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AU Meltzer Center construction updates

### Eblast log

11/1/2024

Good afternoon, neighbors -

We wanted to share a **construction update** regarding work at the Meltzer Center/SCAN site. **Steel and concrete structure installation** is ongoing, with the concrete slab foundation and steel structure expected to be complete by the end of the year. Over the next two weeks, we will start enclosing the SCAN exterior walls and installing weather insulation. The **live construction camera** can be accessed [here](#) and is a great way to check in on the latest progress.



Please note that due to weather-related delays, **work will continue on Saturdays** and the upcoming **Veterans Day holiday** on November 11 to maintain the project's timeline. We will make every effort to limit the work to nondisruptive activities. The Construction Management Plan allows work on Saturdays from 9AM to 5PM if needed to maintain the project schedule. The DC Department of Buildings authorizes work on holidays by permit.

Trucks will continue using the project's **approved transportation plan**. The Glover Gate on Massachusetts Avenue is the primary access point for construction vehicles, with Fletcher Gate on Rockwood Parkway as a secondary access point. Davis Construction has installed directional signage for truck routing and is coordinating with subcontractors to ensure they utilize the approved route.

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10/1/2024

Good afternoon, neighbors -

We wanted to share a **construction update** regarding work at the Meltzer Center/SCAN site. As of October 4, all geothermal, infrastructure, and site leveling work will be complete. The **slab-on-grade foundation** installation for the Meltzer Center is ongoing. The **live construction camera** can be accessed [here](#) and is a great way to check in on the latest progress.



**Utility work** remains underway for the next 2 weeks completing the installation of the main water line for Meltzer as well as the building's main electrical conduit. This work temporarily limits access to the campus roadway adjacent to Leonard Hall. Fencing has been installed as a safety precaution and directional signage was placed along the fence to guide pedestrians through the area.

Please note that due to weather-related delays, work will continue during **Saturdays in October (10/5, 10/12, 10/19, and 10/26)** and the **Indigenous Peoples' Day holiday on Monday, October**

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9/12/2024

Good morning, neighbors -

We wanted to share a **construction update** regarding work at the Meltzer Center/SCAN site. The site is very lively these days with lots of activity underway. The Meltzer **live construction camera** can be accessed [here](#) and is a great way to check in on the latest progress.

At SCAN, a crane is being used to install the building's steel structure, which you can see in the image below from the construction camera. At Meltzer, work is continuing on the concrete footing and foundation at the front and mid-section of the building. The civil infrastructure in the back of the building and the horizontal connections for the geothermal system are nearly complete.



Please note that utility work will be underway for the next 2-3 weeks installing the main water line for Meltzer as well as the building's main electrical conduit. This work will temporarily limit access to the campus roadway adjacent to Leonard Hall. Fencing has been installed as a safety precaution and directional signage was placed along the fence to guide pedestrians through the area.

Community access to Reeves Field and Greenberg Track has been restored. When not in use by AU Athletics, neighbors are welcome to enjoy these amenities. As work proceeds to renovate the field in the coming months, additional information about access will be shared with the community.

Trucks will continue using the project's **approved transportation plan**. The Glover Gate on Massachusetts Avenue is the primary access point for construction vehicles, with Fletcher Gate on Rockwood Parkway as a secondary access point. Davis Construction has installed directional signage for truck routing and is coordinating with subcontractors to ensure they utilize the approved route.

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7/30/2024

Good evening, neighbors -

We wanted to share a **construction update** regarding work at the Meltzer Center/SCAN site. With pile drilling complete, the crane has been taken down and removed from the site. Geothermal, infrastructure, and site leveling work are expected to conclude by mid-August.

Work on the building's foundation is underway and concrete trucks are using the **approved transportation plan** (below). The Glover Gate on Massachusetts Avenue is the primary access point for construction vehicles, with Fletcher Gate on Rockwood Parkway as a secondary access point. Davis Construction has installed directional signage for truck routing and is coordinating with subcontractors to ensure they utilize the approved route.



AU recently announced **Reeves Field and Greenberg Track** are slated to undergo a full renovation in 2025. In preparation, additional soil testing at the field and track will be conducted by Davis Construction the week of August 5. In the portion of the field disturbed by the geothermal wells, Davis will be completing the piping connections over the coming weeks, with sod installation to follow. The site fencing will be moved to **restore community access to the track** by Monday, September 2.

