A Glimpse at the Future Home of Facilities Services

The plans for the future site of Facilities Services on Sutherland Avenue are still under development.

Design Services is currently in the design development stage with construction drawings due by the end of the summer.

Bids have been received for lead abatement, structural soil and steel remediation, and site work. These bids have been within budget, and a few have a better than projected construction time which should result in maintaining the projected move in date of Fall 2015.

You can find more information, as well as more renderings on the Facilities Services Web site, fs.utk.edu, under the “Construction Services” tab at “Projects Under Construction.”

PICTURED ABOVE:
A rendering of the proposed main entrance at the new “Support Services Complex”.

PICTURED RIGHT:
A rendering of the proposed rear entrance at the new “Support Services Complex”.

For more renderings, go to fs.utk.edu

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Congratulations English Language Skills Participants!

From left to right: Graciano Batista, Veaceslav Iusceac, Carlos Carrillo, Rosario Martinez, Marianela Cruz Avila, Em Chitty, Kidane Biru, Dr. Jim Hamrick, Jinan Naser, Ronnie Howard, Aura Santacruz. Not pictured: Suzanne Meyer

Congratulations to all of the Building Services team members who participated in the first ever English Language Skills class!

The class, offered by the English Language Institute for the first time to Facilities Services employees, began in January and concluded in April.

It was the first class of its kind developed for Facilities Services employees who speak English as a second language.

Facilities Services Training Specialist Abby Aberdeen worked with English Language Institute Director Jim Hamrick to develop the course. The pair first met to discuss the possibility of the class last August.

The class was geared toward Facilities employees who spoke English as a second language and wished to improve their English speaking, listening, and reading skills.

Those who participated in the class include Graciano Batista, Veaceslav Iusceac, Carlos Carrillo, Rosario Martinez, Marianela Cruz Avila, Kidane Biru, Jinan Naser, and Aura Santacruz.

Instructors from ELI included Em Chitty, Jim Hamrick, Ronnie Howard and Suzanne Meyer.

Congratulations to all who participated and thank you to all involved in the development of this new program!

Submit Your Nomination for Employee of the Month!

The Facilities Services Employee of the Month Program has been a great success so far—but we need your nominations!

The purpose of the program is to recognize a hard working and dedicated member of our team each month of the year.

We invite everyone to nominate an individual of their choice for the award.

With so many dedicated team members in our department we are excited to begin this initiative. Nominations are currently being accepted for the June award.

Forms can be found online at fs.utk.edu, with the clerk in your shop, or from Facilities Room 203.

For more information, please contact Brooke Stevenson in Room 203 at 974-7782 or bsteve14@utk.edu.
EPA Names UT SEC Champs, Top Thirty Green Power User

The US Environmental Protection Agency has named UT Knoxville the top school in the Southeastern Conference in its Green Power Challenge.

EPA’s Green Power Partnership tracked the collegiate athletic conferences with the highest combined green power usage in the nation for this academic year.

In addition to being named SEC champs, UT was also ranked eleventh out of the EPA’s Top 30 College & University Green Power Users.

UT was honored for having the largest individual green power purchase among all the schools in the Southeastern Conference.

To be listed, a conference must have at least one Green Power Partner and an aggregate green power purchase of at least 10,000,000 kilowatt-hours across the conference.

The university’s annual green power usage in kWh is 80,020,000, which is generated by solar, biogas, small hydroelectric, and wind resources. The Tennessee Valley Authority is UT’s main green power provider and on-site generation also adds to the total green power generated.

UT’s green power commitment was born from a student-led initiative to create a new student fee dedicated to the purchase of green power.

The fee, which was implemented in 2005, pays for UT’s annual green power purchase as well as for campus environmental initiatives from recycling to energy conservation.

“Our green power ranking is a tribute to our students and their commitment to sustainability,” said Facilities Services Associate Vice Chancellor Dave Irvin.

The green power purchase also has given UT an opportunity to communicate with both internal and external audiences about the importance of environmental stewardship, Irvin said.
Specialized Facilities Services Training Begins

On May 15 employees from Zone Maintenance participated in the first of a series of one hour training on Flushometers.

The class is conducted by representatives from Total Maintenance Solutions (TMS) a supplier of parts to the University of Tennessee, Knoxville campus.

The training includes manual and automatic Flushometers and covers troubleshooting, repair, and replacement of parts to said equipment.

