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1,000 Trees Planted on UT Campus



Approximately 1,000 trees were planted on campus March 3 in an effort to rehabilitate the Second Creek corridor.

UT Facilities Services worked with more than seventy volunteers to plant the saplings along the creek's bank. The event marked Tennessee Arbor Day, held on the first Friday of March.

Four Facilities Services subunits, Landscape Services Arboriculture, Stormwater Management, the Office of Sustainability, and UT Recycling, organized the planting as part of a larger campus project.

"It has been my dream to rehabilitate this stream corri-

dor since I came to UT three years ago," said Stormwater Coordinator Garrett Ferry. "This is a great addition to the existing capital project in the area."

The capital project includes the clearing of all plant material within the first fifteen feet of the Estabrook Road sidewalk. The planting project, which was made possible by three separate grants, goes a step further by clearing all invasive species from the bank in that area.

Project funding included grants of \$500 and \$800 from TWRA and a \$20,000 grant from the Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency approved through the Student Environmental Initiatives fee, also known as the Green Fee.

"This is a great example of the student Green Fee implementing better projects on campus," said Sustainability Manager Preston Jacobsen.

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EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH MARCH 2017



Congratulations to Joe Suits, the March 2017 recipient of the Facilities Services Employee of the Month Award!

Joe is recognized for his great attitude and customer service working in Building Services. He is always willing to help those around him and is never too busy to lend a helping hand.

He takes on extra work as needed and works well with his entire team. Joe is very knowledgeable and is always willing to pass on his expertise to others.

Congratulations Joe!

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH APRIL 2017



Congratulations to Bill Wilson, the April 2017 recipient of the Facilities Services Employee of the Month Award!

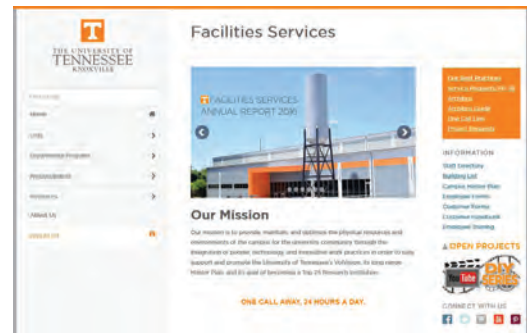
Bill is recognized for working evening for Building Services to help out when they were short handed. He also worked security watch at the Facilities Services Complex during weekends.

He gets great satisfaction out of helping others and gets along great with his supervisors, co-workers, delivery people, and our customers.

Bill has gone out of his way repeatedly to help someone in need and has never met a stranger.

*What can you find at **fs.utk.edu**?*

- Best Practices Page
- Employee Forms
- Archibus Information & Guides
- Training Calendar
- Departmental Awards
- The latest Facilities news and newsletters
- In-House Practices
- Links to our social media pages
- Facilities Services DIY Video Series
- Training Videos
- Facilities Services Staff Directory



Have a question about the website?

Contact Brooke at bsteve14@utk.edu

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or Show us your orange!

*Find Facilities **Big Orange Friday** Pictures on Instagram!*



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TREES CONTINUED:

This addition to the project helped to clear all of the invasive species from the full clearing zone all the way to the stream, which allowed crews and volunteers to come back and plant the native trees.



“Invasive species are typically poorly suited to stabilize riparian zones due to shallow root systems,” Ferry said. “Native species actually have a much more robust root system that can grab on and stabilize the banks much more efficiently.”

From a water quality standpoint, these trees will also prevent erosion and will soak up water to prevent swelling of the creek’s volume.

“Any time you are slowing that water down you are improving water quality,” said Ferry.

In addition to improving water quality, the trees will increase the amount of canopy cover for the campus.

“The more we plant, the better we are going to be as far as energy conservation with the shading of hard surfaces and buildings,” said arborist Sam Adams. “In addition, we are storing carbon, absorbing carbon dioxide, and releasing oxygen—all the positive benefits that you can get from having additional trees.”



As Summer Heats Up, So Do UT Campus Road Closures

With good weather and fewer people on campus, summer provides the perfect time for UT to tackle campus road projects, and this year is no exception.

