



PPD News

Physical Plant Department

In Memoriam

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Photo credit: David Modisette

It is with great sadness to announce that Lonnie Bakke, Structural Tech II from Area 4 passed away on Wednesday, February 24, 2016. He leaves behind his wife, Darla, of 40 years; son Sean and wife Penny; and daughters, Nicole and Jordan. Lonnie provided 32 years of service to UNM and will be truly missed.

Lonnie's obituary states "Lonnie was a very talented man, many of his wood-working creations can be seen throughout Albuquerque. He loved cars, motorcycles, spending time riding his jet ski at the lake, rock hunting, and tinkering. Lonnie could fix absolutely anything and was always willing to help. He will be sorely missed at UNM, where he worked for 32 years. He was a compassionate, lovable and supportive husband, father, and friend, and will forever be loved dearly."

Vince Chavez, manager of Area 4, had this to say about Lonnie:

"Do you not know that a man is not dead while his name is still spoken?"
— Terry Pratchett.

Lonnie was a long time employee of Area 4 and the Physical Plant Department. His passing is still a shock and saddens us all. He rarely missed a day of work, and when called upon, was always ready to tackle any task. He was very outspoken when it came to how a project should be done and he took great pride in his work. Lonnie was a good man who loved his family, and anyone who knew him, saw that they came first in his life. Lonnie was a tinkerer, and a gadget man, who loved working with his hands and would often give anyone his opinion whether it was asked for or not. You always knew where you stood with Lonnie. People come into and out of our lives, and the ones that make a strong impression are the ones you never forget. Lonnie Bakke was that type of man.

Greek Community assists PPD

UNM's Fraternity and Sorority communities teamed up with the Physical Plant Department (PPD) recently as part of Greek Week to perform landscape enhancement projects and campus beautification, as well as process collected recyclable materials. This was the first time students in the Greek community volunteered to work on the University campus as part of Greek Week.

Students painted the benches at the Duck Pond and crosswalks on Yale and Los Lomas. They also assisted in cleaning out landscape planters on the south side of Pearl Hall and installed over 200 yards of mulch in planters and around trees throughout campus. Finally, the volunteers cleaned up a UNM-owned open space on Mesa Vista St., performed graffiti removal, installed cobble near the Physics and Astronomy building and sorted over 100 bags of bottles and cans for UNM Recycling.

Over 200 Greek Life students participated in the campus community service day at UNM, as well as members of the University Physical plant staff. Greg Golden, Greek Life Advisor at the UNM Student Activities Center said "We felt very positive about the outcome. It seems that all of the work was completed, and the students had positive things to say about helping UNM...."

Many thanks to the staff who worked on a Saturday to support the great things our UNM students do: Grounds & Landscaping, Special Activities, and UNM Recycling.

*Olivia Ross
Kourmy Williams
Maddie Sprague
Tori Glen
Malayla Mondragon
Kirk Biederman
Bisnon Hamounah
etmancia
Troy Livingston
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Moss Ibrahim*

*Dear Physical Plant Department,
Thank you so much for teaming with us for community service this year. We really appreciate all of your help and hard work!
Sincerely,
The Greek Week Committee*

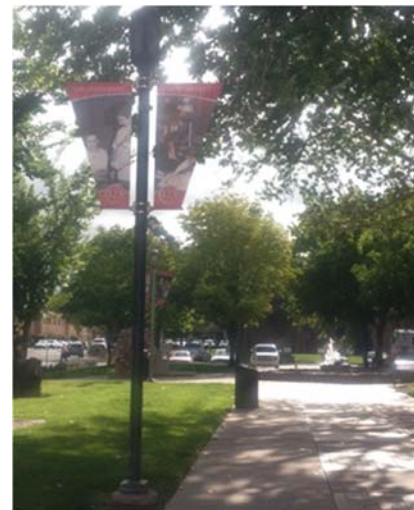
Trees relocated from Hodgin Hall to Dane Smith Hall

In preparation for the Karen Abraham Courtyard renovation project at Hodgin Hall, the Alumni Association has hired contractors to relocate eight trees from their courtyard to the east and south side of Dane Smith Hall. Three additional trees will be relocated in the near future.

The work will begin this Saturday, February 27th from 8 am – 5:00 pm. Traffic and parking along Redondo near Hodgin Hall may be disrupted for short periods of time.



*One of the locations by Dane Smith Hall where the trees were relocated.
Photo credit: Willie West*



*Hodgin Hall courtyard area. Photo credit:
Willie West*

UNM's Science & Math Learning Center receives prestigious building award *by Rachel Stone*

The Association of General Contractors (AGC) of New Mexico announced that UNM's Science & Math Learning Center (SMLC) Phase II project is due to receive the 2016 Best Building Award for projects between \$2.5 and \$5 million. The awards will be presented on March 18, 2016 at the Sandia Resort & Casino.

