



PPD News

PPD All-Star Awards

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The Physical Plant Department has officially begun the “All Star” staff recognition awards. The purpose of the award is to recognize employees for being exceptional and to show appreciation for the excellent staff here at PPD. Managers will nominate members of their staff every month and two employees will be selected for the award. Winners will receive a \$20 LoboCa\$h card to use at various locations on campus.

Here are the PPD All Stars from the month of August:

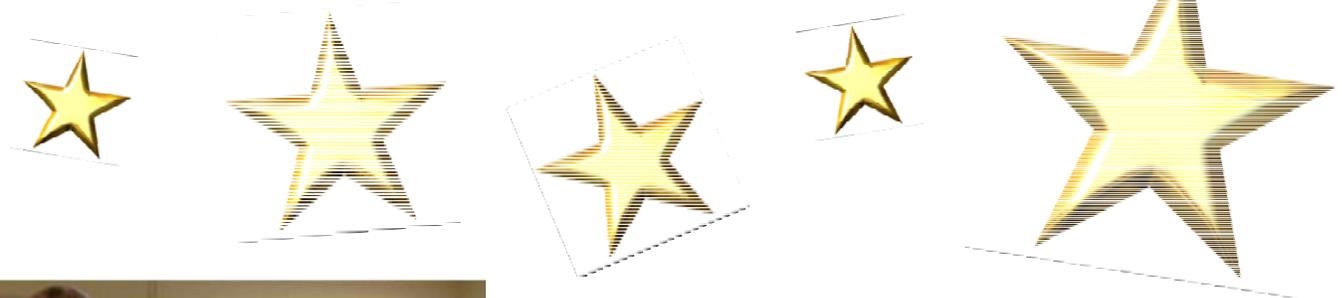


Veronica Hernandez (left) and Michael Crocker (right). Photo credit: Rachel Stone

Congratulations to Veronica Hernandez, custodian with HSC Custodial Services!!

Michael Crocker, manager of HSC Custodial Services, nominated Hernandez and says:

“Veronica Hernandez went above and beyond and was very instrumental to us (HSC Custodial) as well as the Maintenance Department last month regarding the flooding in the Nursing and Pharmacy basement. Veronica came to the rescue and aided in every way possible! She was first on scene, vacuumed all the water up for the Maintenance Department and also assisted with other tasks.”



Billy Hromas (left) and Dennis Roberts (right). Photo credit: Rachel Stone

Congratulations to Dennis Roberts, plumber 2 in Area 4!!

Billy Hromas, manager of Facilities Maintenance, nominated Roberts and says:

“I nominated Dennis primarily because he is the one volunteer on the afterhours call list that consistently responds to calls. When I call him after hours he is always willing to come and help no matter what the issue is. He responds quickly, thinks through the problem, and makes the needed repairs to prevent further issues. He is very communicative and gives me detailed information so that I may pass it along to Area staff the next day.”

Service Building Water Line Breaks

Last Friday, in the early morning hours, a 2" domestic water line broke at the foundation of the Service Building (204). This water line was probably installed when the building was constructed in 1949. Water entered a staff member's office and the basement below. Many stored documents were damaged by the spraying water, but none of The University's architectural plans were damaged. A local document restoration company was called in to preserve the damaged documents.

Area 1 Maintenance and Custodial Services staff responded quickly to the flooding, immediately shutting off the water to the building. Clean up began, fans were placed to dry out the water damage and, furniture was covered to prevent further damage.

Many thanks to Area 1 and Custodial Services for responding so quickly! Great job!



PPD staff member's office. Credit: Mary Clark



Basement of the Service Building. Credit: Willie West

\$200 Medical Premium Rebate

Staff Council has received many questions regarding the pay out of the UNM medical premium rebates for those who participated in the Catapult Health onsite checkups. Here is that information:

Approximately 2 months after you have your screening, you will see your rebate disbursed in the following manner:

- Non-exempt employees will see a \$50 reduction in their health insurance premium over the next four paychecks.
- Exempt employees will see a \$100 reduction in their health insurance premium over the next two paychecks.

The Onsite Preventive Health Checkups are continuing until October 14, 2016. It is not too late to sign up to get your \$200 discount on your UNM medical plan premium. September appointments are still available. October dates are coming soon. [Sign up NOW!](#)

It is recommended that you do not eat or drink anything, other than water, for 10-12 hours prior to your appointment. However, fasting is NOT required. If you choose not to fast, simply let your nurse know at the time of your appointment.

A wellness visit with your primary care provider can also qualify you for the \$200 medical premium discount. If you had or will have a visit between January 1, 2016 and October 14, 2016, have your provider complete the [Primary Care Provider Form](#) and be sure it is received by Catapult Health on or before October 14, 2016.

For more details, please visit [Onsite Preventive Health Checkups and Medical Premium Discount website](#).



