

*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*

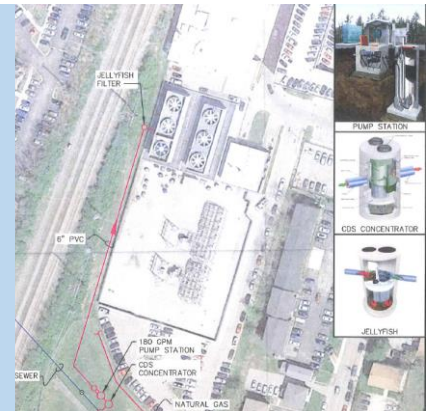
OUR PEOPLE.

OUR STORIES.



Masked man caught green handed while multitasking. While passing the Gatton Student Center yesterday, I glanced over and saw four indicators of the great work FM is doing on campus: **Grounds Manager Stacy Borden** modeling proper mask wearing (1) while picking up litter (2) and coordinating his team (3) beside one of UK’s new “Masks are required” yard signs (4). Keeping our campus litter-free has taken on a new level of challenge during the pandemic because of all the disposable PPE. These items, like other forms of litter, are a blight on our landscape and have negative impacts on water quality in our community. Be sure to properly dispose of all waste, including PPE. Picking up litter has also become more challenging due to fears about germs, be sure to wash hands and/or wear gloves if you are still helping keep campus clean by picking it up. The new signs were designed by UK Marketing and Office of Sustainability Graduate Assistants **Sophie Beavin** and **Carlie Martindale** began distributing yesterday to 200 locations mapped by **Maureen Dreckman** (FIS).

Utilities and Energy Management received final approval yesterday from the LFUCG Storm Water Incentive Program to proceed with a \$217,000 grant to help install a stormwater harvesting system at the Central Utility Plant (CUP) to provide the make-up water for the cooling towers. UK is providing a \$54,000 match. The system will be designed to harvest up to 29 million gallons of water annually from a nearby storm sewer culvert. UK will not have to buy this same quantity of water from Kentucky American so, this project will reduce utility costs and the strain on Lexington’s storm sewer system. The project is projected to pay for itself in less than 2 years. **Britney Ragland**, Engineering Manager, is the project manager and principal investigator for the grant.



Self-care, maintaining and improving our mental and physical health, should always be a priority but it is especially important in these trying times. UK Human Resources, through their **Work-Life Connections Program**, provides a wide array of resources available to all UK Employees. We encourage you to take time this week to do two things. First, learn about the warning signs that commonly indicate that stress and circumstances are negatively impacting your mental health. Second, familiarize yourself with the resources that UK provides to help you regain balance and focus. More info:

<https://www.uky.edu/hr/work-life/counseling/worklife-connections-counseling>

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. At left, Sailor and Duke (Kari Adams) on the beach in FL celebrating July 4th. At right, Krisha Hobbs’ new #lakelife toy.

