

*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 part of their ongoing efforts to reduce waste and prevent litter, **UK Recycling** is partnering with UK Dining to cover the one-time \$5 fee associated with the reusable to go containers for hundreds of students and staff. The Student Sustainability Council will vote tonight on a proposal to join the partnership, and if they approve, the three groups will join forces to distribute 1500 of the green to-go containers this fall. UK Dining is serving all meals in to-go containers this semester due to the pandemic. The complimentary containers will be available in the coming weeks at the entrances to Champions and the Fresh Food Company during meal times. Many of these are single-use which has significantly increased the waste produced by the dining facilities. **THANKS TO UK RECYCLING FOR SUPPORTING THIS INITIATIVE!**



Our trees, especially the deciduous ones, are certainly the stars of fall, although pumpkin spice seems to be gaining ground. The Urban Forest Initiative, a UK-based group of tree experts and aficionados, is hosting the third annual Tree Week (October 10-17) to celebrate all the ways trees impact our lives. **UK Grounds** supports UFI and the annual tree celebration by co-hosting events, providing expertise and advice, and by participating in the planning process. This year's events, like most other things in our lives, will look different due to the pandemic. Many of the events will be self-guided, but there are several in-person events that are being carefully planned to comply with public health protocols. One these will be *Campus Tree Stations* on Saturday, October 10. Participants will rotate through four stations learning proper technique for tree planting, mulching, pruning, and more. Learn more about the excellent events planned for Tree Week 2020 by visiting <https://ufi.ca.uky.edu/treeweek2020>. **THANKS TO UK GROUNDS FOR SUPPORTING THIS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT.**

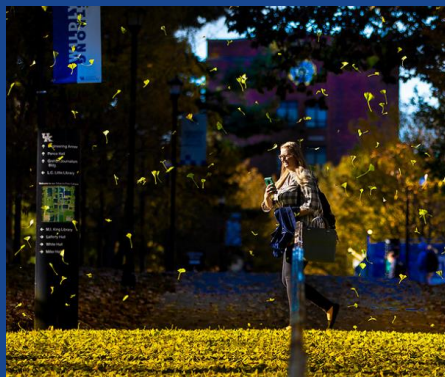


Photo Friday: Fall Favorites

Cooler temperatures and college football have returned to the bluegrass. Leaves are starting to change color and pumpkins are showing up on porches. What is your favorite part of fall and why? We want to fill our Photo Friday this week with the sights of fall in the bluegrass. Submit a favorite fall photo with a sentence or two about how it represents something you love about the season. Photos should be sent to shane.tedder@uky.edu by midnight on Thursday, October 1. At left, campus Ginkgo trees put on a show last fall.



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