
Campus Planning Newsletter

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Dear members of the Connecticut College community,

As the semester concludes and we look ahead to the summer months, there will be transformative progress to the College's campus infrastructure. Facilities Management will continue with routine maintenance of painting residential halls, replacing fire alarm panels and many other projects best suited for a less populated campus.

Campus Planning also will kick off the summer on Monday, May 20, with the Cro Renovation and continue enhancing residential bathroom privacy. As the summer continues and we begin the fall semester, we will phase into several other projects that are outlined below.

Bathroom Privacy Improvements

Renovations and privacy enhancements continue in residence hall bathrooms that need modernizing. This summer, Larrabee, Smith and Burdick will be renovated. These three buildings will not be open for the summer as safety remains our top priority. Catering will continue to operate out of Smith in coordination with the Campus Planning office.



Crozier-Williams Renovation

On Monday, May 20, Consigli Construction will begin mobilization with an anticipated project completion of February 2025. The first few weeks will be concentrated on preparation. This will include erecting a fence around the construction zone, building temporary walls to separate the construction from the occupied building and laying down materials. Access to the building will continue but be redirected to the north entrance across from Cro Pit or the west entrance near the Sprout Garden. Areas of construction include the entry along Cro Boulevard, Oasis, Cro's Nest and the 1962 room. As we approach the fall semester, we will provide an update on an alternative option for these areas being offline.

Cro Boulevard and Enabling East Lot

Work on the Boulevard is anticipated to begin in early June along with the East parking lot. The Boulevard will be completed in phases beginning at Tempel Green to the area in front of Shain. When the campus begins to repopulate in the fall, the new East lot will reach major completion and be available for use by faculty and staff. As we continue down the Boulevard into the next phase, we provide a logistical update.

Dayton Solar Array

A group of students working with Professor Chad Jones and alumnus Rocky Ackroyd have designed a solar array to be installed in the grassy area west of Dayton Arena (between the arena and the parking lot). Final permitting and logistics will be completed over the summer, with the installation of the panels happening early in the fall. When completed, the 196 panel array will provide about 5% of the total electricity needs of the Athletic Center.

Facilities Conditions Assessment

As mentioned in our January newsletter, in order to create a deferred maintenance plan, we will be undergoing a facilities conditions assessment. This will take place throughout the summer. You will see identified consultants thoroughly inspecting buildings – from the landscaping that surrounds them to the mechanical rooms in the basements. They will conduct stakeholder interviews with those who know the buildings best. To effectively provide feedback to our consultants, we have created a feedback form. We welcome constructive feedback as it pertains to the building infrastructure and the possible surrounding areas. The feedback form will close on June 14.

Fanning Accessibility Improvements

As the College continues to prioritize campus accessibility, there will be a small footprint but high impact project this summer to provide accessibility to Fanning Hall. Stairs along the greenhouse will create an accessible route from Tempel Green to the north entry of Fanning Hall.

Silfen Field Renovation

Beginning early this summer and lasting until September will be the renovation of Silfen field. This project is designed for optimal athlete safety, will accommodate team shelters to protect athletes from the weather, and will add communication to support high-definition broadcasts

Track Renovation

Running concurrently with the Silfen Field renovation will be the replacement of the track. This project is designed to provide optimal shock absorbency and return energy for daily running and competitions, and new track D zones will ensure optimum safety for high jump and pole vault athletes during practice and competition.



As another way to improve communication, we will be updating the website with project spotlights and sending monthly progress reports beginning in June. You can also find previous newsletters on the web. Please check back there as we progress this summer.

Wishing you a restful summer and looking forward to seeing you in the fall!

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