

*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*

OUR PEOPLE. ————— OUR STORIES.



As we begin the transition of seasons here in the bluegrass, we feature our second piece this week on how our teams are preparing for cooler weather. As **Tree (Harold Sandford)** put it, “Our heating plants are truly the life blood of the campus during winter months. Without the steam they provide, nothing could go on inside our buildings.” **Utilities and Energy Management** is responsible for the operation of the plants, but all of our teams support the plants with their unique skill sets. At left, **Jerry Keefer**, a master electrician with **Central Shops**, performs work on a panel in the Central Heating Plant 1 (adjacent to Peterson) to get it ready for winter building loads. The three central heating plants on our campus produce steam using a combination of natural gas and coal. Over the past few years, natural gas has emerged as our primary fuel source due to a variety of factors and now accounts for approximately 90% of campus steam production.

The Library Drive Extension connecting Washington Avenue to Funkhouser Drive is now open. This important addition to our roadway infrastructure literally paves the way for an important step in our Campus Master Plan: Making Rose Street a permanent pedestrian zone from Columbia Avenue to Huguelet Drive. Our capital construction projects will begin to pivot away from using Rose Street to access their sites as soon as project logistics allow. This campus enhancement promotes both safety and efficient access for service, emergency, and delivery vehicles.



Chili and Pepper (Tim Clark)



George (Mary Vosevich)



Willie (Angela Walton)



Moose (Ronald Morris)

#MaskUpCats!



Photo Friday – So long summer!

The Labor Day holiday is the unofficial end of summer. Let's celebrate summer with a Photo Friday dedicated to your favorite pictures from the weird and wacky of the summer of 2020. Submit your photos to shane.tedder@uky.edu by midnight on Thursday September 10.