



THE UNIVERSITY OF
TENNESSEE
KNOXVILLE

FACILITIES SERVICES

FACILITIES SERVICES WEEKLY

SEPTEMBER 9, 2024

Required DASH Training Now Loaded in K@TE

A new required intro to DASH training has been loaded to your K@TE account. FS Training asks that you complete this training **no later than October 14** so you are prepared for DASH departmental training and are familiar with the interface. Please let Training know at fstraining@utk.edu if you don't see this course in your transcript or need assistance accessing it.

Trees Knoxville Volunteer Forester Free Certificate Program

Trees Knoxville's fall Volunteer Forester Program kicked off on September 11. It is a four-week experiential learning opportunity that connects participants with tree-industry professionals. Participants will learn the knowledge and skills to plant and care for trees and, hopefully, volunteer at our tree-planting events! The program is free to the public and supported by the USDA Forest Service with materials and food provided by TVA. Our very own Sam Adams is speaking at the September 25th session!

Sign up: <https://forms.gle/5nPzppv79YFQuHKJ6>

Webpage: <https://www.treesknoxville.org/events/volunteer-forester-fall-session>

Upcoming Medicare/Social Security Informational Session - 9/26 at 2:30pm

Facilities Services is hosting another Medicare/Social Security informational here at the Facilities Services Complex on Thursday September 26, 2024 from 2:30-3:30pm. Please make sure you pre-register here <https://fs.utk.edu/senior-specialty-insurance-group-meetings-sign-up/> or scan the QR code on the attached flyer at the end of this newsletter.

Reminders: Compliance Training & Outside Interest Disclosure Forms

Don't forget to log in to K@TE to complete your annual required compliance training! You should've also gotten an email today asking you to complete your outside interest disclosure form in IRIS. The sooner you complete both of these, the better!

LAST WEEK TO VOTE!

BEAT THE HEAT CONTEST ENTRIES

At the beginning of the summer, we announced a Beat the Heat photo contest as a fun way to see how our teams safely stay cool on the job. Those submissions have been gathered, and we've narrowed it down to a final two. We need your help to pick the winner! Click [here](#) to vote for your favorite.

Finalist #1: Patrick Childress

“My name’s Patrick Childress, and I’m a Foreman for Landscape Services. This is how Landscape Services beats the heat after a hard day’s work. From Left to Right: Jeremiah Cook, Tyler Smith, Patrick Childress, Kimberly Smith, Steve Kerley, Robert Bryant, Darren Latham, Kalub Baker, Jesse Standifer, Cody Byrge, Jake Whorall, Tristan Conard, Joey Marshall, and Clay Miller”



Finalist #2: Jacob Capps



WEEKLY SAFETY STAND DOWN

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY



Everyone Is a Pedestrian

Everyone has different preferences when it comes to transportation, but at one time or another everyone is a pedestrian.

In 2022, A pedestrian was killed every 70 minutes in traffic crashes. When drivers maintain safe speeds and practice other safe driving behaviors, safer walking environments are created for you, your loved ones and others in your community.

Pedestrians

- Ditch the distractions. Keep your eyes up and phones down, especially when crossing the street.
- Always use marked crosswalks, preferably at stop signs or signals.
- Make eye contact and nod or wave at drivers. A quick nod or wave is an easy way to let a driver know you see them, and they see you.
- Be extra careful crossing streets or entering crosswalks at night when it is harder to see. Get in the habit of walking with a flashlight or wearing a reflective vest so it is easier for drivers to spot you.
- If you need to briefly walk into the street to maintain physical distancing on sidewalks, remember to look both ways for cars.

Drivers

- Slow down on busy streets and intersections.
- Avoid distractions, which includes cell phones, eating, using in-dash touch screens, or turning to talk to passengers.
- Be extra careful approaching crosswalks. Be prepared to stop for pedestrians. Stop prior to the crosswalk.
- Try to avoid blocking the crosswalk when making a right-hand turn.
- Have your headlights on and slow down at night when pedestrians are harder to see.

For more information on pedestrian safety and Tennessee law, click on the link below:

<https://tntrafficsafety.org/microsites/pedestrian-safety/>