September is National Campus Safety Awareness Month



**YOU ARE INVITED TO THE PPD
EMPLOYEE'S SAFETY COMMITTEE**



**VENDOR'S Safety
Exposition**



Wednesday, September 21, 2016
12:30 – 1:30 pm

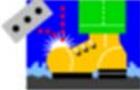
AT THE SERVICE BUILDING'S
WEST PARKING LOT



Several of PPD's Business Partners
will be here to
"Show & Tell"
their latest safety equipment



ICE CREAM WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

As part of [UNM Campus Safety Week](#) held from September 6-9th, there will be a [LoboAlerts](#) drill (campus warning siren system) and a shelter-in-place exercise on Tuesday, Sept. 6 at 11:05 a.m.

Please remember these basic instructions during the drill and in the event of an actual shelter-in-place:

- 1-Move away from glass doors and windows
- 2-Monitor [LoboAlerts](#) or the www.unm.edu for information and updates
- 3-Stay calm and stay put unless there is an immediate need to leave
- 4-Stay put until an all clear notification is received

PPD's Vendor Safety Exposition, hosted by the [PPD Safety Committee](#), will be held on Wednesday, September 21st. PPD's business partners will bring the latest and greatest in safety equipment. It's important that we do our part in keeping ourselves, and the campus community as safe of possible. We hope you can join us!

Finally, beginning in October, Byron Piatt, the University Emergency Manager, will conduct a training session for all PPD staff. This training will include information on emergency preparedness at work and at home. In addition, there will be information provided on what staff should do in the event of an active shooter on campus. More details will be announced once all the training sessions for the various PPD units have been scheduled. Stay safe, PPD!

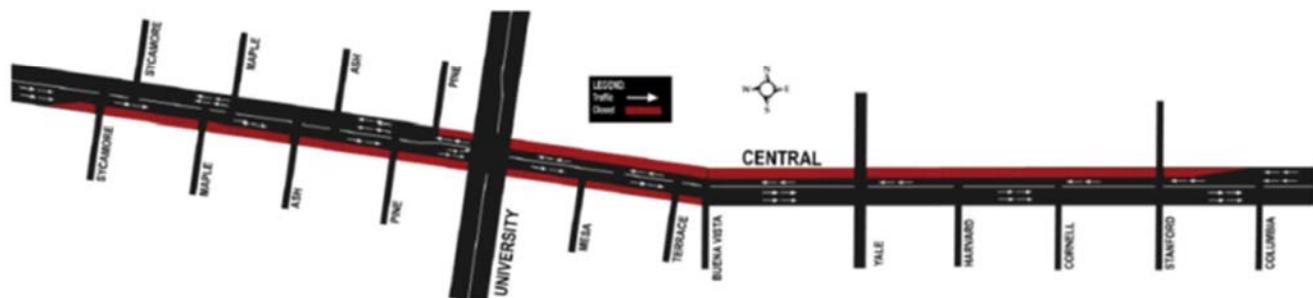


Construction Update: Central Near University

NOTE: All construction is weather permitting and subject to change without notice.

The Water Authority is replacing and realigning old water lines that are in conflict with the proposed ART (Albuquerque Rapid Transit) Project. Construction on this phase of the project is expected to last through **September**, although it could be extended if needed. **Regular work hours are Monday-Friday 7 a.m.-5 p.m.**, however the contractor may work extended hours or on Saturdays if needed.

Week of August 29-September 2, 2016



Eastbound traffic on Central will be reduced to one lane between Sycamore and Buena Vista as crews work to cut and cap old water lines and abandon them in place as well as repair a broken water valve. **Westbound traffic on Central will be reduced to one lane between Stanford and University and between University and Pine** while crews work to cut and cap old water lines and abandon them in place. Both Yale and Stanford will remain open during this work. **ACCESS WILL BE MAINTAINED TO ALL BUSINESSES AND TO THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO.** Area residents and businesses will be notified **in advance** of any planned water shutoffs.

QUESTIONS, CONCERNS OR WANT TO BE ADDED TO EMAIL LIST FOR CONSTRUCTION UPDATES?

Contact Patti Watson, 245-3134; 269-9691; or email pattw@cwastrategic.com.

For more information about ART: call 398-4ART (398-4278) or visit www.brtaq.com.

PPD Promotions

Please congratulate John Couch on his promotion! John was previously the supervisor of maintenance & construction in Area 2, and has been promoted to the interim manager of Area 2. He began his new position on August 22, 2016. Congratulations, John!



Please congratulate Johnny Gutierrez on his promotion! Johnny was previously a utilities plant tech 2, and has been promoted to Master Utility Plant Tech. He began his new position on August 20, 2016. Congratulations, Johnny!

Kudos

Dear UNM Physical Plant Department,

We are sending this letter as a heartfelt appreciation for partnering with the 2016 Traditional Medicine with Borders: Curanderismo in the Southwest and Mexico course.

Thank you for sharing your time to work with us and our students through your cooperation in supplying materials needed, such as trash cans, and for turning off the sprinklers during class hours. We have enjoyed having you with us within the two-week summer course and providing the services to help our course run more smoothly. It is because of you and your hard work that our class was successful.

Thank you again and we look forward to continue working with you in the future.

Respectfully,

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The Physical Plant Department's vision is that our community, state, and national peers will recognize The University of New Mexico's Physical Plant Department as a leader in campus sustainability and facilities stewardship.