Beautifying the Neighborhood

For those driving along the east side of campus, take a look at the green being redone on the corner of Park and Wheelock Street. This property, maintained by the Real Estate Office for employee housing, serves as open space for residents. Groundworker Brad Bell and turf worker Bo Taft have been out working with heavy machinery to replace the soil and reseed the lawn.

REO carpenter David Grant also built new raised garden beds for residents of the neighborhood to plant this summer. REO operations coordinator Carolyn Nolan invited tenants to sign up for the gardens and had enough interest to split each raised bed in half for 10 families to share the 5 gardens. What a wonderful addition to the neighborhood!

Progress on West End Buildings

The quote, "a picture is worth a thousand words" is appropriate when considering progress being made on the two west end construction projects.

The Center for Engineering & Computer Science building has a below-ground garage and a pedestrian bridge connects CECS to the neighboring MacLean building. Meanwhile, the Irving Institute for Energy & Society is being built with a target for LEED-platinum, the highest level of sustainable design and construction.

A COVID Reminder

This is just a friendly reminder that faculty and staff who are fully vaccinated are encouraged to submit their vaccination information to Axiom Medical at http://dartgo.org/vax.

While sharing your vaccination information with Dartmouth is voluntary, you'll need to complete the more frequent COVID testing as required by Dartmouth policy. If you choose not to share the information. For more details see the Employee Vaccination FAQ's at http://dartgo.org/vaxfaq.

Safekeeping Our Keys

Custodial services manager Sandra Sowle wrote that she "started a key box project about three years ago with Tom Garrity (access control shop supervisor) and Billy Lyons (access control shop tech) to lock all custodial and maintenance keys so the keys weren't taken off campus. The project was put on hold last year, due to COVID."

The program was recently restarted, and Tom and Billy were able to check all the lock boxes and add the computers in just a week. Senior work process administrator Phil Charbonneau also helped to program the boxes and install the keys. The key box program is being piloted now for Custodial Services staff with boxes placed in various buildings on campus and at 41 Centerra. Five boxes are in use now, and the other six will be distributed soon. The boxes are secured to a wall and can be opened only by authorized employees who swipe the box with their Dart ID. Custodians check their keys out in the morning and return their keys to the box each evening for safekeeping.

This is an amazing job from Phil, Tom, and Billy." Sandra wrote. "I couldn’t have completed this project without them."