

Seeking Solar Solutions

Jamie Towers Continues Quest to Go Green

In September 2016, General Manager Victor Berrios arranged for a meeting between the Jamie Towers Board of Directors and Solar Project Consultant Harshul Banthia of Sustainable Capital Advisors. As a result of this meeting, the board selected UGE as the designer/build-er of a 1.5 megawatt solar panel installation at their property. Once completed, Jamie Towers will be home to the largest solar panel system of any residential prop-erty in New York City.

In October 2016, UGE engineers visited the property to conduct a thorough walk-through of the entire premise



Management and UGE Engineers walk the roof of 633 Olmstead Avenue (L-R): Victor Berrios, David Crockett, Gabriela Suriano, Shen Liu.



Solar Project Consultant Harshul Banthia of Sustainable Capital Advisors addresses the Board of Directors at Jaime Towers on options for a solar panel installation.

to gain an understanding of the electrical infrastructure, prepare the staging and mobilization of equipment and determine appropriate areas for scaffold drop sites at all four buildings within the complex.

Additionally, CEO Nick Blitterswyk and Regional Director Timothy Woodcock of UGE attended a board meeting to further discuss the status of the project with the board, and provide members with details on what can be expected before, during and after various construction phases. Construction for the solar panel installation is anticipated to commence in spring 2017.

Fall Clean Up Efforts at Jamie Towers

General Manager Victor Berrios presented the Jamie Towers building staff with the rental of a brand new, commercial grade wood chipper to support their abundant enthusiasm for pruning, mulching and maintaining the grounds after having exhausted their existing chipping machine after only two years. Pictured L-R on the mulch pile: Handyman Victor Lugo, Superintendent Alton Crawford, Assistant Superintendent Raymond Rich.



NYPD Counterterrorism Bureau Presents on Active Shooter Situations

In October 2016, The NYPD Counterterrorism Bureau presented seminars during two different sessions for our associates on the topic of how to mitigate the risks from active shooter situations. Each seminar consisted of a 90-minute presentation followed by Q&A. The seminars were held in the Main Office Flex Room.

It is important to understand that most active shooter situations are unpredictable and evolve quickly. Typically, the immediate deployment of law enforcement is required to stop the shooting and mitigate harm to victims. Because most incidents are over within minutes, it is crucial that we are prepared to deal with the situation until law enforcement personnel arrive.



Additionally, this training will be offered to building staff of all FirstService Residential managed buildings on Tuesday, December 13, 2016 from 8:30AM–10:30AM and from 11:00AM–1:00PM.



Director of Energy Management Kelly Dougherty Presents on Reforming the Energy Vision in New York State

FS Energy's Director of Energy Management, Kelly Dougherty, was invited by the Northeast Sustainable Energy Association (NESEA) as a session speaker to discuss *Reforming the Energy Vision in New York State* at the 2016



BuildingEnergy NYC Conference & Trade Show. The conference was held on November 3 at the TKP New York Conference Center in Manhattan.

BuildingEnergy NYC is the city's fastest-growing event for professionals and practitioners working on energy efficiency initiatives and high performance buildings. Established in 2012 and growing exponentially each year, BuildingEnergy NYC has set itself apart as the place where New York's architects, engineers, policy-makers, building operators, realtors, builders, energy professionals, and educators come together to share best practices and biggest challenges, with the end goal of making the buildings and infrastructure of this great city even better.

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Sustainability Symposium Provides Roadmap to Efficiency

FirstService Residential hosted a Sustainability Symposium on September 29 for our clients. Our exclusive event was designed to provide our board members and rental property owners with a roadmap for implementing energy efficiency upgrades in their multifamily buildings and information about how these retrofits align with New York City's greenhouse gas emission reduction goals.

A series of presentations and a panel discussion featured experts from agencies that offer programs to entice multifamily buildings to improve efficiency while reducing

costs and emissions. Topics included financial incentives and rebates available to buildings for efficiency upgrades and project financing options. The

event was moderated by Kelly Dougherty, director of energy management for FS Energy, the energy advisory subsidiary of FirstService Residential.



Board members, rental property owners, New York City efficiency experts and FirstService Residential associates enjoy an opening cocktail hour at the symposium.



Board members and rental property owners participate in a Question & Answer session with expert panelists following their presentations and panel discussion.



President Dan Wurtzel delivers opening remarks.



Bianca Billeci, Tim Han, Ginger Zurita, Tal Eyal, Alex Morales, Reggie Lo, and Esther Song from FS Energy.