Completed after 365 days of construction, this project demonstrates the teamwork, problem-solving, and construction knowledge needed both by the contractor who performed the work, and the UNM staff at Planning, Design, and Construction (PDC). Together, they were able to deliver a state-of-the-art facility for students, faculty, and staff.

Franken Construction, the contractor who performed the construction, said, "We value projects like the Science & Math Learning Center Phase II because of its complex design and the inventive approaches to construction that it required." Franken Construction was also named an AGC winner in Construction Management for this project as well.

SMLC Phase II was a three-story new construction project, designed by Van H. Gilbert Architects, P.C., which added 12,450 square feet to the existing Science & Math Learning Center. Building in the heart of the UNM campus is challenging with the high levels of traffic, safety expectations, and rigorous work required to build a structure such as this.

Michael Reid, UNM project manager with PDC says, "The Franken project team was very professional, experienced, successful and, at the same time, very personable. The project was delivered on time and within budget and it was a pleasure working with them."



Photo credit: Jesse T.K. Hesch



Photo credit: courtesy of Franken Construction

Kudos

Sue,

I wanted to let you know how much we appreciate Pete and James. Both have been very responsive to our needs and always pleasant to work with. Thanks for all your help.

Tom

Thomas M. Neale

Director of Real Estate

Gary,

I just wanted to say that I'm always really impressed by the UNM grounds. It is one of the prettiest universities I've seen and I love the sense of pride your colleagues have helping keep the place running. Just wanted to say to you and your crew that you all are doing a great job!

Martin H. Jones, PhD

Assistant Professor of Educational Psychology

Department of Individual, Family, & Community Education

Service Building Workout Room Update

The Service Building workout room will be closed beginning Friday, March 4th until further notice.

PPD and PDC (Planning, Design, and Construction) have collaborated to purchase, at a very low cost, some equipment in order to update the quality of the room and to encourage more use amongst staff in the Service Building. Employee wellness is a core value within Institutional Support Services (ISS) and is being demonstrated by this initiative.

On Friday, March 4th, PPD Special Activities will move out the old equipment from the workout room, and are tentatively scheduled to move the new equipment in either on Wednesday, March 9th or as late as March 16th.

Here is the proposed schedule:

March 4th: move old equipment out of the space

March 7th – 8th: PPD Remodel to paint the room

Wednesday, March 9 **TENTATIVE:** The new equipment will be moved in by PPD Special Activities. The alternate dates are Tuesday or Wednesday March 15 – 16th.

Please note that some equipment will require assembly and calibration after the move-in as well as the re-installation of the wall mirrors.

If you have questions about this closure, please contact Michael Reid at 220-6256 or mreid@unm.edu.

Tricklock Building catches Fire

The UNM Police Department and the Physical Plant Department responded to a small fire that broke out at the “Tricklock” building (178), an old UNM Fraternity house at 1705 Mesa Vista early Wednesday morning, February 24th. This building has been vacant for over a year and most recently housed the Tricklock Company, an international touring theatre company.

The first alarm sounded at 2:30 am on Wednesday morning, February 24th. It is believed that the fire broke out between 2:00-3:00 am, and UNM PD reported that they believe the small fire was intentionally started. No one was injured and there was minimal damage because of the quick response from UNM PD.

To view the news story aired by KOB, please visit <http://www.kob.com/article/stories/S4057266.shtml?cat=516#.Vs3aY-a3Ef4>

Welcome to PPD

Please welcome Tony Silva to PPD Remodel. He is the new Construction Manager. Welcome to PPD, Tony!

Please welcome Kristina Rucker to the Work Control Center. She is the new Service Call Coordinator. Kristina was previously with UNM Parking & Transportation Services working as a bus driver. Welcome to PPD, Kristina!

Promotions

Ben Dziczek is now the supervisor of Utility Plant Operations with PPD Utilities. He was promoted from a Master Water Systems Technician. Congratulations, Ben!

Mike Sikinger is now the supervisor of Instruments and Control with PPD Utilities. He was promoted from an Instruments & Controls Tech 1. Congratulations, Mike!

Temp to Regular

Please congratulate the following employees on moving from temporary employees to regular, full-time employees of the Physical Plant Department:

- Guadalupe Aljebory, custodian, Main Campus Custodial Services
- Maria Ibarra, custodian, Main Campus Custodial Services
- Tiburcio Lovato, custodian, Main Campus Custodial Services
- Molly Martinez, custodian, Main Campus Custodial Services
- Blanca Mata, custodian, Main Campus Custodial Services
- Neida Rodriguez, custodian, Main Campus Custodial Services
- Rosa Rodriguez, custodian, Main Campus Custodial Services
- James Chavez, custodian, Main Campus Custodial Services

ISS Newsletter Contest Winner



Congratulations to Alan Billau, lead arborist with PPD Grounds & Landscaping, who won a 2016 UNM Meal Deal Coupon Book from Food Services.

Every month, the Institutional Support Services (ISS) newsletter has a contest where you can enter to win great prizes!

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