Almost half of Volunteer Boulevard, which runs through the heart of the campus, will be impacted this summer. Starting in June, the second phase of the Volunteer Boulevard streetscape project begins with the section west of Circle Park reduced to one lane in each direction and a complete closure of the road from Lake Loudoun Boulevard to Peyton Manning Pass. Circle Park Drive also will close in June, with temporary parking available in the C8 commuter student lot next to the McClung Museum.

Volunteer Boulevard from Peyton Manning Pass north to Hodges Library will be reduced to one lane each way as part of the streetscape project and for utility work.

A section of Lower Drive on the Hill between Middle Drive and Estabrook Road will be completely closed from Monday, May 15, to Monday, July 31.

Phillip Fulmer Way from Cumberland Avenue to Middle Drive will close periodically during the summer for pavement work as part of construction of phase 2 of the Student Union.

One project due to wrap up this summer is the City of Knoxville’s Cumberland Avenue streetscape project. Work should be completed in August.

Shorter closures for utility work include Andy Holt Avenue in front of the Allan Jones Aquatic Center (May 15–18) and Melrose Avenue in front of Tyson Alumni House (May 15–22).

Congratulations on Your Retirement!



Congratulations to Bobby Hopkins on his retirement from Facilities Services after many years of services at UT Knoxville!



Congratulations to Randall Clowers on his retirement from Facilities Services after 23 years of services at UT Knoxville!



Congratulations to David Hoose on his retirement from Facilities Services after 37 years of services at UT Knoxville!



Congratulations to Dewayne Doane on his retirement from Facilities Services after 36 years of services at UT Knoxville!



Congratulations to Hazel Norris on her retirement from Facilities Services after 32 years of services at UT Knoxville!



Congratulations to Keith Scott on his retirement from Facilities Services after 12 years of services at UT Knoxville!



"Opportunities for Excellence"

May 15 & 16 2017

Hosted By

The University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Join us for the annual TNAPPA Conference at UT Knoxville this spring!

Early bird rates are still available on and before **February 28, 2017**.

The Tennessee state chapter of APPA (Tennessee Association of Higher Education Facilities Officers) will meet this spring, May 15 & 16, 2017 for their 28th Annual TNAPPA Conference. This year's event will be hosted by the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, Tennessee.

We would like to invite you to join colleagues who will travel from across the state to UT Knoxville for professional networking, educational sessions, and information sharing on Opportunities for Excellence in educational facilities!

Full conference registration includes:

Monday - entry to the Hall of Resources, participation in self-guided and guided campus tours (including Neyland Stadium), and a Welcome Dinner at UT Gardens with games, prizes and entertainment.

Tuesday - entry to the Hall of Resources, breakfast, lunch, snacks during afternoon break, all educational sessions, Dr. William Bass keynote presentation, and guided focused tours.

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Pricing information can be found on the registration form included with this letter.

Completed registration forms should be returned to Brooke Krempa or Jeaneen Smith. Please see instructions on the back of the form.

More detailed information about the upcoming conference can be found at **tnappa2017.utk.edu**.

Information about TNAPPA can be found at **tnappa.appa.org**.

Please contact Brooke Krempa with any questions about the upcoming conference or how to register as a participant.

Accommodations:

Hilton Knoxville Downtown

501 W Church Ave., Knoxville, TN 31902
(865) 523-2300 TNAPPA Rate \$96.00

Holiday Inn Knoxville Downtown

525 Henley Street, Knoxville, TN 37902
(865) 522-2800 TNAPPA Rate \$106.00

Rates are valid through April 22, 2017. Space is limited

*Transportation from hotels to conference location provided.

28TH ANNUAL TNAPPA CONFERENCE

Keynote Speaker:

Dr. William Bass, Ph.D.

Schedule at a Glance

Monday, May 15, 2017

TNAPPA Golf Tournament
Dead Horse Lake Golf Course

Hall of Resources (Exhibit Hall) Open
UT Knoxville Pratt Pavilion

Welcome Dinner/Games
UT Gardens

Tuesday, May 16, 2017

Full Day Conference
Breakfast, Hall of Resources, Tours, Lunch, Keynote Speaker, Educational Sessions, Focused Tours, Hall of Resources Break down

Evening Banquet
Galleries, Dinner & Music
Knoxville Museum of Art

**TNAPPA PLANNING
COMMITTEE**

Brooke Krempa, Jason Cottrell, Veronica Huff, Tiffanie Casteel, Mike Raabe, Ted Murphy, Maria Martinez, Amanda Ruelle, and Randy Hamilton

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2017 TNAPPA Conference

"Opportunities for Excellence"

May 15 & 16 2017

Registration Deadline April 28, 2017

Participant Registration

Thank you for registering to attend the 2017 TNAPPA Conference being held at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, Tennessee May 15 & 16, 2017. Once this form and payment have been received, you will receive a confirmation e-mail from UT Knoxville.

