

FM UPDATES

ADMINISTRATION

The Barren Fairways cleanup project is scheduled for April 8 - 26. Franken Construction has been selected as the contractor for this project. The cleanup covers three specific areas, including a golf course section. Please be aware of the contractor's activities in these locations and stay tuned for updates as the project progresses.

ENGINEERING & ENERGY SERVICES

Engineering is excited to share the successful completion of phase one of the overhead power line removal project. Project Manager, Angel Becerra, shared the following:

"The initiative to remove overhead power lines was driven by our commitment to ensuring the safety of students, faculty, and visitors on campus. Over the years, these powerlines have posed potential hazards, especially during adverse weather conditions. By eliminating them, we are mitigating risks and creating a safer environment for everyone.

The removal of overhead power lines was crucial for safety and to enhance the campus appearance. We're grateful for the collaborative efforts of FM Grounds, Parking and Transportation, and our Area Electricians who played vital roles in making this project a success.

Thank you for your dedication and hard work. Let's continue working together to complete the remaining phases of this project and make our campus safer and even more beautiful."

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Leah Weaselboy, Operations Specialist, has transferred to Automotive Services and will be assisting our new Automotive Manager John Steinacker. His first day is Monday, April 1.

FM Arborists recently removed a cottonwood tree located between Anthropology and Scholes Hall. Supervising Arborist, Alan Billau, has been keeping an eye on the doomed cottonwood for years until it died this year. The FM Arborist team carefully cut the tree into pieces and efficiently cleared the area. The stump has been ground down below the surface, giving the surrounding turf the opportunity to fill in the area. Although some surface roots from the cottonwood tree remain, these will gradually decompose into the surrounding soil providing nutrients to the landscape. Alan and his team will keep an eye on the roots as they decompose. On Arbor Day, April 26, the team will plant a bur oak as its replacement. The bur oak will provide shade to the area as well as adding to the beauty of campus. See photos of the tree removal below.



MAINTENANCE

NM facilities rely on a range of inverter systems to ensure critical backup power for Computer Servers (UPS) and Life Safety lighting systems. These systems operate by providing DC power to batteries during normal conditions to uphold full battery charge. In the event of a utility power failure, they seamlessly convert stored DC power from batteries into AC power to sustain essential backup systems.

To maintain the reliability of these systems within UNM facilities, comprehensive documented Preventative Maintenance is imperative on a monthly and annual basis. These inverter systems are designed with multiple DC batteries tailored to the inverter size and electrical load specifications.

Typically, these batteries have a service life of five years, after which replacement is recommended.

Recent replacements of Life Safety Lighting inverter system batteries in DeVargas Hall (30 batteries), Cornell Parking Structure (24 batteries), and Johnson Gym (8 batteries) were necessitated by factors such as age, heat damage, bulging, or reduced capacity.

A huge thank you to Steven Dussart and his team for successfully tackling all challenges encountered along the way. Kudos to Area 3 Supervisor Charles Franks, Master Electrician Buddy Bachicha, and Area 3 Electrician David Sandoval for working so hard to ensure the operational integrity of these critical systems. See photos below.



Kone tech, Juan Garcia, is retiring effective March 29. Juan has been a valued member of the UNM team for many years and we want to extend our congratulations and appreciation. We wish him the best from all of us here at UNM! New tech, Jason Blacksher will be joining us on April 1 as a Kone resident tech at UNM. Jason has been a route tech for the last 5 years with Kone and will be working alongside our other UNM resident Kone tech Chris Khan to learn about the campus layout and UNM processes with regard to our elevators and lifts.

KUDOS

Kudos to Richard Schorr and his Grounds team for assisting Area 3 with a request to remove a large rock in the garden bed on the Northwest corner of Tamarind to reduce further damage to the facilities windows. Their actions represent one of FM's core values, "We value teamwork. It provides better results." Keep up the good work!

Kudos to Martina Garcia for assisting Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) with the safety culture assessment process. Melissa Terry, from EHS shared, "I absolutely could not have done this without you... I very much appreciate your help and your intuition. You rock!" Martina's actions also represent a core value of FM, "We choose to succeed and success means exceeding our customers expectations." Thank you for all you do, Martina!

FUN COMMITTEE

Thank you to all who joined us at this month's pie potluck! We enjoyed a variety of pies, including savory options like zucchini and leek, as well as sweet pies including banana cream, key lime, apple, cherry, and blueberry. Most importantly, we had a wonderful time sharing stories and getting to know each other better. Remember, the more, the merrier. Everyone is welcome, so we hope you'll consider joining us at the next one!

