Dear CP&F,

I hope this message finds you well. As we dive into the new year, I am pleased to share with you the latest edition of CP&F News that includes updates on Facilities and Construction projects, updates from our Diversity, Inclusion, & Belonging Initiative, and milestone staff announcements, including Tom Gillogley well-deserved retirement.

I look forward to seeing you all at the next All-Staff meeting, just around the corner on **Thursday, February 29**. The agenda for this meeting includes updates on the West Commons project from TJ Fanning and Sustainability work presented by Colette Baker.

I encourage you to take a few moments to read through this quarter’s newsletter. Your feedback and engagement are invaluable as we work together to make our department an even better place. Thank you for your ongoing efforts and dedication to our shared goals. Here's to a productive and fulfilling season ahead!

Sincerely,

Stephen M. Maiorisi, AIA
Chief Campus Planning and Facilities Officer
The DIB Initiative is working on developing more speaker events, resources, and opportunities to get involved. In the meantime, we encourage you to explore resources and opportunities:

**February is Black History Month:** Exploring Black history means exploring all aspects of American life, from education and business to government and religion. Investigate resources for reflecting on Black history and culture developed by Harvard Graduate School of Education and Making Caring Common Project: [https://mcc.gse.harvard.edu/whats-new/black-history-month-2024](https://mcc.gse.harvard.edu/whats-new/black-history-month-2024)

**EDIB Event Calendar:** For additional EDIB events, view the Office of Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging calendar. Events are open to the entire Harvard community unless otherwise indicated: [https://calendar.college.harvard.edu/edib](https://calendar.college.harvard.edu/edib)

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**Climate & Engagement Subcommittee**

*Updates from Co-Chairs: Devonne Countryman-Monteiro & Colette Baker*

Join us for the kickoff meeting of our Book Club featuring "Up Home" by Ruth J Simmons! This initiative, organized by the Climate & Engagement Subcommittee, aims to foster a culture of engagement, collaboration, and inclusivity within our department while exploring the memoir’s themes of resilience, inequality, race, family, as well as overcoming adversity.

The book club is open to all who are interested. Don't miss out on this opportunity to engage with your colleagues and explore enriching literature together. The kickoff meeting will take place on **Friday, February 16th from 1:00-1:30pm on zoom**, and our discussion will be scheduled in **March - details to be shared with attendees in the coming weeks**. Please reach out to **CPF_DIB@HMS.HARVARD.EDU** for an invite or to learn more about attending either of these sessions. See you there!

**Key Dates:**

- **Kickoff Meeting:** Friday, February 16th from 1:00-1:30pm, *info session on Zoom*
- **Discussion Date:** March - *date, time, and location TBD*
The Alpert Building was designed and constructed in the late 80’s and early 90’s. The original project delivered valuable research space in the building footprint that extends above the ground. In addition, the Courtyard Café, Quad Parking Garage, and loading dock as well as the ramp providing access were included in that project. Since the original construction, the loading dock facility has expanded to not only serve HMS but all three schools of the Harvard Longwood Campus.

**Why is this repair needed?**
Over time, the waterproofing systems have deteriorated. Water has infiltrated into our building impacting our working environment but specifically eroding the structure or certain building elements. Given the condition of those systems, engineers advised us to make repairs with some urgency. The ramp walls and driving surface are in need of repair. Out of an abundance of caution, barriers were put in place to prevent pedestrians and vehicles from entering certain plaza areas where the railings or structure was compromised.

**What are the project impacts?**
The Alpert Building serves our research community and much of their work is sensitive to noise and vibration. The loading dock and parking garage support our entire campus community. While the nature of waterproofing and structural work does generate noise and vibration, minimizing those impacts does require longer task durations. The ramp is operating with a single traffic lane requiring Harvard University Police Department details and parking staff to ensure safe coordination. Because we value traffic access, we are further limited in when we can perform construction tasks. Work that requires access to the entire ramp width or to the active traffic side can only occur on weekends when the loading dock and garage are closed.

**When will it be done?**
The active traffic lane was shifted on February 5th. The contractor expects the work to be completed on March 21st.
You are invited to join us on Tuesday, February 27th, 2024 for an HMS Outdoor Events information session presented by HMS Auxiliary Services. For anyone looking to organize an outdoor event on campus this upcoming season, this session is designed to provide valuable insights into the process of reserving and using outdoor spaces. Learn about appropriate timelines, the reservation processes, outdoor event policies and City of Boston permitting requirements as well as gain helpful insights to make your event a success. Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your outdoor event planning and make the most of our outdoor campus spaces! The session will be recorded and made available on the HMS Room Scheduling Guidelines website.

You can join the MS Teams meeting using this link: [ZOOM LINK](#)

**NICK BUHLER, SECURITY SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR**

Nick Buhler has joined the HMS Security team as a contractor through Advanced Data and Risk Management (ADRM). Nick will serve the HMS community as a Security Systems Administrator. Nick will serve as the administrator for all electronic security systems, manage security system integrations, and coordinate with community members to assist them with any of their security system needs.

