Dear Neighbors

This quarterly newsletter is designed to keep our residential neighbors informed of construction activities underway in the west end of campus for the next three months. Past newsletters have focused on roadways, parking lots, and construction of the Dartmouth Center for Engineering and Computer Science building. With this newsletter, we introduce work that begins in October on the new Arthur L. Irving Institute for Energy and Society.

If you have additional questions, please contact us. We appreciate hearing from you.

Stay Informed

See the project website and view the time-lapse video that takes photos of the construction site every 10 minutes: dartmouth.edu/~opdc.

Weekly Project Updates are posted for active construction work at dartmouth.edu/~opdc.

Email pdc@dartmouth.edu if you are interested in receiving a quarterly email newsletter.

How is work progressing in the hole?

In mid-August, the tower crane was erected on the foundation of the Center for Engineering and Computer Science building and will remain in place until the building's steel structure is complete in late spring 2020.

From now through February, concrete will be poured for the garage foundation, walls, and column footings. Noise should be at normal levels, as work will take place far down in the hole. Passersby, however, may notice back-up beepers from concrete trucks that are moving about.

For safety reasons, signs are being placed to indicate that unauthorized entry is not permitted within the perimeter fence and other restricted areas. Several cameras are in place to help with enforcement.

Status of Rowing and Irving Institute

The dedication of the new Rowing Training Facility is scheduled for Sept. 28, when the building will be fully operational.

Construction of the Irving Institute is scheduled to begin Oct. 7.

- Initial activities include establishing the building site, setting up fencing and signage, etc. The following week, interior abatement and demolition of the northeast corner of Murdough begin.
- From mid-to late-October, sheet piles along the north, east, and south facing sides of the building will be drilled (not driven, so they'll be quieter than those at Thayer) to create a crane pad and protect the foundations of existing buildings.
- Excavating and then pouring for the foundation will occur through the end of the year.

When will road work be finished?

The new access road, which starts on West Wheelock Street and runs behind the residence halls to the Channing Cox parking lot and around to the back of MacLean Hall, is scheduled to be complete and open to vehicular traffic by Oct. 1. Minimal landscaping will be done this fall, with final landscaping complete in the spring.

Engineering Drive in front of Cummings will soon be closed to vehicles, but pedestrians and bicyclists can continue to use the sidewalk south of MacLean.

The widening of West Wheelock Street will be complete, with center islands painted, by the end of September. Signalization lights will not be functional until the garage is active in spring 2021.

When the access road opens in early October, it will be called Thayer Drive.

Rendering of the Irving Institute

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