Staying Connected with Campus Services

As students return to campus for fall term, please take whatever precautions you deem necessary to remain healthy and safe. Free COVID-19 take-home tests and facemasks are available at various locations on campus. Your health is important to all of us.

Losing a Dartmouth Elm

Sadly, Dartmouth lost the "Russell Sage elm" tree last week, so named because of its location between Russell Sage and Fahey McLane residence halls along Tuck Mall. This particular elm, one of the last remaining century-old elms on campus, was beloved by members of West House who had adopted the tree as the house community’s founding symbol. As mentioned in a recent Dartmouth News article, "FO&M will present West House with the polished crosscut, aka a “cookie,” after the tree is dated, and the plan is to display the artifact as part of the house tradition."

FO&M's Grounds crew had been closely monitoring this old elm for years, and set up cables to support some of the larger limbs a decade ago. Assoc. VP of FO&M Tim McNamara said, "We recently did some trimming of this tree to eliminate deadwood, which is the area where the beetle which propagates Dutch Elm disease tends to reside."

Despite our best efforts at removing deadwood, and following a very thorough inspection of the canopy, a large limb broke off last Wednesday night. It appears to have been rotted from the inside." A replacement tree will likely be planted in the same spot next year.

Thanks to Campus Arborist Scott Melendy and the tree workers for caring for these gentle giants for so many years.

Correction for Boone

While many people surely love Boone, the English springer spaniel pup mentioned in last week’s newsletter, his real owners are Erin and Josh Clarks from Dartmouth Dining, not Chris Robbins as previously reported. Thanks for the correction.

August New Hires

Congratulations and welcome to new employees who joined our Campus Services team in August. We’re glad you’re here!

- Alexander Bates, Custodial Services
- Mary Benash, Dining Services
- Tianna Denk, Custodial Services
- Amelia Heidenrich, Tuck Dining
- Derian Olmo, Custodial Services
- James Reiman, Science Facilities

Feel that Chill in the Air?

Have you noticed the past few days’ drop in temperature and slight chill in the air in the late afternoon and early evening? As good New Englanders, you know what that means... SNOW! Yes! SNOW!

Our coworkers at the Dartmouth Skiway are gearing up for an exciting season of skiing, snow boarding, and uphill fun. And, NOW is the time to purchase your Skiway Season Pass which is at its lowest price of the year, now through October 31. Special discounts are offered to Dartmouth & DHMC employees and their dependents, to Dartmouth students, and to the general public as well.

The Skiway offers a number of terrific perks to season pass holders. Perks include 10% off rentals and repairs and two half-price (50% off) lift tickets for friends and family. Merchandise purchases are 25% off through Dec. 31 and 10% off retail throughout the season. In addition, there are discounts to partner mountains like Whaleback, Ragged Mountain, Ski Copper, and more!

These are GREAT deals! Getting your season pass is easy at the Skiway website. Don't wait. Become a season pass holder today!