Nick joins HMS with a wealth of experience, having worked in the security systems industry for over 10 years. We are happy to have him join the team. Nick can be reached at nicholas_buhler@hms.harvard.edu.
**ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN FACILITIES**

**NRB Pinkerton Curtain Wall Repair**

The New Research Building’s utilization of the Pinkerton Curtain Wall System provides a distinct architectural feature that elevates the visual experience of occupants and visitors to the HMS campus. At the same time, this unique curtain wall system brings particular maintenance challenges. Those challenges were one of the primary focuses over this summer and fall as necessary repairs to the glass wall joints were coordinated and completed to remediate leaks into the building.

Due to the need to utilize lifts to access difficult-to-reach locations of the wall, the work was performed for several Saturdays to limit the impact on operations. Although there were several weather delays, the contractor made the necessary repairs to the curtain wall window system’s joint on the three floors of the NRB frontage. These repairs successfully resolved the leaking issues causing operational and safety concerns.

**Axion Campus Insulation Work**

Axion has been repairing insulation across the campus, primarily focused on repairs in the tunnels. The Facilities Operations Managers and Stan Karachev have been highlighting areas where insulation has been removed, damaged, or insufficient. Axion receives and closes work orders through EZMax Vendor, with Kris Armando providing direction for prioritization.

In November, they finished work in Armenise, C Bldg., Goldenson, Gordon Hall, Mudd, and Warren Alpert and have worked through the backlog of outstanding work. Completing these jobs minimizes corrosion from sweating on cold pipes, protects those working on our campus from dangerously hot surfaces, and reduces energy losses.

**Mudd Basement Chilled Water Pump Before and After Insulation**
Beyond Vanderbilt: Honoring a Career of Service and Celebrating a Well-Earned Retirement

From Molly Hudson, Associate Director of Auxiliary Services

It is with mixed emotions that I announce the upcoming retirement of Tom Gillogley, our Graduate Housing and Residential Services Manager, who has been an integral part of our community since 1984, and who’s last day will be Friday, March 29th, 2024. He asked me to share the included photo, a picture of him as he appeared on his first day at HMS.

Tom's dedication and commitment to providing exceptional service to our students has left an indelible mark on our campus. As the Graduate Housing and Residential Services Manager, Tom played a crucial role in ensuring the well-being and comfort of countless students throughout their academic journeys.

Throughout his tenure, Tom's professionalism and genuine care for our students has set a high standard at Vanderbilt Hall. His wealth of knowledge and tireless efforts have contributed significantly to the success of our residential offering, especially evidenced during the uncertainty of the interrupted pandemic years.

As Tom embarks on this well-deserved chapter of retirement, I'd like to extend our heartfelt gratitude for his years of dedicated service. His impact on our community will be felt for years to come, and he will be sincerely missed by colleagues, students, and friends alike.

I want to take this opportunity to offer well-wishes for a fulfilling and joyous retirement. May this next chapter be filled with relaxation, joy, and new adventures. Retirement is a time to explore new passions, enjoy well-deserved leisure, and to embrace the freedom that comes with it.

Please join me in expressing deepest gratitude to Tom for his years of dedicated service and in wishing him a retirement filled with happiness by taking a moment to share a fond memory, expression of thanks or wish for the future on Tom’s Kudoboard. If you are prompted for a password, please use Vanderbilt. Thank you for taking a moment of time to recognize and honor a career well-spent and a retirement well-earned.
Department Events

- **CP&F All-Staff Meeting**
  Thursday, February 29, 9:00 – 10:30AM

- **Spring Breakfast**
  Monday, April 29, 8:00 – 9:30AM

HMS Campus Events

- **Red Cross Blood Drive at HMS** *(Registration encouraged, walk-ins welcome)*
  Tuesday, February 27, 9:00 – 2:00PM - Pechet Room, NRB

- **HMS Outdoor Events Info Session**
  Tuesday, February 27, 11:00 – 12:30PM

- **HMS All-Staff Town Hall**
  Thursday, March 14, 1:00 – 2:00PM

HCCM milestones and staff recognition can be found in the latest HCCM Newsletter

Staff Milestones

We are grateful for the dedication and hard work of all of our staff members, and we are pleased to recognize those who have reached significant milestones in their time with us.

**20 years:** Peter Stroup, Executive Director of Facilities

**15 years:** Rob Dickson, Director of Campus Services

**10 years:** Patrick Barton, Mail Services; Brian Corning, Executive Director HCCM; Kate Wright, Associate Director of Facilities

**5 years:** Sam McCutcheon, Planner; Arielle Perry, Administrative Coordinator; YukLing Tam, Financial Analyst

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