



Biweekly Newsletter

FACILITIES FORUM

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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

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Mystery River, Bus Location, & Graffiti



by Nathan Platt

Friday June 21st, on Columbia Circle. Years ago, when the Nordic House was still there, we ran hydronic heating lines underground from the Garden Apartments mechanical room, so we could take Nordic off electric heat. As it turns out, we (the shops) at the same time ran a domestic water line with the intention of using it "someday" for a fire suppression system. That system was never installed, and the Nordic House was torn down in the fall of 2019.

Somehow, the water line was accidentally turned on in the Garden Apartment mechanical room, and the water made its way to the surface. It took just a bit of time to figure out what was going on, fortunately Charlie Silva from HVAC remembered that the water line had been run and then abandoned... almost 20 years ago!

PHOTOS BY NATHAN PLATT

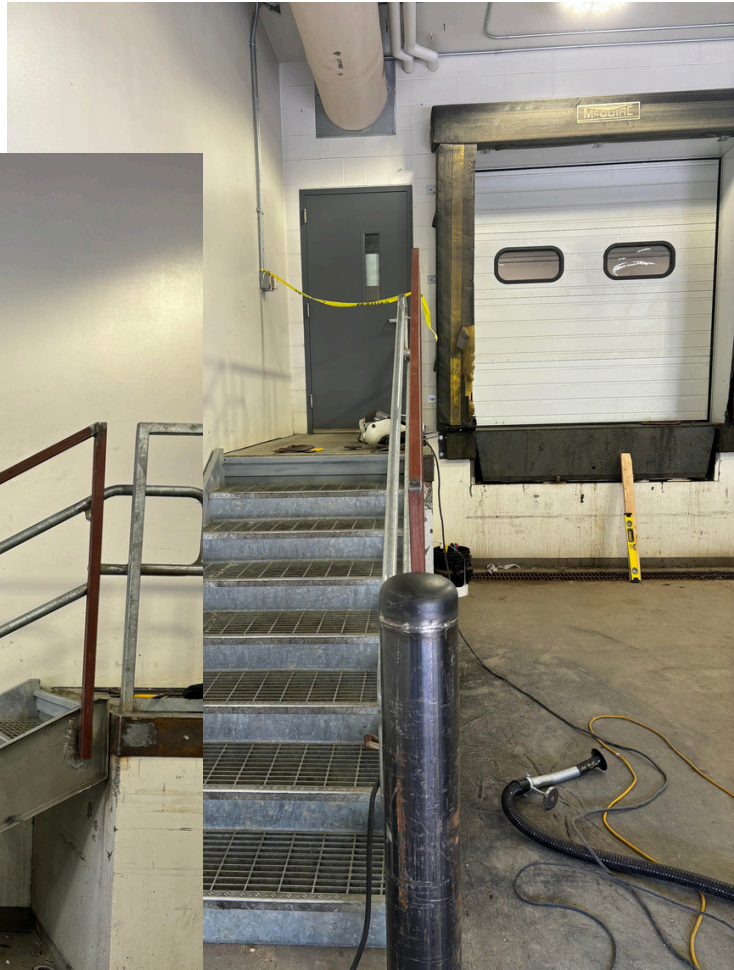
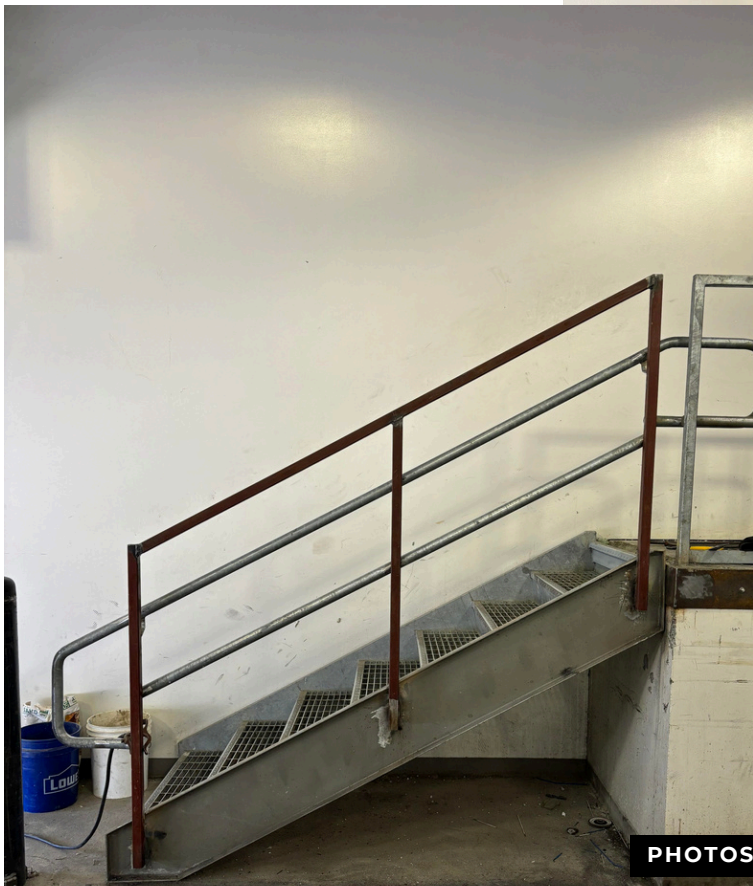


This is of the spot the Grounds crew cleared in the woods north of the museum, where Bus 142 will eventually sit.

