

Campus Planning and Facilities Update – Week of May 11, 2026 Update

Energy and Sustainability

On Monday, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) formally announced that Pace University has won a 2026 Better Project Award in recognition of the transformative energy saving design of 1 Pace Plaza. The comprehensive modernization of our flagship Lower Manhattan building—home to the Sands College of Performing Arts and Maria’s Tower—is a national model for urban decarbonization. By installing a high-efficiency heat pump plant, improving the building envelope, and implementing advanced lighting controls, the project is projected to reduce:

- 75% of annual district steam consumption.
- 32% of annual electricity consumption.

Our Director of Energy and Resiliency is currently attending the US DOE Better Buildings Summit in Washington, D.C., to accept this prestigious award. In addition to this project recognition, the University’s broader energy strategy is taking center stage. Pace was invited to present a featured session on our innovative use of low and no-cost data software. This strategy has been a cornerstone of our operational success, identifying deep efficiencies that save the University millions of dollars every year while ensuring compliance with NYC’s Local Law 97.

One Pace Plaza East Renovation

- Substantial completion is expected on May 13. Pace is expected to begin transitioning of building operations from Turner Construction on Monday, May 18. We will continue punch list and training of the building system.
- The temporary construction walls on the bridge entrances that connect the East and West Side of the building have been removed as we await the Department of

Buildings final project inspection. The site is still an active construction area. **There will be no access to the East Side of the Building.** A security guard will be placed at the entrances 24/7 to control access to the site.

One Pace Plaza West

- The elevator contractor will be doing some minor work on all 4 elevators at 1 PPW later this week. They have been directed that only one elevator can be out of service at a time. We apologize for any inconvenience.
- DOB inspections are scheduled for the upcoming weeks. The next DOB inspection is on Wednesday, May 13 at 9:40 a.m. There will be additional TCO inspections needed, and Pace will be notified by DOB. The inspectors will be accompanied by the expeditors and project managers in the building.

NYC Elevators

We are currently experiencing issues with elevators in several buildings across the NYC campus. Our team is actively working with our elevator vendor to complete repairs and restore service as quickly as possible. To help minimize disruption, additional staff will be available to assist with elevator operations, and our vendor will be on-site during peak move-out hours to support timely resolution of these issues.

33 Beekman

There's a walkthrough for bidding contractors on the basement, 1st, and 2nd floors of 33 Beekman St on Friday, May 15 at 9:00 a.m. Campus Planning project managers will lead the group to access all spaces on these levels.

Pleasantville Campus

Miller Circle

On Monday, May 18–Tuesday, May 19 from 7:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. we will begin repairs to the underground water pipe that failed last July. Please note that **Parking Lot E will need to close on Sunday night, May 17 to begin work on Monday.** The repairs to the section of underground water pipe that is compromised will occur across from Miller Hall and Shirley Beth’s Way. Temporary repairs were completed last summer, and the final corrective work can now be done. To complete this work **a water shut down on Wednesday, May 20 is required in Miller and Lienhard Halls, Dyson Hall Willcox, Marks Hall, The Vineyard and Costello House** while the work is underway. **There will be no water in these buildings for the entire day.** On Thursday, May 21 an additional water shut down is needed for Miller Hall. **There will be no water in the building for the entire day.** Friday, May 22–Sunday, May 24; the site will be restored and paved. The parking lot will reopen on Tuesday, May 26.

Kessel Student Center Chiller Replacement

The chiller plant replacement project continues to be in the planning stages and on schedule.

What to be expected?

Removal of the old chiller begins in October, with new equipment installed through the fall 2026 and spring 2027 semesters. The new system will be operational by summer 2027. A detailed construction schedule with impacts to community activities will be communicated by late July.

Where are we now?

Construction bids are due on May 22.

Finnerty Field Replacement

Construction began on Monday, May 11. Delivery of materials will take place Wednesday, May 13 through Friday, May 15. The materials will be delivered on flatbed trucks. The north part of Lot F will be closed for parking starting 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12, to allow for trucks to unload materials and turn around. The delivery is being closely coordinated with Pace Security and a guard dedicated specifically to support the effort on all three days. Pace Athletic Center

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Tennis Court Removal

The tennis courts behind Wilcox Hall will be removed this summer and the area will be seeded with grass seed. Removal will begin on Tuesday, May 26. The work is anticipated to take two weeks to complete.

Haub School of Law Campus

Preston Hall Roof Replacement

Fabrication of the materials needed to complete construction is expected to be completed by Thursday, May 14. Installation is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, May 16–17. Scaffolding removal is scheduled for Monday, May 18.

A [video of the roof replacement captured via drone can viewed online](#). The video showcases the high level of coordination and attention to detail required for a project of this nature.

Pace Women's Justice Center Expansion

Construction is scheduled to begin on Friday, May 15.

Ottinger Hall Mail Lockers

The construction will start on May 18 and is expected to last 4 weeks. During the active construction phase passage between Ottinger and JI is closed off for emergency use only. The locker installation will provide students with an additional option for pickup of packages including during hours when the Aloysia Hall mail room is not open for operations.

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