



Biweekly Newsletter

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Past Progress, Future Prospects: A Recap and Look Ahead!

Dear Members of Facilities Services,

Welcome to the latest edition of our Facilities Forum! Within these digital pages, we're excited to dive into the heartbeat of our Purpose: the constant care and enhancement of UAF and all its facets. From the people who bring life to our community to the very structures that house our ambitions, this newsletter serves as a conduit for sharing the stories, updates, and achievements that shape our collective journey.

Join us as we explore the latest developments, celebrate milestones, and highlight the tireless efforts of those who work non-stop to uphold the standards of excellence that define our institution.

Thank you for being a part of Facilities Services. Together, we propel UAF forward.

Facilities team x

In this newsletter you can expect:

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Announcements

Only ONE FS Injury in the Month of April!

Performance Evaluations - Talk with your supervisor ASAP

Steam Outage Ongoing - May 5th through 18th - PPE Requirements

Reminder - End of FY24 Work Order close out

T's BBQ Food Truck TODAY - 11am to 1pm



Fixing Leaks

by Leo Faro

This is Heat Exchanger 2 in the Patty Center Mech room. The unit has leaked slightly for several years. We have taken advantage of the steam outage to pull the bundle (all the piping you can see in the pictures), clean the unit including the face surfaces where the gaskets meet to keep the unit from leaking and we will reinstall later this week.

Current Recruitments

Senior Mechanical Engineer

CT3 Electrician -Utilities

Maintenance Plumber

FS Pool Tech

Painter/Maint Mechanic

Procurement Technician

Mechanical Engineer

Building Tech Kodiak

Boiler Firer Trainee

Asbestos Abatement Tech

Maintenance Mechanic

Alarms Tech Trainee

Insights from the APPA Spring Conference in Nashville



by Jason Schoening

The recent APPA Spring Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, brought together over 400 professionals in Facilities Management at colleges and universities. People came from all over, including dozens of states, Canada, Australia, and South Africa. Over three days, attendees explored various topics, from commissioning new buildings and building automation systems to addressing workplace bias and enhancing school safety through innovative design.

Among the standout presentations was a poignant firsthand account of the aftermath of a school shooting at Michigan State University, offering insights into the complexities of crisis management and recovery. They shared what happened and how they managed (and are still managing) afterward. Additional sessions tackled issues such as confronting gender bias in the workplace and implementing effective safety measures from a building design perspective.

Amidst this rich tapestry of knowledge exchange, I, representing the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF), presented on our campus-wide rekey project. The presentation garnered considerable interest from the diverse audience. It was a nice reminder of how much progress we have made. After the conference sessions, we all had the opportunity to enjoy the vibrant Nashville atmosphere, indulging in the city's renowned live music scene.

Reflecting on the experience, it's evident that the APPA conference fosters networking opportunities while also serving as a catalyst for professional growth and learning. The conference was a great chance to meet people and learn new things. If you are interested in the professional side of Facilities Management or want to keep up with the latest trends and best practices, attending the APPA conference is an opportunity not to be missed.

Heating Coil Replacement



The HVAC shop lifting a 750 lb coil up onto the roof of the BIRD building. The coil will replace one that we have tried to repair unsuccessfully for several years in Air Handler 2. The boom truck and operator made this lift a snap as opposed to trying to get it in through the building.
Top Left photo: Ben Swenor. Bottom photo: Left: Cody Walmsley, Right: Ben Swenor.

Thank you for reading!



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