

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*



The **Medical Center Facilities Rolling Renovation team** continues to do incredible work supporting UK HealthCare. This team has completed repair & upgrades to 425 patient rooms and procedural areas this year to date. Far left, **Jeff Kunsman** – Rolling Renovation Team Supervisor. Center left, **Flumencio Orozco** – plumbing fixtures. Center right, **Andrew Virgin** – patient bed lifts. Right, **Craig Hardy** – patient shower repairs. **GREAT WORK TEAM!**

Kentucky Proud Park, the homefield for UK Athletics’ Baseball program, has earned LEED certification status from the US Green Building Council. Our campus now has more than 25 buildings that have earned some level of certification from this USGBC program. This status is earned through points awarded for design, construction and performance relative to energy, occupant health, and several categories of environmental stewardship. The construction of Kentucky Proud Park was managed by **Keith Ingram, Capital Projects Management**. Ross Tarrant was our design firm for this project and they noted that this was an especially notable accomplishment for an open air stadium.



June 22-26 is *Animal Rights Awareness Week*. To celebrate, we will feature pictures and stories about campus wildlife each day this week. Today’s wildlife spotting (and relocation) is North America’s only marsupial (pouched mammal), the Virginia opossum (*Didelphis virginiana*). The Opossum is commonly, though incorrectly, referred to as a possum. A possum (minus the “O”) is also a marsupial but it is found in Australia and is more closely related to kangaroos. The Opossum has a hairless prehensile tail used for hanging from trees. They are nocturnal and have 50 teeth, more than any other land animal in North America.



PHOTO FRIDAY: Show off your garden!

June is also Fresh Fruits and Vegetable month, so let’s show off our home gardens. Much like the Victory Garden movement during WWII, home gardening has been an important coping hobby for many of us during these unprecedented and challenging times. Submit photos of your home garden to shane.tedder@uky.edu by the end of the day on Thursday for our Photo Friday Collage.