
BOSTON COLLEGE NEIGHBOR

Office of Governmental and Community Affairs

Summer 2018

A Message from Vice President Tom Keady

Dear Neighbor:

As a new academic year approaches, it is once again my pleasure to provide you with the Office of Governmental & Community Affairs' newsletter containing development news, program and event highlights, the 2018 BC football magnet and other useful information.

In major construction news, the University named the new turf baseball and softball fields with seating and press boxes, grass recreation field and support building on the Brighton Campus, the Harrington Athletics Village, in honor of BC alumnus John Harrington. The new athletic field house, recently named the Fish Field House for University Trustee Associate John Fish, opened on August 3rd providing student-athletes from football, other varsity sports and intramurals with the ability to train and practice indoors year-round. Work on the new, state-of-the-art Connell Recreation Center continues on schedule and will be completed in the summer of 2019. (see page 2 for more details)



Following a gift of \$25 million from BC Trustee Phil Schiller '82 and his wife, Kim Gassett-Schiller and University fundraising efforts, planning is underway for a new 150,000 square foot science facility on the site of Cushing Hall. At a cost of \$150 million, the new building represents the largest single investment in the sciences at Boston College. The centerpiece of this new academic building will be the Schiller Institute for Integrated Science and Society with a mission to create a multi-disciplinary, collaborative research process to address critical societal issues in the areas of energy, health and the environment. Construction is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2019.

At 300 Hammond Pond Parkway, the University completed necessary infrastructure improvements, installing new water and sewer services to the building. Various BC Facilities Services departments, including landscape services, trade shops, housekeeping and the work order center, moved to the property in June following renovations to the building.

In open space news, BC and the MWRA, with the support of the community and local elected officials, partnered to open up public access and install recreational walking trails on the site of Pine Tree Preserve, a 4-acre parcel owned by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts located off of Chestnut Hill Driveway near the Chestnut Hill Reservoir. BC will invest \$2.5 million to construct the pathways, install lighting, and benches and will be responsible for operating and maintaining the trail system, while the state retains ownership of the property. The project is scheduled to be completed in fall of 2018. For construction updates, please visit the link: <http://www.mwra.com/projects/access/ptp/ptp-update.html>

As we embark on academic year 2018, I look forward to working with you on various projects or hosting you at a lecture, an athletic event or at one of our signature celebrations such as Pops on the Heights in the fall or the Arts Festival in the spring. If you have any questions or comments regarding information in the newsletter, please feel free to contact me or a member of my office staff at (617) 552-4787.

A Constructive Summer

Two of Boston College's major construction projects are at significant junctures this summer, with the new athletic field house now completed and the Connell Recreation Center having passed the halfway point in its timeline.

Several other ongoing and upcoming projects are likely to affect campus traffic or parking between now and the end of August, according to Associate Vice President for Capital Projects Management Mary Nardone and Director of Annual Capital Projects Kevin Ruby. These include a new roadway connecting Campanella Way to Chestnut Hill Drive; renovation of the Stuart Hall parking lot on Newton Campus; and infrastructural and other work in the vicinity of Cushing Hall and the Service Building.



*The new Connell Recreation Center
Photo by Lee Pellegrini*

"Its exterior and interior work winding down, the 115,000-square foot field house adjacent to Alumni Stadium is on track for two milestones: a certificate of occupancy that will be filed on July 27, and on Aug. 3, the BC football team's first practice. The very last phase in late summer will focus on landscaping.

With completion of all pre-casts, the Connell Recreation Center's structure is now finished, and attention has shifted to the building's façade, pictured above. The foundation for the pool has been dug, and concrete was poured in June. The 244,000 square-foot, four-story center, which is being built on the former site of Edmond's Hall on Thomas More Road, is expected to be finished by August of next year.

Meanwhile, vehicular traffic patterns on Lower Campus will be changed as the result of a project that will involve upgrading the former service road on Shea Field and linking it to Campanella Way. Once completed, this new roadway, which will dead-end on Chestnut Hill Drive, will replace the current one that directs vehicles past the Connell Recreation Center site onto Thomas More Road.

In addition, the current Campanella Way exit from the Beacon Street Garage will be relocated to next to the pedestrian ramp on the east side of Alumni Stadium.

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Community Assistance Program

Run by the Office of Governmental and Community Affairs in conjunction with the Office of the Dean of Students, the Community Assistance Program (CAP) continues to enhance the relationship between the wider community and Boston College's on- and off-campus students.

Steve Montgomery, the Off-Campus Student Community

Liaison, working closely with the Boston Police, Newton Police and BC Police, responds to disturbance calls and addresses concerns of the community.

The Liaison monitors areas where large numbers of off-campus students live on weekend nights (including Thurs-

days), holidays, and other high activity dates during the academic year.

Students needing help with city services, landlords, and their neighbors should feel free to contact the CAP program.

To contact CAP on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday evenings, contact the



Boston College Police at [617-552-4440](tel:617-552-4440). You can also contact Steve during the rest of the week at 617-552-6028 or stephen.montgomery@bc.edu

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Another multi-faceted project will see a series of renovations in Carney Hall to accommodate the shift of classroom and office spaces now in Cushing Hall. This will set the stage for the eventual demolition of Cushing – a prelude to the construction of a new science facility beginning next spring that will house the Schiller Institute for Integrated Science and Society.

