



Biweekly Newsletter

FACILITIES FORUM

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Exciting Updates Ahead: Check Out What's New This Month!

Big changes are coming to the Facilities Forum!

Starting next month this biweekly newsletter will become a monthly newsletter, posting on the first Wednesday of each month. In addition, the announcement portion has moved to the front page starting this edition.

There has been one new hire in the month of August so far. Please help us welcome Shawna Durfey our new Physical Access Control Systems Assistant Manager with the Electric and Trades Maintenance Shop.

Students move back into the dorms this week and the Campus Mail Center has adjusted it's operating hours to accommodate for just this week. There will be no routes run on freshman move-in day, today.



Thank you for being a part of Facilities Services.

Facilities team x

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Fruit Trees on Campus



Left to right: Ian McClenny Fernandez, Natasha Pomeroy, Raif Johnson-Kennedy, Nikolaus Andresen, Casey Stagno.



by Nicole Pruce

Perhaps you've noticed in your travels across campus an abundance of young fruit trees in landscaped areas. About five years ago, Grounds started a push to plant more edible plants on campus and the momentum has continued. In order for these specialized plants to survive, however, extra care needs to be taken from the beginning. Typical apple and cherry trees cannot survive the conditions of our harsh winters, so we must buy grafted trees with hardy rootstocks. The rootstocks used can survive the very cold temperatures but would produce small and nearly inedible crabapples. A scionwood of a more desirable apple variety is grafted onto the rootstock, yielding larger and tasty apple varieties.

Once the grafted trees are planted, they must be meticulously cared for with at least weekly watering, periodic pruning and fertilization, and protections put in place from wanton

destruction and wildlife damage. After about five years the trees are considered well-established and can stand up better to harsh conditions, but they still require regular watering, pruning, and fertilization in order to look appealing and yield a fruit crop.

Ian McClenny Fernandez planted many of the fruit trees currently thriving on campus. Grounds tragically lost our friend and coworker in March 2023. To us, care of the trees he planted helps keep his memory alive as someone who cared deeply about his friends, family, and his impact on campus through his many beautification projects. The old proverb goes, "blessed are those who plant trees under whose shade he will not sit." While we certainly expected for Ian to be here with us enjoying the fruits of his labor, caring for the fruit trees on campus is both an exercise in looking toward the future and remembering our friends.

BBQ Accolades



A great big THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the BBQ and group photo yesterday. We've got a sneak peak of the official photo, courtesy of Bear. Our grilling crew, Nicole Pruce, Casey Stagno, and Daniel Wilson, did a great job feeding us. Betty Rodgers was our organizing genius, thank you to those of you that stayed behind and helped with the clean up. One more shout out for our labor crew and all their heavy lifting setting up and tearing down. Fantastic job Facilities!

Current Recruitments

[Senior Mechanical Engineer](#)

[Plumbing Maint Tech](#)

[Utilities Laborer](#)

[CT3 Electrician -Utilities](#)

[HVAC Technician CT3](#)

[Contract Specialist](#)

[HVAC Technician MSW4-CT1](#)

[Operations Laborer](#)

[Facilities Engineer](#)

HVAC Training

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by Leo Faro

On August 5th through 8th, eight members of the HVAC Shop participated in an Electrical training presented by TPC Training. The trainings were Basic Electricity for the Non Electricians and Electrical Troubleshooting and Preventative Maintenance. Both classes were very in depth and provided both theory and hands on work. The Basic Electricity (Electricity for Dummies), was much more in depth than any Electricity for Dummies book could ever be.

Top right photo (left to right): Eric Burton, Jordan Freelong, and Garritt Anderson. Bottom left photo: Eric Burton. Bottom right photo (left to right): Cody Walmsley, Connie Deats, Carl Hedman, and Ed Robinson.



GovDeals Vehicle Sale

The UAF Surplus Department currently has four vehicles up for sale at auction in addition to a myriad of other items. Here are links to the listings for the vehicles and the online auction for the vehicles ends Aug. 29th at 7:00pm Alaska time. Of note, one of the vehicles up for auction is a 2001 Subaru Legacy with only approx. 32,000 miles on the odometer.

- Before bidding please take note of the following stipulation from the Statewide Property Office Manual,

" An employee of the using or disposing department may not directly or indirectly purchase or agree with another person to purchase surplus property if the employee is, or has been, directly or indirectly involved in the purchase, disposal, maintenance, or preparation for sale of the surplus property. (Ref. R05.06.600(8)) "

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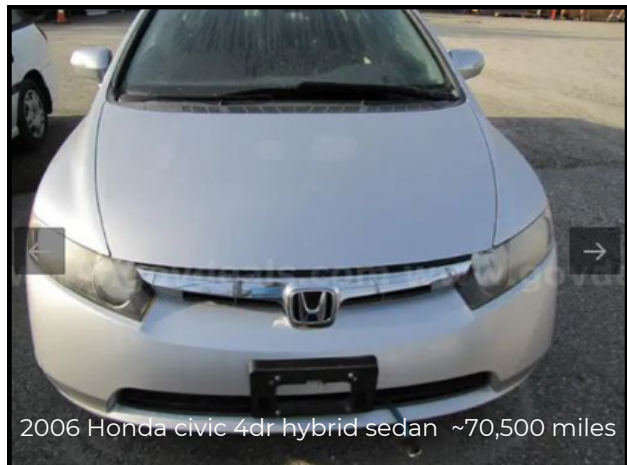
1992 Ford Aerostar ~61,000 miles



2001 Subaru legacy ~32,000 miles



2006 Ford freestyle SE AWD ~41,000 miles



2006 Honda civic 4dr hybrid sedan ~70,500 miles

Repaint Project



by **Darrin “Bear” Edson**

Here is a before and after of the work the Labor Crew is doing on a project where we are painting Fire Hydrants and Emergency Phones.



New Fleet Vehicles

by **Rose Hanchett**

We did get a total of 12 vehicles in the last month, this is the 5 different kinds of vehicles. There are two high top cargo vans, two 3/4 ton trucks, three small SUV's, two large SUV's and three 1 ton trucks. Yes, they all have homes to go to.

Thank you for reading!



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