

A newsletter highlighting and connecting the people and work of Facilities Management at the University of Kentucky

*The Covid-19 pandemic has had a tremendous impact on our campus and community. The people of UK Facilities Management remain the “boots on the ground” for UK, providing the essential services needed to keep our campus safe, secure, and positioned to respond to the evolving crisis. The strength each of you demonstrate daily is inspiring and represents such courage and compassion. We are in this together and we will get through it together. **Thank you for everything you do.** – Mary Vosevich, Vice President for Facilities Management*



Facemasks will soon become required personal protective equipment (PPE) for all our work on campus. This week, Governor Andy Beshear rolled out the details of the [Healthy at Work Guidelines](#) the state intends to follow as we proceed with a phased reopening of our economy. The statewide guidance to wear masks when in public goes into effect on May 11. **The Medical Center Facilities team** were early adopters of mandatory facemasks and other PPE due to the requirements of working in UK’s HealthCare facilities. **Facilities Management teams** are currently working on plans for providing masks to everyone with an on-campus assignment. At left, **MCPD plumber Kenny Thompson**, strikes a strong “I want you to wear a mask” pose. To celebrate this new aspect of our work on campus the Friday Photo Collage for May 8 will feature the best of Facilities Management’s mask fashion.



Lift up our student employees. Dozens of UK students work along side many of our Facilities Management teams through internships and part-time positions .we are very grateful for their contributions to our work maintaining the campus. Tomorrow, May 1, is the final day of classes for the unforgettable 2020 spring semester. As we reach this key day in the semester, please reach out to our students - **especially our seniors** - to let them know we are thinking about them and wish them luck with finals next week. At left, **Jacob Fryman with UK Grounds**, a senior, graduating next week from the College of Engineering.



Faces of Facilities – Galen Tolliver

Galen is the Facilities Systems Manager for **The Delta Center in Utilities and Energy Management**. Galen was born in Carlisle, KY and lives in the community of Ewing in Fleming County, about an hour from campus. He was hired in 1987 as an Electronics Technician and has helped build the Delta Center into a state-of-the-art resource for automated building management with a focus on life safety, human and creature comfort, and energy conservation. His vision and leadership in this capacity save the University millions each year in utility and energy costs. Galen has been married for 33 years, has two daughters and one granddaughter. When he is not at work, Galen enjoys auctions and cattle farming. He is living with Parkinson’s and appreciates all the support from his UK Facilities Family. Regarding our current situation and what has really stuck with him, he said “working from home”.

Facilities Fact: Cutting the grass

The UK Grounds’ teams mows more than 220 acres of turf on a weekly basis. That’s equal to more than 160 football fields! In addition to mowing the grass, our grounds teams care for more than 12,000 trees, thousands of flowers and shrubs, and service hundreds of outdoor trash and recycling containers.



Friday’s Photo Collage

Dust off those photo albums and find a fun picture of you as a child to share in the Friday addition! Take a picture of the picture and send to shane.tedder@uky.edu by Thursday at 5pm.