

Staying Connected with Campus Services



Dartmouth's planning work to construct undergraduate apartments on Lyme Road has certainly drawn attention from neighbors and other constituents. Take a moment to watch the Jan. 20 Community webinar or read about what's happening next. See details in the Planning & Design section of the project website: campus-services.dartmouth.edu/projects.

Welcome Jan. New Hires!

Please welcome the following employees who joined Campus Services in January.

- Stephen Dow, Dining Services
- Dean Barney, Dining Services
- Kareen Miller, Custodial Services
- Adam LaFlam, Custodial Services
- Jeremy Colter, Custodial Services
- Scott Chase, Dining Services
- Aaron Gerber, Byrne Dining
- Brian Somers, Equipment Maintenance
- Ryan Gideon, Project Management Svcs

Hopkins Center Approval

In late January, Dartmouth's Trustees approved the final phase of design to renovate the Hopkins Center. A [Dartmouth News article](#) and the [project website](#) provide more details about this exciting project which is scheduled to begin construction this fall. The project is being expertly managed by Chad Morig.



The Grounds Crew prepares and clears the rink, while President Hanlon and a friend enjoy the ice. (FOM photos courtesy of Randy Brown)

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An Impressive Skating Rink!

While skating rinks abound on local town greens or in larger back yards, the 100' x 120' rink on the Dartmouth Green is truly unique.

One unique aspect is the way in which the ground beneath the rink is leveled prior to making the ice. According to Grounds Services Lead Nathan Potter, an electric laser is placed on a stationary tripod and used to identify areas where the ground is uneven on the area marked for the rink. Snow is brought in and packed into the low-lying pockets to make the ground perfectly level. Once the sides of the rink are set up and the liner installed, the rink is flooded with water from a nearby hydrant by members of the Hanover Water Dept. Before the water freezes, the Grounds Services crew walks the ice, stamping out air pockets that form under the liner by moving the air towards the edges of the rink.

Another unique aspect is the level of care and maintenance provided by the Grounds Services crew throughout the winter. A garden hose is used at least once weekly to flood the rink, adding a smooth later of ice. A ramp has been specially built to move snow-moving equipment onto the ice so in the event of a storm, the Grounds crew can plow and brush the accumulated snow to the edge of the rink. They then use a hand-powered snowblower and shovels to clear the last bits of snow from the ice.

An extra special feature of this year's rink is a curling target that has been frozen into the ice. Perhaps all those skaters who enjoy watching curling in the winter Olympics can practice their own curling techniques on the Dartmouth rink.

Thanks to Nathan Potter, Grounds Laborers Tom Malcher and James William, and ALL members of the Grounds Services crew who help to build and maintain the skating rink. It's fun to see so many students and community members enjoy this winter activity.