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Williamsburgh clock tower ticks again

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It's about time.

After more than a year of taking a licking, the fabled four-faced clock atop the Williamsburgh Savings Bank started ticking - and kept going throughout the day.

At noon Wednesday, all but one of the four famed clocks began telling correct time for the first time since August 2006, when renovations began on the 80-year-old tower.

"There's been a lot of buzz about the clock, people reminding us it doesn't keep the right time," said Alex Krukis, a project manager for the Dermot Co., which bought the landmark building in 2005. "But we've spent a lot of time working on them, and we turned them on at noon."

Since September 2006, the tower had been enshrouded in protective mesh, which was lifted in October - in advance of new residential tenants, the first of whom moved in yesterday. But until now, the clocks remained frozen in time - annoying, perplexing and frustrating residents who came to love having the historic timepiece in their backyards.

Wednesday, however, residents did something else: rejoice.

"That's terrific," beamed Prospect Heights resident Walter McCree, 78, who said he uses the 512-foot tower as a guide while traveling in Brooklyn.



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Famed clock tower atop Williamsburgh Savings Bank finally tells the correct time after more than a year.


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"When I see the clock, it's like a directional for me. It's truly been missed."

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