Graffiti at the Chancellor's House was discovered over the weekend. Our paint crew will attempt to wash it off, or if that fails they'll re-coat that side of the building.



Loading Dock Repair



PHOTOS BY LEO FARO

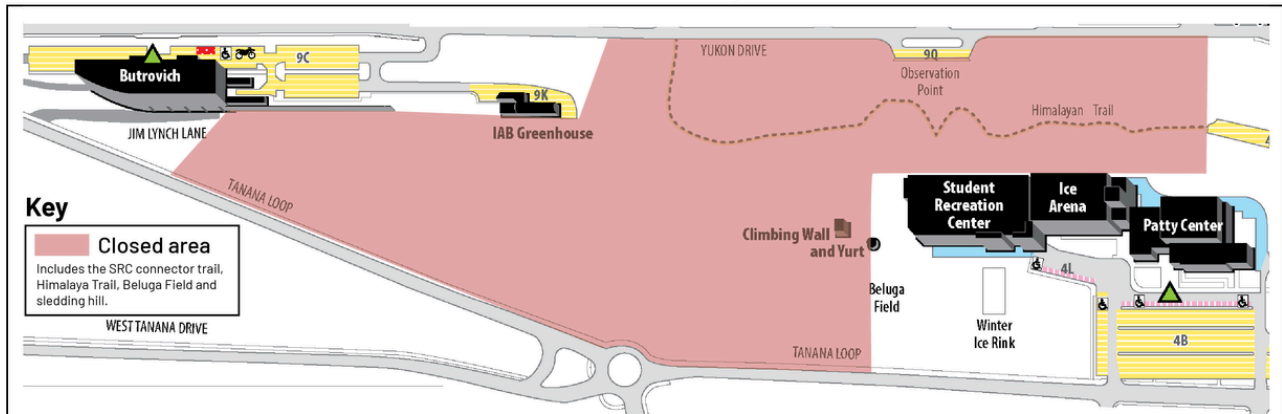


by Leo Faro

Eric Burton has been working on a damaged railing due to a delivery truck at the Wood Center loading dock. He added the 6 inch bollard to protect the stairs and railing and covered it with a plastic sleeve over the metal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Closure for ski trail construction - June 10-July 15



Reminder - End of **FY24**

- Close out Work Orders
- Performance Evaluations due
- Redo Driver Authorizations in July
- FY24 **AIM time cards** need to be approved by COB Friday, June 28th or at the very latest first thing Monday morning, July 1st. Please do not approve any time cards with the work dates of July 1st and later until Harmonie does the final billing for FY24, which is scheduled for July 2nd. Everyone will be notified when she is done. When the final billing is done, the new shop rates will be setup.

First Aid/AED/CPR classes will be offered each month by Thadd Williamson, Facilities Services trusted Safety Officer, to ensure we are all prepared for any emergencies that may happen while on the job.

Upcoming classes:

- July 9-10, 8 am -12 pm both days
- July 18-19, 12 pm - 5 pm both days
- August 6, 8 am - 5 pm
- August 7, 8am - 5 pm

Classes are limited in size to 12 participants.

Please contact Stacy Boone-Grant at sboonegrant@alaska.edu to reserve a place in one of these classes.

The Warehouse will be closed for inventory on Thursday and Friday, June 27th and 28th for their annual inventory. Please plan ahead and purchase any items you may need prior to these days.

New Employee Welcome event July 9th, RSVP by June 28th - If you have new employees in your department, please encourage them to attend. If you have not had the opportunity to attend one of these events and would like to, please speak with Jennifer Williams-Hickenbottom, Physical Plant room 104, or email her at jmwilliamshickenbott@alaska.edu to get on the list for the next one.

Current Recruitments

[Senior Mechanical Engineer](#)

[Painter/Maint Mechanic](#)

[FS Pool Tech](#)

[HVAC Technician](#)

[CT3 Electrician -Utilities](#)

[Plumbing Maint Tech](#)

[Locksmith](#)



Wellness **ROOM**

Physical Plant Room 127

Please use this space, as available, when you need a private space during the work day. This room cannot be reserved and is used on a first come-first serve basis.

Questions or Suggestions? Contact Brittany (bvaneck@alaska.edu)

Picnic Pictures



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Big shout out to Casey Stagno, Nicole Pruce, Daniel Wilson, Betty Rodgers, and the Labor Crew for making this event run so well!

Thank you for reading!



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