“Between the work in Cushing, some service upgrades in the Service Building, and infrastructural work between McGuinn Hall and the Service Building, members of the University community should keep in mind that that part of Main Campus is going to be very busy,” summed up Nardone.

Over on Newton Campus, the Stuart Hall parking lot is in the midst of “a complete re-do,” said Ruby, which will result in new lighting, landscaping and islands “to improve the traffic flow for vehicles and pedestrians.” The project has affected parking and necessitated a slight change to the University shuttle bus route on Newton Campus. For more information, please visit the Parking and Transportation Department website at <https://www.bc.edu/offices/transportation.html>

-Sean Smith, University Communications

Boston Police Commissioner to head BC Police, public safety

Boston College has named Boston Police Commissioner William B. Evans, a nationally respected police leader with 38 years of experience in law enforcement, as its new executive director of public safety and chief of police. He succeeds Director of Public Safety and Chief of Police John King, who announced his retirement in April after eight years at Boston College.

“Bill Evans’ extensive experience and his understanding of BC’s commitment to student formation make him an ideal choice to lead our department,” said Financial Vice President & Treasurer John Burke. “He will be a welcome addition to the BC community.”

“Coming to Boston College to serve as its executive director of public safety and chief of police is a wonderful opportunity for me and my family,” said Evans. “I have always admired the Jesuit mission of service to others, and I am honored to be able to serve one of the nation’s best universities, one that I know so well from my experience as a parent. I have loved being a Boston Police officer and working with the men and women of the BPD. It has been a great honor to lead this department as its police commissioner.”

While captain of District 14 in Allston/Brighton, Evans initiated the BPD’s participation in student orientations across the city, and semi-annual meetings between Boston Police and Boston-area collegiate police chiefs/directors of security. He also played key roles in initiating the BPD Ride-Along Program for college administrators. While superintendent, he led the strategic response team that was instrumental in capturing the Boston Marathon bombing suspect, and was responsible for security of all major events in Boston, including parades, marches, demonstrations, and championship celebrations. During his tenure as police commissioner, Evans has been credited with diversifying the Boston Police force, enhancing police training for the city’s officers, and building effective relationships with residents, students, and business owners through open dialogue and transparency.

“Throughout my career I have been guided by the principle that building good relationships and partnerships is the key to good policing,” said Evans. “I look forward to working with BC administrators, BC Police, faculty, and students—as well as community members—to build relationships that will help provide a safe environment for all.”



-Jack Dunn, University Communications

Thanh V. Tran Receives 2018 Community Service Award

School of Social Work Professor Thanh V. Tran, whose longstanding commitment to the local Vietnamese and Vietnamese American community has been called “exemplary,” is the 2018 recipient of Boston College’s Community Service Award.

The award, organized by the Office of Governmental and Community Affairs, recognizes the outstanding contributions of a BC employee whose actions exemplify the Jesuit spirit of service to others. Tran received his honor from University President William P. Leahy, S.J., at a recognition dinner held on May 30.

In 2009, Tran established a Vietnamese literacy and cultural program at St. Bernadette’s parish in Ran-



Boston College President William P. Leahy, S.J., with School of Social Work Professor Thanh V. Tran

dolph, Mass., that helps Vietnamese American children and others learn the Vietnamese language and culture and helps immigrant families feel at home in the U.S.

In addition to the weekly commitment he makes conducting the program, Tran has also led fundraising efforts to purchase laptops and projectors for the program’s classrooms as well as reading

materials for the Vietnamese community. He has also helped raise money for Catholic Charities to aid refugees.

“Community service is a natural part of being a social worker” said Tran in a recent interview. “How can I be a social work educator without engaging in my community?”

Tran was born in Vietnam and came to the U.S. at the end of the war in 1975.

“Community service gives me an opportunity to say thank you to all who have helped me, a refugee, to build my life in this wonderful country,” said Tran when accepting his award.

-Sean Smith / University Communications

McMullen Museum Fall Exhibit

Carrie Mae Weems: Strategies of Engagement examines this eminent American artist’s diverse and innovative career through celebrated and rarely exhibited projects made during the last 30 years. The exhibition focuses on the relational aspect of Weems’s art, recreating original installations enveloped by the artist’s audio narration, or stand confronted with video

and photographic works that expose systems of power and injustice.

The exhibition will be accompanied by a catalogue with scholarly essays from diverse perspectives of art history, literature, race and gender studies, education, sociology, and history.

In the Daley Family & Monan Galleries from Sept. 10–Dec. 13, 2018

Football season is here! Please see the enclosed magnet for the 2018 football schedule. Go Eagles!



2018 Neighborhood Improvement Fund (NIF) Grant Announced

The 2018 grant cycle will use a modified two-step process intended to make the application process as simple as possible for applicants. The NIF is soliciting Letters of Interest (LOI), intended to be very short descriptions of potential projects, by 5:00 p.m. on October 1, 2018.

LOI's can be emailed to Anabela Gomes, Task Force Co-Chair at bela@mail.com with a cc to Gerald Autler, BPDA Senior Planner at Gerald.Autler@boston.gov.

An LOI should include: the name of the organization(s) applying for funding, amount requested, brief (250 word maximum) description of project concept and bullet points on how the project meets some of all of the grant criteria. NIF guidelines and grant criteria are posted online on BPDA website and can be accessed by typing Neighborhood Improvement Fund in the search bar.