
BOSTON COLLEGE NEIGHBOR

Office of Governmental and Community Affairs

Summer 2019

A Message from Vice President Tom Keady

Dear Neighbor:

As we embark on academic year 2019, it is once again my pleasure to provide you with the Office of Governmental & Community Affairs' newsletter containing development updates, program and event news, the 2019 BC football magnet and other useful information.

In major construction news, the University completed demolition of Cushing Hall, the site of the new Schiller Institute for Integrated Science and Society, which will focus on collaborative research in the areas of energy, health and the environment. Site preparation and excavation for the 157,000 square foot building began in September and will continue through October. The project is expected to be completed in the fall of 2021.



On the Brighton Campus, the University broke ground in June for a new 31,000 square foot athletic support building for the baseball and softball programs. Located in the Harrington Athletics Village, the University recently named the building, the Pete Frates Center, in honor of former BC baseball captain Pete Frates '07, who has helped lead the fight against ALS since he was diagnosed with the disease in 2012. The Pete Frates Center contains an indoor practice area with hitting tunnels, team locker rooms, officials' locker rooms, lounges and meeting space. The project is slated to be completed in the summer of 2020.

In exciting open space news, BC and the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA), recently completed work and opened Pine Tree Preserve, a 4-acre parcel of woodlands owned by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Located off of Chestnut Hill Driveway near the Chestnut Hill Reservoir, site improvements included the installation of walking trails, new trees and plantings, viewing areas, benches and lighting. Through this unique public-private partnership, this area will now be open to the general public and the BC community for the first time. The University will be responsible for operating and maintaining the site, while the state retains ownership of the property.

As always, I look forward to working with you on various projects, hosting you at a lecture or athletic event or having you join us for one of our signature celebrations such as Pops on the Heights or the Arts Festival. 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.

Pine Tree Preserve, Harrington Athletics Village highlight BC's summer construction projects

Completion of the Pine Tree Preserve—a four-acre woodland recreational area at the eastern edge of lower campus—and work on the second phase of the Harrington Athletics Village on Brighton campus highlight Boston College construction projects this summer.

The two projects reflect the University's efforts to provide open and green spaces and promote recreation and athletics as part of the overall BC experience.

Located on Thomas More Road across from the Chestnut Hill Reservoir, the Pine Tree Preserve will feature pedestrian walkways, park benches, viewing areas, and lighting, and will be open to the University community and general public. The project stems from an agreement between the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority, which controls the parcel, and Boston College, which will oversee maintenance of the property.



*Pine Tree Preserve
Photo by Stimson Architects*

This spring saw the removal of some trees and rough grading at the site, according to Senior Construction Project Manager Edward Stokes. A sub base for the walking path has been laid and utilities for lighting and irrigation completed. Landscaping around the border of the property will last through June and into early July, after which the path—which will be handicapped accessible—will be paved and lighting installed.

Landscape Planning and Services Director Regina Bellavia said there will be minimal replanting, with flowering trees like dogwood and witch hazel, and ground cover along the path, so as to provide greater visibility within and around the preserve. A related project will involve converting the former section of Campanella Way between the preserve and the Margot Connell Recreation Center into green space, Stokes noted. Stokes—who praised McCourt Construction, the firm undertaking the project—said the construction of Pine Tree Preserve is expected to be complete by the end of July.

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Community Assistance Program

Run by the Office of Governmental and Community Affairs in conjunction with the Office of Student Conduct, 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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Work began in late May on the new two-level support building for the Harrington Athletics Village, which opened in 2018 as the home of BC's baseball, softball, and intramural fields, and is named for University Trustee Associate John L. Harrington '57, MBA'66. The 31,000 square-foot building's lower level will include team locker rooms and lounges, strength and conditioning space, and the officials' locker room. The upper level will feature a hospitality suite with an outdoor terrace overlooking the baseball field, and an indoor practice area that can be divided into batting cages.

On June 26, the University announced that the building will be named the Pete Frates Center, in honor of former BC baseball captain Pete Frates '07, who has helped lead the fight against amyotrophic lateral sclerosis since he was diagnosed with the disease in 2012. Frates was the inspiration for the Ice Bucket Challenge, which raises funds to combat ALS.

The building will be located on the present site of the north parking lot for 129 Lake Street, adjacent to the smaller support facility built during the first phase of construction. Roadway utility work will take place over the summer, according to Construction Project Manager Michael Leone. Although there will be a temporary loss of some parking spaces, he said, a temporary lot near the existing adjacent parking lots will be made available.

By fall, foundation work will begin on the support building, Leone said, and from late fall through early winter will be the structural steel phase, followed by building finishes in the spring. The project is slated to be completed during the summer of 2020.

-University Communications

18 Local Youth Graduate the Inaugural BC Police Youth Police Academy

The Boston College Police Department hosted its first Youth Police Academy during the week of August 5th-9th, 2019 with 18 youth cadets from the greater Boston area graduating on Friday, August 9th.

