

*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.



The Facilities Management **LETS MAKE A DIFFERENCE CHALLENGE** is back for a third year. This initiative seeks proposals from the campus community for projects that enhance indoor or outdoor public spaces. “UK leadership is committed to transforming our campus, and in doing so, we want input from all campus constituents,” said **Mary Vosevich**. “This initiative allows us to accomplish both. These are small projects that often can have a large impact.” The overall project cost must be \$15,000 or less and the deadline to submit is this Friday, January 15. To submit an entry, groups must take two-to-five photos or record a two-minute video of the area needing improvement. Then, they need to explain how the proposed project will make a difference at UK and impact students, faculty, staff, or the visitor experience.



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>



Learn more: <https://ufi.ca.uky.edu/tree-stories>

WAYBACK WEDNESDAY – The Rose Street Sycamore

This week’s look back across time highlights the sycamore tree in west lawn of the Jacob’s Science Building facing Rose Street. Sycamore trees, easily identifiable with their smooth white trunks and flaking bark, are fast growing trees and are the largest trees by diameter in the eastern US. This tree is approximately 60 years old and was planted shortly after Donovan Hall was completed in 1955 (right). The tree has a special story because of the care that was taken to protect it during the demolition of Donovan Hall and the construction of the Jacob’s Science Building demonstrated in the photo at left.



Current location of tree circled below in this 1955 photo of the newly constructed Donovan Hall

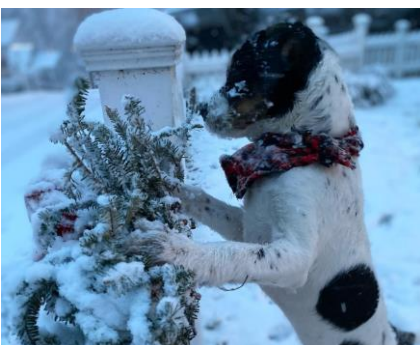


PHOTO FRIDAY – PANDEMIC PETS

Adopting a new pet has been a popular activity for many households during the past year. This week’s Photo Friday is dedicated to the furry, feathered, and whatever else friends that Facilities Management’s folks have brought into their homes since March of last year. At left, Olive, a lab terrier mix we adopted from the Lexington Humane Society in November of last year. Submit your photos to Shane.tedder@uky.edu by midnight on Thursday, January 14.