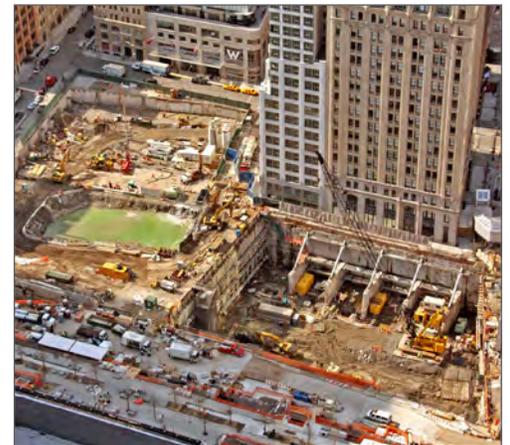
The Transportation Hub's PATH Station and Transit Hall, designed by renowned architect Santiago Calatrava, will be 300,000 square feet and serve more than 100,000 daily commuters upon completion. Construction progress on this project has been significant. For example, progress continues on the East Box Girder, a massive steel member and an integral piece of the future PATH Station that, when complete, will be over 1,900 tons and will be part of a system that will allow the MTA's Number One Subway Line to pass over pedestrians going between the PATH Station and the Transit Hall.

Four World Trade Center



Located at the southeast corner of the site, Four WTC will rise to 64 stories (975 feet) and will be the fourth-tallest skyscraper on the WTC site when completed. This month, steady progress will continue, with steel erection proceeding past the 21st floor, and concrete following closely behind, past the 16th floor. Curtain wall panels, which will eventually form the skin of the tower, have already begun to be brought to the site and preparation for their installation on the building's façade is under way.

Vehicular Security Center (VSC)



The VSC will be a state of the art underground security structure that will serve as the screening point for all vehicles entering the future WTC. To date, more than 70,000 tons of soil have been removed from the west side of the VSC site and foundations are now being constructed in preparation for installation of structural steel, which is currently being fabricated. On the east side of the VSC site, where the former 130 Liberty Street building once stood, excavation work has begun, along with construction of a secant pile wall on the far east side of the site along Greenwich Street.