FM Potlucks are always the last Wednesday of every month in conference room 110 in the Service Building. April's potluck is scheduled for Wednesday, April 24 from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

The theme for April is Native American foods.

[Click here for help getting started with some recipe ideas](#)

APRIL FOOLERY

Hey FM'rs,

Did you know that April Fools' Day has a rich history dating back centuries? It's true! This whimsical holiday has its origins in various cultural traditions, where people celebrated the arrival of spring with playful pranks and jests. As your friendly neighborhood prankster-in-chief, I can't resist the opportunity to spread some joy, laughter, and maybe a tiny bit of harmless mischief around the office. So, brace yourselves for some April Foolery next Monday!

Now, I won't spill all the beans just yet, but let's just say that if you find your stapler encased in Jell-O or your mouse swapped out for a cheeseburger, don't say I didn't warn you! But fear not! Our shenanigans will be lighthearted and in good spirits, aimed at bringing some giggles and grins to our day. After all, a little laughter is the best medicine, right?

So, sharpen your wits, keep your eyes peeled, and most importantly, remember to laugh along with the madness. Together, we'll turn April Fools' Day into a memorable day of camaraderie and hilarity. I will have something for the best prank story of the day. Be advised that pranks must not cause any ill effects or damage.

Let the countdown to April Fools' Day begin!

Wishing you all a week filled with laughter and joy!

Alfred R. Sena

FM SAFETY COMMITTEE



Wednesday, April 10, 2024 | 7 - 9pm

Basement of Hokona Hall

More info: Adrienne Helms, ceeo@unm.edu

SPRING SAFETY WALK WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10 7-9 P.M.

Do you want to help make UNM's campus a safer, healthier place? You CAN by joining us for the Spring Campus Safety Walk on Main Campus! This event is a terrific opportunity to get some steps in after dark with other Lobos. We'll be counting on you to help identify areas in need of better lighting, pruning, and more.

Come prepared! Download the Ramblr app [here](#) to your smartphone before the event and use it to track your progress

This event is family-friendly and ALL ARE WELCOME so bring a friend (or ten)

"Safety doesn't happen by accident."

For safety concerns, suggestions or comments, please contact Kristina Rucker @ 505-925-9516 or ruckerk@unm.edu.

HAPPY EASTER FROM AL SENA

Dear FM Team,

As Easter approaches, I wanted to extend my warmest wishes to each of you. Easter is a time of renewal, hope, and joy. It's also a wonderful opportunity to express gratitude for the incredible team we have here in Facilities Management.

Your hard work and dedication to keeping our campus running smoothly is truly appreciated every single day. Whether you're spending Easter Sunday with loved ones, indulging in delicious treats, or simply enjoying a well-deserved break, I hope this holiday brings you peace, happiness, and plenty of reasons to smile.

As we embark on the remainder of the year, let's continue to support each other, uplift one another, and celebrate our successes as a team.

From my family to yours, I wish you all a Happy Easter filled with love, laughter, and blessings.

Warm regards,

Alfred R. Sena

UNM ANNOUNCEMENTS

UTILITIES MAINTENANCE NOTICE

Please be aware that the utility work being conducted in the R parking lot (near Redondo Village) has been extended due to an equipment break down. The work involves conducting hydrothermal drilling and testing. The areas will remain fenced off with signs until the work is complete. Due to the unexpected setback, the tentative completion date has been moved to April 4.

STAFF AS STUDENTS SPRING EVENT FOR FALL ENROLLMENT !

Monday, April 1, 2024, 11:30AM-1PM, SUB Ballrooms

Did you know that through Staff as Students staff can receive a pin from the Registrar's Office that allows early registration? Plus, enjoy some great snacks, talk to the Admissions Office and representatives from popular staff degree programs and support services! Visit four tables and be entered to win a prize!

Have you enrolled with Admissions yet?

No: Make the Admissions table your first stop.

Yes: Make your way to a Registrars table! Two locations! They will enter a PIN so you will have early access to registration. Stop to visit department tables and grab some snacks on your way.

Staff who are unable to attend the event should use their @unm.edu email account to message DEPT_Update-L@list.unm.edu. The email should include the staff member's name, term for which they wish to register for spring, and their UNM ID. Staff who attend Staff as Students in person will be the first to get their overrides; those who email will receive their overrides after the in-person event.