

FACILITIES CONNECTION

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NEWSLETTER

MAY/JUNE 2023



Campus projects
update: New
Student Center
opening in July

FM Celebrates
Arbor Day with
tree planting

CAMPUS PROJECTS

As summer approaches, our lists of projects on campus continues to increase. Here's some updates on the various projects occurring across campus:

- The new Student Center and Dining Facility is set to open on July 31, 2023.



- Read Fieldhouse women's basketball locker room is getting a complete remodel, similar to the men's basketball locker room.



- Kohrman Chiller #2 is in the process of being replaced which will provide campus with more efficient and reliable cooling.

- Elevators in Valley 2 to be modernized, including Eicher, LeFevre and Garneau Hall.

- Sidewalks are set to be replaced throughout the summer.

- Roof projects include Wood Hall, Sprau Tower, Friedmann Hall and Sindecuse.

- Construction at Dunbar Hall continues, with plans to open in the fall of 2024.



- The Hilltop Village parking structure and site development is slated to start at the end of the summer or early fall. It includes reworking the Arcadia Loop roadway.



- Stadium Club, at the John Gill Press Box, is being remodeled for year round usage and is on track to be complete prior to the fall football season.

Visit <https://wmich.edu/maps/print> to see the full Summer Project Map for 2023.

DIRECTOR REACHES HALFWAY MILESTONE FOR PH.D.



Our Director of Architecture & Design, Eleonora Philopoulos, is currently pursuing a PH.D. In March, she completed her comprehensive examination, a three day process, and successfully passed! This exam is a major milestone in the program, requiring the candidate to demonstrate a higher order thinking that goes beyond mechanically recalling and reporting facts, concepts or theories in higher education leadership and research design. Eleonora is now moving onto completing her dissertation regarding 'sense of belonging on campus.' Congratulations, Eleonora!!

SUSTAINABILITY TIP

Looking for ways to save money and help the earth this summer? A healthy and sustainable way is to grow a garden! No space? You can grow small-space container gardens on patios or apartment decks. Search thrift stores for pots or upcycle containers by putting a drainage hole in the bottom and adding a couple small stones to keep the soil in. Then fill with potting soil and plant your herbs, veggies or edible flowers!



NEW EMPLOYEES

Tim Abramowski, Custodial Services

Amber Payne, Custodial Services

Thomas Charleston, Custodial Services

Worden Cuyler, Custodial Services

Derick Afanador, Custodial Services

Carla Truppa, Maintenance Services

Vern Slater, Custodial Services

RETIREMENTS

Mike Matthews, Custodial Services (May 31)

ARBOR DAY 2023

Landscape Services hosted an Arbor Day Celebration on Friday, April 28. At the event, two pagoda dogwoods and one giant dogwood served as the guests of honor, with guests helping shovel dirt into their new homes. The event counts as one of five core standards needed to achieve the Tree Campus Higher Education designation by the Arbor Day Foundation. Thank you to everyone who came to celebrate with us!



CAMPUS SAFETY INFO & TIPS

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS - HOW TO

Use the acronym PASS:

P - pull the pin

A - aim the nozzle at base of fire

S - squeeze the handle

S - sweep it from side to side

SAFE WALK

Call (269) 387-7433

DPS program that provides walking safety escorts during fall and spring semesters, 6 p.m. to 2 a.m.

ACTIVE THREAT

Always remember: Run, Hide, Fight
Learn more at, fbi.gov/survive

EMPLOYEE THANK YOU'S

Just wanted to give Travis (Hutchens) and Glen (Brigham) some props for their help this week. I had a major temperature control problem in the greenhouse. We were able to work with the vendors EE to resolve the problem just in time for the arrival of about 5000 small plants. I am so grateful for the support Maintenance Services gives me and the greenhouse. You guys/gals are always quick to respond.

- Chris Jackson, Finch Greenhouse

We're very appreciative of the great work that Mark Frever, Aaron Dykstra and their team does on our surfaces.

- Dan Bartholamae, Athletics

I am a big hockey fan and WMU Alum, and I go to about 4-6 games a season at Lawson. I wanted to reach out and compliment the hard work that is done by the WMU Maintenance Team to keep Lawson Arena looking so nice. I know this is an older building that has had many renovations- but when I go there, I am always pleased with how it is kept looking like it is new. Every aspect of the building looks clean and well kept. It is great to see that the school and maintenance group really takes care of this special place. Please pass along my feedback to the facility maintenance team, and Go Broncos!

- Steve, WMU Alum

I want to thank you to all those involved in the work (disconnecting equipment to make way for new) in Floyd Hall A-118. Looks great.

- Matt Stoops, CEAS

I just wanted to give a nod to Glen (Brigham). While you (Travis) were out, he was proactive and a team player in making sure we had service for the CBS truck at Hockey. His collaboration and communication are truly valued by me.

- Laura Cornish, Custodial Services

I was very pleased with how quickly the fix-it ticket was answered and the service people (Randy Middaugh and Brian Kirby) were friendly, professional and accommodating. They made sure I was satisfied with the fix. Very impressed!

- Jennifer Holm, The Graduate College

Unscheduled high voltage work can be very unnerving and the highest risk to life safety, especially on equipment that is past its prime. I'd like to commend Dennis Moore for coming to campus and helping with this unscheduled power loss and to restore power to Moore Hall on a day when he was out using leave. His actions speak clearly for his dedication and loyalty to WMU and the personal on campus.

- Travis Hutchens, Maintenance Services

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 19 - National Bike to Work Day

May 20 - Asylum Lake Preserve celebration

May 29 - Memorial Day

July 4 - U.S. Independence Day

LINKS OF INTEREST

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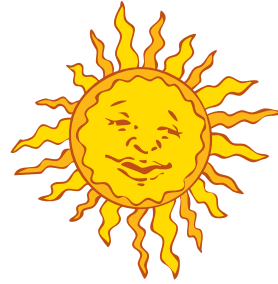
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If you are interested in submitting information for the next Facilities Connection newsletter, please contact Laura Kirkendall at laura.l.kirkendall@wmich.edu.



A Spring Celebration is coming
to

Asylum Lake Preserve!

Saturday, May 20, 12:00-4:00

Join us at the big tent at the Drake Rd. entrance, where we'll have music, refreshments, displays by local environmental groups, and tours of the woods, the history, the plants, and the water in the Preserve.

This is our chance to show our support for and enjoy this local treasure, to learn more about its many features, and to be inspired by all the local environmental work that's being done right here in Kalamazoo.

