



Division of Facilities



Newsletter



Good Ole' Summer Time

By Ed Heptig, Building Maintenance Director

'Summer break' can mean a lot of different things to different people. For many, it is a time for fun and vacations. Elementary students may look forward to time at the swimming pool, ball games and family trips. High School students envision summer jobs, hanging out with friends, and maybe sleeping in. Internships or



'study abroad programs' might be on the agenda for college students. **However, the Division of Facilities has a different concept of 'Summer break'. For our team, it is an opportunity to reach areas of campus that are not easily accessible when classes are in session.**

Working during the summer months, with fewer classes occurring, allows us to complete campus updates as well as perform routine and preventative maintenance more efficiently and safely than during the school year. The construction crew, led by **Don Engelken**, will be busy this summer renovating classrooms for the next group of students. This includes needed repairs, new HVAC systems, electrical, plumbing, flooring and painting of classrooms and lecture halls as well as labs, office space and other study and work areas. Our **Grounds & Landscape Crew**, led by **Darrin Dohrmann**, will mow, plant flower beds, mulch and remove a number of damaged or diseased trees. There are light poles, walk lights, bike parking pads, and street signs that will be installed across campus during the next few months. These are just a few of the projects to be completed this summer.

While warmer weather means an increase in planned maintenance, the winter months are not a time of inactivity. The Division of Facilities is responsible for the upkeep of 10 miles of roadway, 26 miles of sidewalk as well as the maintenance of more than ninety buildings. Weather conditions add to the challenge. All of our crews must deal with Mother



Nature and the fury of the seasons whether it is excessive rain, extreme heat, or an abundance of snow and cold temperatures. This last winter, almost every weekend brought additional snowfall that kept our staff busy. **Construction Crew** members stayed occupied clearing streets and loading-docks. **Grounds & Landscaping Crew** were just as busy clearing sidewalks and steps while our **Custodial Crew** shoveled and swept snow to make sure building entrances were clear. **Building Maintenance Zone Crews** inspected areas around their assigned buildings and helped Custodial staff in keeping areas accessible for students, employees and campus visitors. In addition to snow, the freeze and thaw cycle caused damage to many of the campus



streets. We spent several hours packing patch material into potholes only to see it pop out a few weeks (or even days) later due to temperature changes. We continue to repair potholes daily.

I want to extend a big “Thank You” to our Facilities Team for all the hard work and long hours they put in to get us through a rough winter. Several key people were vital to the process running smoothly. **Paul Woodyard** was my first phone call. He contacted construction crew members **James (Skip) Davis, Kurt Norris, Dan**

Plummer and **John Silva** who composed the main staff working nights, early mornings, and weekends. The Day Crew - **Larry Booker, Tom Cook, Dan Engelbert** and **Larry Melton** would continue clean-up efforts through-out the day. **Mark Fronce** and **Joe Meyers** coordinated the **Grounds & Landscape crew** to clean 26 miles of sidewalks while Custodial supervisors **Patrick Lancaster** and **Quentin Rawlings** directed Custodial crews to clear building entrances. Building Maintenance Zone supervisors **Troy Bronaugh, Galen Hageman, Shelly Hauck, Travis Homeier** and **Mike Paph** led their teams in checking building entrances, handicap ramps, and curb cuts to support the Custodial Crew efforts. It was a long winter, but our crews did a great job clearing snow and making it possible to keep the campus open.

Our summer schedule has started! We plan to accomplish a lot over the next few months. Like every year, we will adjust our day-to-day workload as necessary to deal with unexpected events but we plan to have campus in good shape when the weather changes again. Before we know it, we will be welcoming students back to campus for another great school year.

Have a great summer!

ALONE WE CAN
DO SO LITTLE;
TOGETHER WE
CAN DO SO
MUCH.

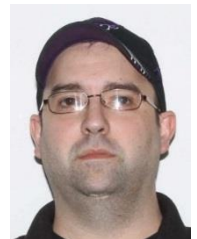
Welcome To Our TEAM!

The Division of Facilities is always excited to welcome new employees to our Facilities Team. It takes a lot of People-Power to keep our campus running smoothly so we are glad YOU'RE HERE!



Tyler Maddox was hired as a Custodial Specialist for Vet Med.
He is working for Thomas O'Briant.

Jared Watson was hired as a Power Plant Operator.
He is working for Tim Brunner.



Saying Goodbye to One of Our Own...



Our friend and colleague, John Howard Hofmann, passed away on Thursday, April 25, 2019 at the Ascension Via Christi Hospital. John served as a Police Reservist in Manhattan and then the Chief of Police in Wamego for many years before joining K-State as a Maintenance Repair Technician. John was a jack-of-all trades who enjoyed helping anyone. We extend our deepest sympathies to his family and friends during this difficult time.

On The Move!



Congratulations to **Jean Reynolds** who was promoted to Custodial Supervisor! She is working for Stephanie Brecheisen.

Just For Fun!

The Kansas Forestry Service provided a saw mill demonstration in the Dykstra parking lot last month. Milled boards from the demonstration will be stored, dried and then used in campus building and design projects. Lumber from ash trees can be used to build tables, wainscoting, architectural ceilings and more!



KUDOS!...

- ...to HANNA RUDER (daughter of Shannon Ruder, Storeroom Supply Specialist) for being selected to receive the **Agricultural & Applied Economics Association's Outstanding Master's Thesis Award** from the **AAEA (Agricultural & Applied Economics Association)**. Hanna will be recognized at the AAEA Awards & Fellows Recognition Ceremony in Atlanta, GA on July 22nd.



Did You Know?..

...K-State has a Food Pantry?

All **K-State** Staff and Faculty are welcome to access **Cats' Cupboard**, K-State's campus food pantry, during operating hours Monday thru Saturday.



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TO STAFF AND FACULTY

K-State Food Pantry



k-state.edu/cats-cupboard/

Monday:	7:30 – 9:30 AM
Tuesday:	5:30 – 6:30 PM
Wednesday:	9:00 AM – 12 PM
Thursday:	Closed
Friday:	12:30 – 3:30 PM
Saturday:	10 AM – 12 PM

*Hours subject to change by semester.

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

JUNE 1ST – HEATHER MILLS & JULIE PORTER

JUNE 2ND – JAMES POSCH & JONAH VANDEL

JUNE 3RD – CHRISTIAN GREY & ALEX MITOSKA

JUNE 4TH – ANTONIO ORTIZ

JUNE 5TH – CARLA BISHOP & GEORGE LEROUX

JUNE 6TH – GARY MORGAN

JUNE 12TH – KEVIN ALLENBAUGH & LOLETA SUMP

JUNE 14TH – WILLIAM ZOELLER

JUNE 15TH – FAITH BLISS

JUNE 17TH – SHELLY HAUCK & CALVETTE WILLIAMS

JUNE 18TH – TROY BRONAUGH

JUNE 22ND – PATRICK STANDLEE

JUNE 23RD – JOSH NANNINGA

JUNE 24TH – ADAM SHRINER

JUNE 26TH – DEXTER JOHNSON & KIRK NORRIS

JUNE 29TH – EMMY CHAMBERLIN

JUNE 30TH – ANTHONY WHETSTONE