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**From:** Community Relations <communityrelations@american.edu>

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 26, 2024 4:43 PM

**To:** Community Relations <communityrelations@american.edu>

**Subject:** AU Meltzer Center Construction update

Good afternoon, neighbors -

We wanted to share a **construction update** regarding work at the Meltzer Center/SCAN site. Cast pile testing has concluded favorably and drilling of the cast piles is now underway. Due to the favorable test results, we have reduced the expected drilling timeline from **60 days to 45 days**. No construction work on July 4 will be needed to stay on schedule. We will continue making every effort to limit the noisiest and most disruptive work to Monday through Friday between the hours of 8AM and 4PM.

Interior work on the Bender Connector and exterior work on Reeves Field are continuing and both projects are expected to conclude in early August. When the work on Reeves Field is complete, the perimeter fence will be moved forward to restore community access to the track.

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**From:** Community Relations <communityrelations@american.edu>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 30, 2024 9:23 AM  
**To:** Community Relations <communityrelations@american.edu>  
**Subject:** AU Meltzer Center Construction Update

Good morning, neighbors -

We wanted to share an update on **upcoming construction activities** at the Meltzer Center/SCAN site. Demolition of the asphalt and other structures around the basketball and tennis courts is now complete. Site preparation and cast pile testing has been ongoing this month and will continue into early June.

Once site preparation is complete, we will begin **drilling the cast piles** for the Meltzer Center, a process we anticipate will take approximately **60 days** with expected noise levels no greater than the geothermal well field drilling. We are pleased we can use the drilled cast piles process rather than pile driving, a much louder construction technique. As was done for the geothermal drilling, we will continue making every effort to limit the noisiest and most disruptive work to Monday through Friday between the hours of 8AM and 4PM.

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**Sent:** Thursday, May 9, 2024 4:51 PM

**To:** Community Relations <[communityrelations@american.edu](mailto:communityrelations@american.edu)>

**Subject:** Meltzer Center/SCAN Construction Update

Good afternoon, neighbors -

We wanted to share an update on our upcoming construction activities at the Meltzer Center/SCAN site along with some exciting news. The vertical drilling for the geothermal well field is now complete. Additionally, we are pleased to announce that we have received both the civil and main building permits for the project so all necessary permits to proceed are now in hand.

### **Beginning the Week of May 13: SCAN Site**

1. **Site Grading:** We will be leveling the site to prepare for the installation of structural foundations and civil infrastructure. This process is expected to take about 1.5 weeks, assuming no unforeseen conditions arise.
2. **Test Cast Piles:** We will begin testing the site for the structural pile installation. This is anticipated to take approximately two weeks, potentially concluding earlier based on the test results. Following this, we will proceed with the installation of the pipe piles.

### **Beginning the Week of May 20: Meltzer Site**

1. **Demolition:** We will remove the asphalt and other structures around the basketball and tennis courts.
2. **Site Grading:** The site will be leveled and filled to match the street level with a slope toward the back (geothermal site). This grading is crucial for the upcoming installation of structural foundations and civil infrastructure, and is expected to take between 2-3 weeks, barring any unexpected issues.
3. **Test Cast Piles:** Similar to the SCAN site, we will begin testing for structural pile installation. This task is also projected to take around two weeks, dependent on the test outcomes. Subsequent activities will include the installation of pipe piles.

Please note that all timelines are subject to change based on testing results and other on-site conditions. All appropriate safety and other control measures will be in place during the work.

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**From:** Community Relations

**Sent:** Friday, March 29, 2024 1:33 PM

**To:** Community Relations <[communityrelations@american.edu](mailto:communityrelations@american.edu)>

**Subject:** Geothermal Construction Work Continues

Good afternoon, community members -

Geothermal construction work at the future site of the Alan and Amy Meltzer Center for Athletic Performance is still continuing over the next few weeks. Please see additional updates below:

- **Construction Activity**

- Geothermal work is ongoing as originally scheduled. Work will begin to move more internal to AU's campus as it progresses.
- Drilling rigs and other supporting equipment will still be operating on the site.

- **Construction Schedule**

- The normal construction work week is Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Work may also be conducted on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., but only if needed to maintain the project schedule. No construction activity will occur on Sundays.
- AU will make good faith efforts to limit the noisiest and most disruptive work to between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on weekdays.
- This portion of the project is still anticipated to be completed mid-to-late May 2024.

- **Upcoming Construction**

- Demolition of the current Sports Center Annex (SCAN) building is expected to occur in the first week of April.
- This process will take approximately 2 weeks to complete.
- No major noise or large amounts of dust are anticipated.

All appropriate safety and other control measures will be in place during the work.

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