

# The Facilitator

FACILITIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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## ***The Facilitator is back!***

*What has happened since  
the last Facilitator?*

- Several Facilities Services employees have been recognized for their work.
- Several new faces and people moving around.
- President's Visit

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## **Employees Recognized**

### **Kathy Herd wins Volunteer Spirit Award**

Chancellor Crabtree recognized Kathy Herd's hard work and dedication by awarding her the Volunteer Spirit Award. The Volunteer Spirit award is used to recognize those who go beyond normal job expectations to accomplish a task for the benefit of the University community.

Kathy's nomination noted her coordination of the quick and efficient design and implementation of the Student Success Center along with special care taken in a moving situation of an elderly faculty member. During the award presentation Bruce Delaney of the Chancellor's Positive Recognition Committee said that "there were a lot of great candidates for the Volunteer Spirit Award but Kathy stood out in this group and was the unanimous selection."



The Facilities Services Department is no stranger to the Spirit Award. The first ever Volunteer Spirit Award was awarded to the Facilities Services Department for its work with feeding the area's hungry in 1999.

### **Kenny Wolfenbarger**

Kenny Wolfenbarger was also recognized recently for his contributions to the University. For many years Kenny has served on the Employee Relations Committee, and also as the delegate for University Operations to Employee Relations Council, which meets with the Chancellor and President. Kenny has always taken his responsibility very seriously, and gives a lot of thought to any issue that comes up. He is well deserving of this recognition !

### **2006 Chuck Thompson Award Winners**

Roger McDonald from Electric Shop and David Brown from Building Services were the 2006 winners of the Chuck Thompson Award.

Nominations for the 2007 award are now being accepted. Forms are available in your office (or can be filled out online) and need to be returned to Sarah Surak by Sept 14.



## New Faces

Megan Hickle - Carpentry  
 Jay Price - Recycle  
 Mitzi Green - Plumbing Shop  
 Sharon Evans - Engineering  
 Misty Mitchell - Engineering  
 Paul Whitus - Steam Plant  
 David Ogle - AC Shop  
 Robert McKelvey - AC Shop  
 Brad Brickler - AC Shop  
 William Rogers - Maintenance  
 Archie Hurst - Maintenance  
 Kevin Beeler - Maintenance  
 William Newberry - Maintenance  
 Steven Seymour - Maintenance  
 Daniel Mace - Maintenance  
 Doris Cannon - Bldg Services  
 Leon Cannon - Bldg Services

Flora Baker - Bldg Services  
 Frank Wren - Bldg Services  
 Angela Jones - Bldg Services  
 Teresa Harrison - Bldg Services  
 Richard Campen - Bldg Services  
 Melissa Jaeger - Bldg Services  
 Christopher Lewis - Bldg Services  
 David Hill - Maintenance  
 Edna Ward - Maintenance  
 Wilmer Barnes - Maintenance  
 Betty Hale - Maintenance  
 Carlos Young - Maintenance  
 Kendra Crumley - Maintenance  
 Dustin Callihan - Maintenance  
 Terri Britt - Maintenance  
 Jeff Phillips - Grounds  
 Larry Stalans - Grounds

## Facilities Services Vacancies

Assistant Director - Arch & Engineering  
 Construction Inspector - Capital Projects  
 Project Manager - Capital Projects  
 General Superintendent - Building Serv.  
 Sr Special Order Clerk - Admin.  
 Drafter (2) - Engineering  
 Estimator - Engineering  
 Asst Gen Mnt Craft Worker (5) - Steam Plant  
 Steam Plant Operator - Steam Plant  
 Sr Design Technician - Steam Plant  
 Electrician Foreman - Electric Shop  
 Electrician (4) - Electric Shop  
 Sr Electrician - Electric Shop  
 Cabinetmaker - Carpenter Shop  
 Maint Specialist (2) - Maintenance  
 Service Aide (18) - Bldg Sv/Arena/Maint  
 Custodial Foreman - Building Services  
 Bldg & Grounds Servicer - Grounds

## Movin' Around

**Terry Ledford** has taken on the new position of Sr Project Manager of Capital Projects. Terry is still part of the Facilities Services Department, but his office location has moved to P271 Andy Holt Tower. Terry will be coordinating work on capital projects between Facilities Services and Facilities Planning.

**Green Waste Dumpster:** We are having contamination issues with the green waste, scrap metal, and asbestos dumpsters on the hill. The green waste dumpster is to the far left of the trash dumpster and collects pallets, branches, leaves, and other plant material only. Only scrap metal (no insulation, glass, or plastic) can be placed in the scrap metal bin.

## A Job Well Done!

This August our department was faced with a massive undertaking: convert a modular building shell into a fully functioning Early Learning Center in less than three weeks.

More than 100 different Facilities Services staff members worked nearly around the clock, including on weekends, to prepare the building. They accomplished a number of tasks that required expertise from across the department, including: installing plumbing fixtures, a fire alarm system and exit lights, electrical systems, building a brick facade to cover the modular structures, building a playground, hanging cabinets and other finish work, and quickly moving the Center's contents into the new building.

"Operating as a team all of the shops pulled together and pitched in wherever help was needed," said Mike Sherrell. "I am very proud of the effort of our entire department. It's truly amazing what we can do."

Thanks to all the Facilities Services shops working together, the Early Learning Center on Lake Avenue was constructed and open for business.



## President Visits Facilities Services

On Friday, August 3rd, President Peterson visited Facilities Services as part of a week-long series of campus visits across the state. President Peterson spoke for several minutes and then accepted questions from the audience. Before and after speaking he along with Chancellor Crabtree and Vice Chancellor Denise Barlow chatted one on one with many Facilities staff members. President Peterson is the first university president to visit the Facilities Services staff.



## New Email System

As some of you may know we are moving to a new email system called TMail. The new system will look the same as the mailbox you currently have. There are a few differences in the way calendars are viewed, but mail is exactly the same. You will also have the ability to check your email from home or on the road by going to <http://tmail.utk.edu>. Jim McCarter will be working over the next few weeks to get everyone moved over as soon as possible.

**Facilities Services website  
has been updated....  
Check it out at  
<http://facilities.utk.edu>**



Chip was taken off in handcuffs as a fundraiser for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. He raised several hundred dollars to "post bale" for a good cause!

## UT Alert System

UT Alert is a new emergency communication system that will send a text message to your cell phone or pager. The system is now up & running and all members of faculty and staff are encouraged to sign up for this service. By signing up for UT Alert, you will be able to receive critical information in the event of an emergency when situations require you to act immediately or to be aware of an imminent threat to your safety. Situations would involve serious, violent crime when a suspect is still at large. It would also let you know about major issues involving fire, hazardous materials, gas leaks, power outages, etc. The system is also used if the university shuts down due to severe weather conditions.



The sign up process is easy and should take less than two minutes. All you need to sign up is your UT NetID and the mobile device you are registering. Go to the UT Alert website at <http://www.utk.edu/utalert> and follow the instructions. The service is free, other than any fee charged by your mobile service provider for text messaging.

We are in the process of setting up a system so that we will be able to add all departmental pagers to the UT Alert system. More on that coming soon.

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We hope to have The Facilitator out on a regular basis from now on.

If you have anything you would like to contribute, please feel free to

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*Everyone have a  
great Labor Day!*

Green Tip: Remember to turn off the lights when you leave any room- the bathroom, your office, your work area if no one else is there, or the kitchen. It takes 714 pounds of coal to keep a 100-watt light bulb on all year; that's a big pile of coal! (Jay Price)

### Fun Times