The department’s next class will be held on Thursday June 19th and will also include employees from Plumbing Services.

2014 FACILITIES SERVICES FOURTH OF JULY PICNIC

When: 12 p.m. (Noon) Thursday, July 3rd
Where: Lake Avenue Parking Garage, Chi Phi, Level 1
What: A short training session will begin at 12 p.m. Following training, we will settle down for a traditional Fourth of July burger and hotdog lunch. Free raffle tickets will also be given at entry to be used in prize drawings!

Shuttle Bus Schedules will be announced and posted prior to the event.

Would you like to submit an idea for the next Facilitator?

Contact Brooke Stevenson at 974-7782 or bsteve14@utk.edu

Check Out Facilities Services Online at: fs.utk.edu
Please Welcome
Our New Employees!

Building Services
Daniel Giles - Service Aide I
Jason M. Mallette - Service Aide I
Maikel F. Batista Cruz - Service Aide I
Raheem M Obaid - Service Aide I
Nahidah F Al-Rubaye - Service Aide I
Steve Hill - Service Aide I
Patty Maples - Service Aide I
Saif K Taha - Service Aide I
Hannah Wallace - Service Aide I
James M. Symington - Service Aide I
Timothy Kennedy - Service Aide I

Zone Maintenance
Herbert Jones - Maintenance Specialist I
Dillard Bunch - Maintenance Specialist I

Design
Frances West - Project Manager
Zachary Hunter - Student
Mark Traylor - Student

Electric Shop
Michael Lay - Line Installer I

Landscape Services
Cory Chitwood - Student
Ian Zijlstra - Student
Mark Mercier - Term
Jacob Petty - Student
Cullen Hamelin - Student

Communications
Luke Marinac - Student
Jordan Hollingshed - Student

Steam Plant
Brent Nanney - Craft Assistant III

BIG ORANGE FRIDAY
EVERY FRIDAY

HAVE A COMMENT OR CONCERN?
The Employee Comment Box is located next to Facilities Services Room 107.
We look forward to hearing from you!

Upcoming Holiday & Admin. Closings
Friday, July 4 - Independence Day
Monday, Sept. 1 - Labor Day

Congratulations on Your New Position!
Ann Free - Admin Support Asst III (workorders)
Aaron Nichols - Assistant Building Services Foreman
Donald Chapman - Assistant Building Services Foreman
Joe VanCleave - Assistant Building Services Foreman
Michelle Johnson - Assistant Building Services Foreman
Donna Smith - Assistant Building Services Foreman
Rebecca Saylor - Assistant Building Services Foreman
Wes Willoughby - General Superintendent (Plumbing)
Letters of Appreciation

To Building Services—

It’s notable how much better the floors look in the Biosystems Engineering buildings with the housekeeping switch to in-house! On Monday morning as we walked in the clean, shiny floors made an impression. There was also a dead cockroach that I’ve noticed in the women’s locker room that has been there for months, and it’s gone too. How good is that?! I just wanted to let you know we appreciate all the work they are doing!

Thanks,

Susan Fiscor

To Arena/Recycling /RRT—

I want to pass on a personal Thank You to the staff of Building Services-Arena, UT Recycling, and Rapid Response Team for all their help with the Chancellor’s luncheon. I know your department does events like this all the time but I just wanted to brag on your staff and to let you know that this event would not have been such a success if we did not have your team helping us!!

It was so nice to walk in on Monday afternoon and see the stage, tables and chairs already in place and your staff ready and willing to help us in any way. Your staff was very courteous and on Tuesday they went above and beyond the call to assist us in any way. Please pass on a BIG thank you to them for us and tell them they did an outstanding job.

Jill C. Mayfield

Human Resources Recruitment

To Tim McNish, James Helton and Joe Whitton of Zone Six—

By all indications our Clover Bowl in 2014 was a huge success! This year we had 82 teams made up of 358 members and close to another 400 or so parents, teachers and other volunteers in attendance. The numbers above are impressive but only tell part of the story. Over 7,500 young people participated in Clover Bowl this past year at the local and county level. Twenty-nine counties in our Region conducted Clover Bowl programs. Over 500 teacher-leaders worked with 4-H agents to conduct these programs. It has become one of the most significant programs we have in East TN in terms of numbers and educational impacts.