The purpose of the academy was to enable the dedicated youth to become self-assured, caring and disciplined adults in a challenging environment and to instill confidence and courage. Through classroom instruction, lectures, field trips and physical training, the academy fostered in each recruit the ability to approach police officers and nourish a friendship between the youth of the community and police officers.



Youth cadets were identified by members of community youth organizations, and youth service officers. "It was a nice way to bring the children from inner city areas and the police together to build and foster positive relationships, while stressing and testing the importance of leadership, care for others and team work," said Chief William B. Evans.

Cadets participated in a community service outreach program in the South End area of Boston in conjunction with National Night Out (against crime) where they met Boston Mayor Marty Walsh, and Suffolk County District Attorney (DA) Rachael Rollins, along with a tour of Gillette Stadium and special meeting with New England Patriots Stephon Gilmore & Devin McCourty.

"I wish the program was longer than a week, as it is making me re-think about becoming something in law enforcement," said Youth Cadet Garcia. "Being here at the academy showed me a part of myself that I didn't know of." "I have been showed that I'm capable of many things and if I find anything difficult, I keep trying and don't give up." Cadet Garcia added.

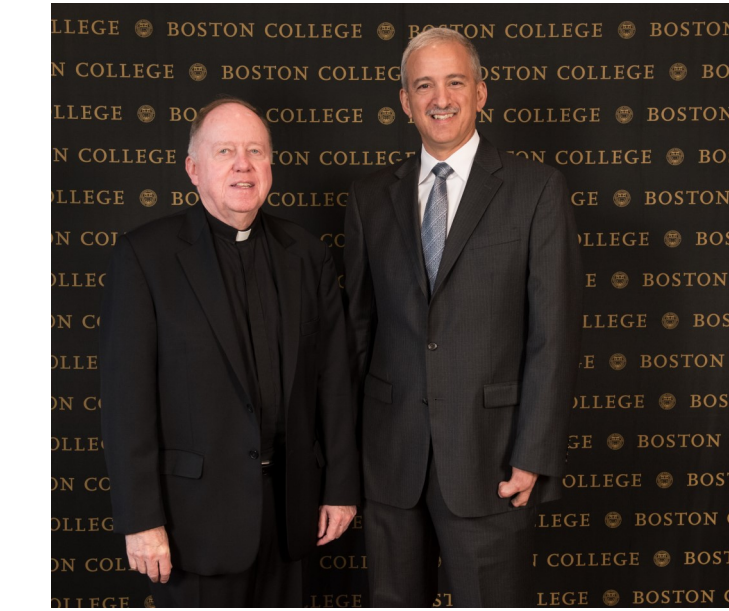
Lt. Jeff Postell, BCPD

John Berardi Receives 2019 Community Service Award

John Berardi, director of technology applications services at Boston College and long-time champion of Little League baseball, is this year's recipient of the University'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.

Berardi is the Massachusetts Little League District 13 Administrator, and he volunteers on the Little League International Advisory Board. "It is a quite an honor to receive this award, particularly when I look at prior recipients," said Berardi. "They are a



Boston College President William P. Leahy, S.J., with Director of Technology Applications, John Berardi

-Photo by Peter Julian

group of very special people."

In 2009, Berardi established "Little League Days" at BC: Each spring, Little League baseball players are invited to

attend a BC baseball game and also have a meet-and-greet with the players after the games.

In 2014, Berardi helped establish a formal partnership

with the Red Sox Foundation that provides financial support and other assistance to the nearly 200 leagues in the state. The foundation offers a \$500 sponsorship for each league, sponsors the state finals for 12-year-olds, and underwrites leadership and instructional skills training for coaches.

He also is the program coordinator for the Jimmy Fund Little League, which gives children the opportunity to play ball over the summer while also raising money for the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and the Jimmy Fund.

Berardi received his honor at a recognition dinner held on May 29.

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McMullen Museum Fall Exhibit

William Trost Richards: Hieroglyphics of Landscaping explores the artist's earliest sketches to his late masterful seascapes and landscapes.

The exhibition reveals how Richards's works manifest the Romantics' hieroglyphic interpretation of nature, a metaphor embraced by Ralph Waldo Emerson and Henry David Thoreau.

Featuring more than 180 oil paintings, watercolors, drawings, and sketchbooks, the exhibition includes contributions from the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, and the Newport Art Museum, as well as many private collectors.

In the Daley Family & Monan Galleries from Sept. 9–Dec. 8, 2019

Football season is here! Please see the enclosed magnet for the 2019 football schedule. Go Eagles!



Farewell to the Plex

The face of lower campus will continue to change this summer with the demolition of the William J. Flynn Recreation Complex.

Popularly known as "the Rec Plex" or "the Plex," the building has provided recreational space and facilities for the University community since opening in 1972. It will be replaced by the Margot Connell Recreation Center, which is nearing completion and opened earlier this summer.

The structure will be taken down and removed from campus in sections, a process that will last until early September.

After the demolition and removal is finished, a reclamation project on the former Plex site will begin in the fall and continue through the spring. Once completed, the location will include parking, tennis and basketball courts, and green space.

-Sean Smith