If you are registering someone other than yourself, please make sure to enter THEIR INFORMATION, not yours so that we have an accurate list of attendees.

When registering a GROUP, or MORE THAN ONE PARTICIPANT, you will receive separate invoice numbers for each participant.

If you have any questions about registration, please call 865-974-0280. For more information about the conference call 865-214-7662 or go to tnappa.appa.org.

Conference Information

Full Conference*: Monday & Tuesday, May 15 & 16, 2017

- ☐ Full Conference TNAPPA Member School
Early Bird Rate
(on or before February 28, 2017) \$250

- ☐ Full Conference TNAPPA Member School \$300

Monday: Includes entry to the Hall of Resources (Business Partner Booths), participation in self-guided and guided campus tours (including Neyland Stadium), and a Welcome Dinner Ticket at UT Gardens with games and entertainment.

Tuesday: Includes entry to the Hall of Resources, breakfast, lunch, snacks during afternoon break, all educational sessions, Dr. William Bass keynote presentation, and guided focused tours.

* Conference Packets/Name Badges for Full Conference Package will be available for pickup on Monday, May 15th at 1 p.m. at the Information Desk in Pratt Pavilion.

Tuesday Only: May 16, 2017

- ☐ Tuesday Only TNAPPA Member School
Early Bird Rate
(on or before February 28, 2017) \$200

- ☐ Tuesday Only TNAPPA Member School \$230

Tuesday: Includes entry to the Hall of Resources, breakfast, lunch, snacks during afternoon break, all educational sessions, Dr. William Bass keynote presentation, and guided focused tours.

* Conference Packets/Name Badges for Tuesday Only Package will be available for pickup on Tuesday morning at 7 a.m. at the Information Desk in Pratt Pavilion.

Additional Items

- ☐ Additional Guest Monday Welcome Dinner \$25
- ☐ Tuesday Evening Banquet at Knoxville Museum of Art \$65
(sold separately, not included in any other rate)



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Participant Information

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Submission Instructions

This completed form should be submitted to Brooke Krempa in the Facilities Services Complex through campus mail, in person or via email at bsteve14@utk.edu. Jeaneen Smith will also accept forms at the Facilities Services Complex reception desk.

If you have any questions about filling out this form, please contact Brooke at 214-7662.

If you are completing this form for someone other than yourself and would like the confirmation email to be sent to you, please enter your information here:

Name:	<input type="text"/>
Phone #:	<input type="text"/>
Email:	<input type="text"/>

2016 Employee of the Month Award Recipients



December: **Steve Kopp**



November: **Charlotte Clabough**



October: **Ashley Savage Gilliam**



September: **Arthur Tezak**



August: **Veronica Huff**



July: **Emma Jean Allred**



June: **Donnie Carden**



May: **Jacob Capps**



April: **Ron Gibson**



March: **Mike Tackett**



February: **Dean Wessels**



January: **Bethany Morris**

Congratulations to all of our 2016 Employee of the Month recipients!

Please help us to nominate our next Facilities Services Employee of the Month.

We owe the success of this program to everyone who takes the time to submit a nomination for one of our many hard working employees.

Help us to honor members of our team in the months to come and cast your nomination for a future employee of the month.

Nomination forms can be found on the Facilities Services Web site, fs.utk.edu, or by following this link:
<https://tiny.utk.edu/FSEOM>.

Hard copies can be found with unit clerks and with Brooke Krempa.

All Facilities Services Employees are eligible for the Employee of the Month Award after one month of service with the department. We invite everyone to nominate an individual of their choice for the award.

For more information about the award program, please contact Brooke Krempa at 214-7662 or bsteve14@utk.edu.

Nominate someone today at <https://tiny.utk.edu/FSEOM>