OUR NEXT ALL HANDS MEETING: YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Stay tuned as the date for our All Hands Meeting will be changing as we’re envisioning a bit of a different meeting format. We’ll also be introducing a new way for Facilities Staff to ask questions and have them answered by Facilities Leadership. A Question Box will be available for staff to submit their questions anonymously. Questions will be answered in an issue of Foundations.

WAREHOUSE NEWS: SNOW SUPPLIES, MOBILE APP AND OPEN HOUSE

It may come as a surprise to many that a reliable source has informed us that there will in fact be some snow this winter! With that in mind, the warehouse has begun the process of ordering snow shovels, ice scrapers, ice melt, gloves, anti-freeze and other seasonal items so they’ll be ready for you when those first flakes fly.

Additionally, the mobile app will soon go live and a small group of users will work through the unexpected issues that always accompany new software. The warehouse has had some training on the new app and is looking forward to ‘going mobile’!

Dates have been set for each trade to have a walk-through of the warehouse. Diana Jacob has sent the dates out to the managers for the plumbers, electricians, HVAC and general mechanics. The folks from FCT and housekeeping will also have time to check out our stock. We’d like each trade to use the time to open drawers and look on the shelves and racks to see what we have in stock and make suggestions for items we don’t currently have that you feel we should be stocking.

All zone technicians should let John or Ray know any time there are items they feel should be carried in the warehouse. These requests will be brought to the monthly warehouse meeting with the managers and that group will decide which items should be stocked. These meetings should also be used for any problems or suggestions you have for the warehouse. Let your managers know so we can address any of these issues on a regular basis.

The warehouse staff is working hard to meet your expectations but we need your input and cooperation to make that a reality. Together we can and will make it happen!

SHOUT OUTS: MOBILE 5’S RON TYRELL JR. AND NICK WISCHLBURGER

I just returned from a water event at Gables complex and had the pleasure of working with Ronny and Nick. I wanted to let you know how professional, thorough and pleasant they were to work with since I don’t hesitate to let you know when something isn’t right! They were also excellent at keeping us informed as to what was happening every step of the way. I thanked the guys a couple of times but hope that if you see them you pass along my sincere thanks to them.

Tonight was one of those times when everyone who showed up on the scene was doing everything they could to take care of a tough event. The plumber, the electrician, the UNH clean up crew, Tyson from Serv-Pro and several members of the Durham Fire Department all did a great job!

Again, thanks to everyone who helped!

Kathy Irla-Chesney, Housing Director
CAMPUS HEATING STARTS OCT. 15

The majority of core campus is heated via an underground hot water distribution system that is fed from the Central Heat and Power Plant. Every year, this heating system is activated after the students return and runs through graduation day. Over the summer, the system is offline while our Utilities Crew performs repairs and upgrades.

The entire system contains millions of gallons and takes days to fill and heat. During the last week in September after all open sections of the system have been repaired, we begin filling to fully pressurize the system.

Next week we will begin heating the water in the distribution system making it ready to be brought into each buildings. By October 15th, all buildings should be ready for heat after our zone plumbers have been able to adequately vent and introduce the heated water to the buildings.

The start of the heating season always has its anomalies where it may be cold at night and warm during the day, so some building occupants may forget to close the windows by the end of the day. If allowable, please assist our customers in closing these windows as we run into the threat of freezing pipes as temperatures get colder.

FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE

UNH is hosting flu shots on campus again this year. No appointment necessary. Visit this website to find a location near you:

Flu Vaccine

SEND US YOUR STORIES!

We’re looking for short stories about what you’re doing! Send us your text and photos to be featured in Foundations!

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IMPORTANT DATES:

USNH Open Enrollment: October 26 - November 6, 2015
UNH Durham Benefits Fair: October 28, 10:30 - 1:30 pm