

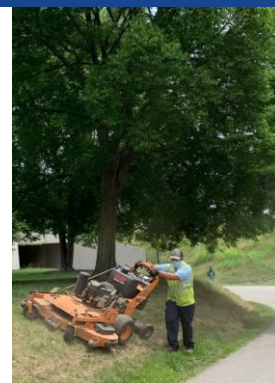
OUR PEOPLE. ————— OUR STORY.

*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*

BREAKING NEWS! Mary Vosevich invites the Facilities Management team to wear shorts to work on Friday, June 19 in celebration of our monthly food drive partnership with The Big Blue Pantry. See details below. Also, don't forget to submit photos of you in shades by the end of the day for tomorrow's Friday Photo Collage.



Facilities Management's Grounds Department began a project yesterday to improve maintenance conditions on the steep slopes along Veterans Drive where it passes under Cooper Drive. The project will replace the turf on these slopes with pollinator-friendly vegetation that will require much less mowing and trimming and is based on work done by a faculty-led Sustainability Challenge Grant team. **Grounds** workers have experienced on-the-job injuries in recent years while maintaining this area due to the steep slopes. Yesterday, **Stephen Adams** (left) and **Ray Cortez** (right) mowed the slopes for a final time. The project will also include stormwater improvements.



Tomorrow is June 19, the day we celebrate Juneteenth.

Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. Dating back to 1865, it was on June 19th that the Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and that the enslaved were now free. Note that this was two and a half years after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation - which had become official January 1, 1863. More info: <https://www.juneteenth.com/history.htm>



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>

SEE BLUE (jeans) SEE SERVICE

This Friday, **Facilities Management**, is joining forces with THE BIG BLUE PANTRY to fight student hunger. If you bring a non-perishable food item to donate that day, you can wear blue jeans to work. Supervisors will be communicating about remote donation locations for Utilities and Areas. Central points are located in Peterson Service Building and the Kelly Building. **There is also a drive-by drop point on Limestone by the loading dock to Peterson for folks working remotely.**



PHOTO FRIDAY: Show off your shades

June is National Migraine and Headache Awareness month and June 21 is Migraine World Solidarity Day. In support of this cause, let's show off our shades in this week's Photo Friday collage. Submit pictures to shane.tedder@uky.edu by 5pm on Thursday, June 18.