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SHINY NEW KITCHEN TAKES SHAPE

Another busy week filled with contractors and much progress... but like a never-ending story still so much to do. I finally got moved into the "Suite"! Right now it's the cleanest place in the house and will probably stay that way. That does not mean that it is all organized. Still have a lot to do to get everything in place and organized for the future but I'm feeling a lot more settled. I got a grudging and temporary occupancy "go" from the City Inspector... as long as I promised not to start a campfire!

Most of the contractors are done. Kudos to Gary for his constant professionalism and follow up on each and every issue; we kept setting up more obstacles for him and he kept knocking them down! Good man! The painters were thorough almost to a fault; had to get them out of the way so other contractors could clean the floors. It's possible that I upset them with trying to move everything else forward, but they still did a good job. Electricians were prompt and thorough, and Dave and the plumbers were fun and damn efficient! Not quite as impressed with the cleaners... have to watch that going forward.

And then there's the kitchen! Sean and our new Chef Jackie from Upper Crust were in on Thursday and Friday. Jackie is going to be good... I don't think the guys will give her any trouble... she can hold her own! Sean is bobbing and weaving with all our challenges. They have to "cater in" meals (read paper plates) until we get health board approval to complete construction and start cooking here. Impressed with his creativity and flexibility in planning to make this work. Thinking it might be 6-8 weeks before they are truly operational and that might be optimistic.

They were also here for meetings with Zesco as they filled the kitchen and a chunk of the dining room with bright, shiny, new equipment. The good news is that it all made for an impressive tour for all the parents who were moving their sons in this weekend. Have yet to find anyone who is not impressed with the investment... Moms were particularly happy with the thought that their sons would have something other than perpetual pizza! Many steps left but moving forward.