Tim, Jimmy and Joe, as always Alumni was just a super venue to have the Clover Bowl. You all were great to work with and just made it all happen. I am so appreciative that we are able to have a facility like Alumni which can fulfill all of our needs and accommodate the crowd we have. I appreciate the long hours, the great attitude and just being there with a cord or roll tape or whatever the situation calls for. I have said it before and I’ll say it again… You Guys are the Best!!

On behalf of our teachers, volunteers, and 4-H members who benefited from this event I again want to thank you for all you did to make this day happen.

Thanks again,

Mitchell Beatty

Extension Area Specialist
The Evolution of the Edmontosaurus Landscaping Project

The landscaping project at the Edmontosaurus sculpture outside of the McClung Museum of Natural History is now complete.

Back in October the base for the sculpture was poured, it was placed, and a dedication ceremony was held.

Now that the winter and early spring months are over, crews from Landscaping and Design have now finished off the dinosaur feature with landscaping.

During the Cretaceous Period, cycads and ferns made up much of the ground cover. Keeping this in mind, the plants selected for the sculpture bed are ancestors from the Cretaceous Period.

In preparation of the planting, heavy equipment crews installed an irrigation system to ensure the plants would thrive.

Kudos to everyone from Design Services, Construction Services, Heavy Equipment and Landscape Services for all their hard work on this project!

Check out ‘Monty’ the Edmontosaurus sculpture in front of McClung Museum on Circle Park!
Congratulations to Jerry Lawson, Maintenance Specialist, on his retirement after 10 years of dedicated service to the Facilities Services Department. Thank you for your many years of service and best wishes in your retirement!

Congratulations to Bob Curington, Material Control Clerk, on his retirement after 17 years of dedicated service to the Facilities Services Department. Thank you for your many years of service and best wishes in your retirement!

Check out the New Facilities Services “Projects Under Construction” Web page!

This Web page provides details on several large campus projects—as well as renderings and photos!

Visit fs.utk.edu, go to the Construction Services tab, and click on “Projects Under Construction” in the drop down menu or follow this link: http://goo.gl/3SDTDD

SPRING CLEANUP

Since the Rapid Response Team crews started Spring Clean-Up, they have hauled 3,676 cubic feet of trash and recyclable material and 5,310 cubic feet of surplus.

Kudos to RRT!

Come picnic in the gardens, buy your groceries, listen to local music & mingle!

The 2014 UT Farmers Market has begun and will be held Wednesdays from 4-7 p.m. at the UT Gardens on Neyland Drive (mailing address 2518 Jacob Drive, Knoxville, TN 37996) through October 22, 2014. Fresh produce, local food, entertainment, children’s events, educational information and more!
Check Out Facilities Services Online at: fs.utk.edu

OIT Computer Security Training

OIT has recently announced a new security awareness campaign, Securing the Human.

The online training includes several modules that discuss the best practices for how you can be more secure and more easily spot scams.

OIT has created a training account for all university employees. The login information is as follows:

username: utk\netid
password: netid password

To start using your security awareness training account, login through the UTK Information Security Awareness website at https://security.utk.edu/awareness.

Facilities employees are encouraged to participate in this online training.

If you have any questions about the training, please contact the OIT HelpDesk at (865) 974-9900.

Parking permit renewals will start in July, so please make sure you are keeping your NetID and password up to date. All parking permit renewals will be completed again this year on the computer, so when the time comes, you will need this information to renew your parking permit.

STAR Team Kudos

I would like to complement Derek Bailey and the STAR Team, which includes Dale Hurst, Theresa Furbush, Tim Thompson and Mark Wagner on a job well-done in completing renovations to the Marketing and Communication Offices. I applaud the Team for their great attitude, communication and quality workmanship and it has been a pleasure working with them.

Thanks again,

Steve Glafenhein

Congratulations Graduate!!!

Facilities Services’ Daniel Mace has graduated with an Associate of Applied Science degree in Engineering Technology from Pellissippi State Community College.

He plans to return to Pellissippi State next fall to take additional classes before transferring to Austin Peay State University to work toward a degree in mechanical engineering.

Daniel is one of two Facilities Services employees who completed a four year apprenticeship program through Electrical Services here in Facilities Services and the Lincoln Park High School Technology Center.

Pellissippi State Community College was on hand at the graduation ceremony and offered the students 30 credits hours toward an Associate of Applied Science Degree in General Technology.
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