Staying Connected with Campus Services

Oct. 29, 2021

Thanks to the Campus Services Employee Recognition team for hosting yesterday’s Fall Gathering. This was a really nice opportunity to catch up with one another and meet some of the newly hired employees. Of course, the cider and donuts were delicious, too!

Please note that we’re unable to distribute turkeys this year, but we hope to find another way to celebrate you during the holidays.

Let’s Meet the Planning Team

Dartmouth is continuously engaged in planning work, whether it’s updating the campus master plan, planning for the development of new buildings or the renovation of existing ones, or planning to move people from one space to another. In this week’s newsletter, let’s meet the three employees who serve in the Campus Planning Office.

The team is led by Joanna Whitcomb, Director of Campus Planning. “We provide strategic planning and programming for existing and future facilities and landscapes working with Dartmouth leadership, and academic and administrative departments,” she describes. “We help determine the most effective approach (i.e., renovation, adaptive reuse, building addition, new construction, or combination thereof) to meet program needs within the context of the overall campus. Additionally, we manage systems that track Dartmouth’s interior and exterior spaces, and property assets.”

“The Provost ‘owns’ campus space and determines its best use,” explained Joanna. “Our job is to present options to meet the needs of the users, [and then] work with them and their leadership to make a recommendation to the Provost.”

The Planning Office is fortunate to have Architect/Project Manager Susan Lee, and Kevin Nelson the Spatial Database Manager. Susan specializes in classroom design and interiors, develops concepts and may often be seen around campus managing construction projects. Kevin is responsible for producing campus maps and maintaining the space database. He uses mapping tools to track every building and parcel of land that Dartmouth owns.

While these employees have an impressive amount of responsibility, they work closely with all the Campus Services departments to get their job done. “Working with smart people from across the campus; identifying all the pieces of the puzzle; and solving it” is what Joanna says makes this job so enjoyable.

Key Date Reminders

Oct. 31: Deadline for the best deals on early bird season passes at the Dartmouth Skiway.

Nov. 1: Deadline for Open Enrollment to sign up for next year’s benefits.

Planning on Lyme Road South

Dartmouth is beginning a planning process to consider development of undergraduate housing, a practice facility for varsity golf and other mission-based options on the former golf course property located north of campus between Girl Brook and the Lyme Road roundabout. This opportunity was outlined in the recently completed strategic framework “Planning for Possibilities”.

The planning phase will include land surveying, wetlands mapping and soil sampling to better understand the potential for development including a source for geothermal energy. It will also consider broader transportation and infrastructure needs and “provide an opportunity for neighbors to share their thoughts on the project and review proposed designs sometime this winter,” as described in an Oct. 27 Dartmouth News article.

A plan for this area should be complete by late winter of 2022. See the planning project website for more details.

What a beautiful day for our Fall Gathering!

Please VOTE for the Pumpkins on page 2
We received just 6 carved pumpkin photos, but they're all FANTASTIC! Thanks to all the carvers.

Please vote for 1 pumpkin in each category (Most Unique, Scariest, and Funniest) by sending an email to Kaitlyn.Christian@dartmouth.edu. Refer to each pumpkin by their number. The voting deadline is noon on Wednesday, Nov. 3.