A four-alarm fire early on October 1 left Morton Hall, a residence hall in the East Wheelock cluster, uninhabitable. There were no injuries and building residents were quickly relocated to temporary housing facilities.

All of the affected students’ salvageable possessions have been moved from the building to their temporary housing locations. The area surrounding Morton Hall has been fenced off and declared a construction site, accessible only by authorized workers with appropriate safety equipment. Initial recovery work, led by Belfor Boston, a firm with expertise in fire and water damage restoration, is now complete. Before renovation work begins, College officials will pause to evaluate and design long-term repairs.

**What is Happening**
- Temporary heating system for building has been installed
- Planning & Design of building restoration continues

**What to Expect**
- There will be minor activity on site.
- Morton Hall is still a construction site. Be aware of vehicles leaving and entering the site through marked gates on East Wheelock Street.

**Additional Information and Links**
Send any questions or comments to FO&M at Facilities.Operations.and.Management@Dartmouth.EDU

**Additional Links – Morton Hall Stabilization Project**
October 1 Initial Email Notification of Fire in Morton Hall from College Officials
http://www.dartmouth.edu/~opdc/pdfs/mortonfireemail.pdf
October 1 Dartmouth Now article: No Injuries in Hall Fire

October 3 Community Letter from President Hanlon:

October 5 Dartmouth Now article: Community Rallies after Morton Fire

October 5 Email update to East Wheelock Residents from College Officials
http://www.dartmouth.edu/~opdc/pdfs/mortonfireemailb.pdf

October 14 Email update to East Wheelock Residents from College Officials
http://www.dartmouth.edu/~opdc/pdfs/mortonfireemailc.pdf
The Hood Museum, recognized for seamlessly integrating its collections into the Dartmouth educational experience, is undergoing an ambitious renovation and expansion project designed to address space limitations for its programs and collections. The renovation and expansion will increase floor size by 50 percent and triple student classroom visits to more than 6,000 a year, and most importantly, ensure that the museum fulfills its mission to create a learning environment that fosters transformative educational encounters with art for everyone. Construction will last through the start of winter term 2018. The museum is expected to re-open in 2019.

Stop by the Hood’s expansion information hub, located in the former Hood Museum Store, or check out the museum’s expansion website at: http://hoodmuseum.dartmouth.edu/explore/museum/expansion

**What is Happening**

- The foundation walls along the north and west sides of the museum have to be demolished carefully as the waterproofing applied on them tested positive for a low quantity of asbestos-containing material. For any concerns regarding the removal of this material, please contact EH&S at 6-1797.
- Excavation of the Hood Courtyard continues.
- Installation of the earth retention wall along the west side of the Hood Courtyard will continue.

**What to Expect**

- Regular weekday work will begin at 7:00 a.m.
- By its nature, demolition will be noisy. All noisy work will stop at 4:00 p.m.
- Activity around the Hood Museum has increased. Be aware of vehicles leaving and entering the construction site through marked gates.
- For those traveling between East Wheelock Street and Lebanon Street, pedestrians are directed through the Hopkins Center, while bicyclists are directed to use Crosby Street. See a detour map at http://www.dartmouth.edu/~opdc/pdfs/hooddetour71116.pdf.

**Need More Information?**

Visit the PDC website (http://www.dartmouth.edu/~opdc/projects/hood.html) for more information. To share comments or questions, please call or email Aparna Bapu at (603)-646-0530, aparna.h.bapu@dartmouth.edu.
Baker Bell Tower Renovation

Full restoration of the Baker Library Bell Tower is expected to be complete by the end of October. For more information and photos of this project, visit http://www.dartmouth.edu/~opdc/projects/bakertower.html

What is Happening

- Site Restoration will be completed including placement of new sod
- Tower lighting will be aimed and tested on Tuesday evening, November 8
- Lighting system commissioning work continues all week
- Work hours will be from 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM

What to Expect

- Workers will extend their hours this week: 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Athletics Pavilion Expansion

The Athletics Pavilion Expansion is the second phase of the existing facility that sits between Scully-Fahey and Burnham fields. The existing building has public restrooms as well as two locker rooms. The new 7600 square foot expansion will house three additional locker rooms, a meeting room and a training room, as well as an equipment room. Construction will start Monday, October 31 and anticipated completion will be August 15, 2017.

WHAT IS HAPPENING

- Seventeen parking spaces will be closed at the southeast corner of the Thompson Parking Lot.
- Installation of temporary fencing will begin at the perimeter of the project work area. Access to all athletic fields will not be affected by the project construction activities. Access to the locker rooms in the existing facility will remain open through the end of the fall sports season.
- A Temporary propane tank will be brought on site to feed the existing building while the four 1000 gallon propane tanks are being relocated out of the new building footprint to location along the Scully-Fahey field fence.
- Sod and topsoil will be removed from the proposed building footprint to prepare the site for import of fill materials to pre-load the site.
- Site utility work will begin in the area between the existing building and Scully Fahey Field followed by work on the west side of the building near Burnham Field.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Regular weekday work will take place between 7 am and 6 pm.
- Be aware of construction vehicles leaving the fenced-in project site and travelling through the Thompson Parking Lot area.
Since its construction in 1938, the Moosilauke Ravine Lodge has been a formative part of the Dartmouth student experience, most notably during First-Year Trips, and has served as home base for outdoor excursions and events for numerous others.

The original Lodge building is being replaced with a new structure that has been designed to preserve the rustic, hand-hewn qualities of the existing building. The new Lodge is an 11,000 square foot, fully accessible structure constructed with a post-and-beam frame of heavy natural log timbers and enveloped by a super-insulated shell to maximize energy efficiency. For more details of the building’s interior and project photos, visit https://campus-services.dartmouth.edu/projects/projects-construction/moosilauke-ravine-lodge

Construction began in September 2016 with an aggressive aspiration for completion prior to 2017 Trips.

What is Happening
- Site excavation work continues
- Form and pour exterior and interior concrete foundation components
- Relocate the manager’s cabin
- Waterproof and backfill the foundation
- Reconnect power feed to north campus buildings
- Start under-slab plumbing and electrical work

What to Expect
- A new construction gate before the Lodge limits access to construction vehicles only
- Public access parking is available at a temporary parking area half way up Ravine Road
- Public access to trails is directs hikers to the east of the construction site, from the upper road only (not the service road). Please follow new directions and signage.

Questions?
Please send any questions or comments to PD&C at Planning.Design.and.Construction@Dartmouth.edu