



May 19-June 1, 2017

## North Campus Golf Course water conservation project is complete

The Physical Plant Department (PPD) Engineering & Energy Services have completed a project where a 4,700 foot underground pipeline was installed to divert blow-down water from the Lomas Chilled Water Plant to the UNM North Golf Course for irrigation. The conservation project was spearheaded by Bernalillo County and the North Campus Neighborhood Association and was funded by state capital outlay from the New Mexico Legislature.

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The system went online April 17 of this year, and in a month's time has already saved more than 1.5 million gallons of water, dramatically reducing the amount of water pumped from Albuquerque's aquifer to irrigate the popular golf course and open space.

"UNM is pleased to continue our collaboration with Bernalillo County, the state legislature and the neighborhood associations in

maintaining this valuable green space enjoyed by our community," said interim UNM President Chaouki Abdallah. "This project demonstrates the university's continued commitment to conserve resources and promote sustainability on and off campus."

A press conference was held on May 19<sup>th</sup> announcing the project. Bernalillo County Commissioner Maggie Hart Stebbins and President Abdallah spoke about the importance of The University collaborating with local government and community members to protect New Mexico's precious resources.

It is projected that approximately 14 million gallons will be diverted to the UNM North Golf course annually.

The UNM North Golf Course was protected as an Urban Open Space through a special 2012 agreement between Bernalillo County and The University of New Mexico.

The county has invested \$1.5 million to upgrade the Open Space, including a new irrigation system expected to save millions of gallons of water per year; major upgrades to the trail around the course; new trees and landscaping; signage and benches. The Legislature has provided capital outlay grants totaling \$950,000 to the project which have been used to pay for the water conservation project and other upcoming improvements to the trail and urban forest canopy at the Open Space.

To read more and watch a video of the press conference, [click here](#).



## PPD All Stars

The Physical Plant Department's (PPD) "All Star" staff recognition award was developed to recognize employees for being exceptional and to show appreciation for the excellent staff at PPD. 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 May:



Shirley Mitchell, Kristina Rucker, and Daniel Perea. Credit: Rachel Stone

Congratulations to Kristina Rucker who is a service call coordinator in Work Control!! Kristina was nominated by Daniel Perea, and he said:

*Kristina has been a great addition to our Work Control staff. Kristina delivers outstanding customer service and promotes a positive image of PPD over the phone to our customers and the University community. Kristina will often take the extra steps to follow-up with our customers and PPD staff to ensure necessary information is displayed on the work orders for a smooth transition and communication to the various repair centers and Techs. Kristina is also involved with Staff Council in which she strives to be a voice and advocate for University employees.*



Congratulations to Michael Ellis who was a Master HVAC tech in Area 4 (he has recently retired) in Area 4!! Michael was nominated by Vince Chavez, and his supervisor, Joseph Lopez, said:

*Mike is the Area 4 Master HVAC technician. He has over 40 years of experience in the field. There aren't many HVAC systems he hasn't worked on. Mike routinely takes on the tough jobs when other HVAC techs get stuck. Some of our customers call specifically for Mike to troubleshoot their systems. When a 30 year old pneumatic control system on the Radiogenic Isotope Laboratory in Northrop Hall breaks down, Mike gets the call. Many of our HVAC techs have benefited from Mike's experiences. He is always more than willing to share his vast knowledge of the HVAC trade, and all the stories that go along with his 40 years in the field. Mike is an "old-school tech" who likes to be hands-on and teach from the bare bones to make sure you understand what he is trying to show you. He would always say, "If they are willing to listen, I will show them what I can."*



(Left to right) Shirley Mitchell, Michael Ellis, Joseph Lopez, Vince Chavez. Credit: Rachel Stone





PPD’s Car & Motorcycle show a success

The Physical Plant Department’s (PPD) first Car & Motorcycle Show was held on May 19<sup>th</sup> with a total of 22 cars and motorcycles on display. Many attended and were able to mingle, talk about cars, and enjoy the beautiful New Mexico weather.

The idea for this event came from several employees who thought it would be a fun way to bring the PPD staff together and share a hobby that many PPD staff do on their spare time. A special thank you to Daniel Perea for organizing this event, and to Shirley Mitchell who supported the idea of this event every step of the way. Thank you, as well, to everyone who participated. We hope to see you next time!

All of the photos taken from the show can be viewed on [PPD’s Facebook page](#).



*This 1955 Chevrolet Bel Air was brought to the car show by Joe Macias. Credit: Rachel Stone*



*A collection of various motorcycles on display at PPD’s first Car & Motorcycle Show. Credit: Rachel Stone*

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| Daniel Perea        | 1967 Chevelle SS                      |
| Milton Schwab       | 1987 Honda CR500 (motorcycle)         |
| Dave Simpson        | 1965 Chevrolet Corvette               |
| Alexis Lopez        | 1986 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme       |
| Toni Burris         | 2004 Chevrolet Super Sport Roadster   |
| Gilbert Mascarenas  | 1984 Pontiac Fiero Indy 500 Pace Car  |
| Franklin Wittkofsky | 2014 Yamaha 450 (motorcycle)          |
| David Penasa        | 2011 BMW 328i                         |
| Terry Plake         | 1972 Volkswagen Sand Rail             |
| Acacia Chavez       | 1998 Volvo STO T5                     |
| Chris Grotbeck      | 1999 Harley Davidson Fat Boy          |
| Rick Burnette       | 2006 Dodge Viper                      |
| Will Coleman        | 2009 Honda Shadow (motorcycle)        |
| John DeMar          | 1970 Plymouth Road Runner             |
| Jesse Rivera        | 1979 Ford Ranger                      |
| John Reindorp       | 2012 Dodge Charger Super Bee          |
| Dan Montana         | 1970 Chevrolet C10 Pickup             |
| Brian Scharmer      | 1985 BMW K 100 Standard (motorcycle)  |
| Christopher Carian  | 1965 Cadillac Fleetwood Sixty Special |
| Ron Sena            | 1969 Yamaha RD 400 (motorcycle)       |
| Joe Macias          | 1955 Chevrolet 210 Bel Air            |
| Michael Whittner    | 2006 Subaru STI                       |



## Building Coordinator Meeting Scheduled

The Physical Plant Department (PPD) will host a Building Coordinator meeting on Friday, July 28th from 9 - 10:30 am in Woodward Hall. All PPD managers are highly encouraged to attend the meeting.

Any UNM employee who has been appointed as a contact for building issues and communications are encouraged to attend. PPD holds a Building Coordinator Meeting every semester in order to educate and collaborate on a series of important facilities topics.

So far, this summer meeting will cover the following topics:

- Upcoming Smith Plaza renovation
- ART construction updates

The Physical Plant Department is excited and motivated to engage this community and to provide the needed resources to aid in the success of the UNM campus.

For more information on this meeting, contact Rachel Stone at (505) 277-7831 or [racheld@unm.edu](mailto:racheld@unm.edu).

## Thrive Thursday/Financial Friday Seminars

Is your personal “exit strategy” in good order? Help is on the way, including a free lunch!

The June Thrive Thursday / Financial Friday seminars provide basic information about drafting or updating a will, creating an estate plan, how to get started, and the value estate planning can bring to every phase of life, including the legacy you leave for others. Estate planning is not just for wealthy, married, or older people. Most of us have loved ones and things we care about or want to protect, so nearly everyone needs an estate plan, no matter their age or financial stage in life.

The June sessions are from 12:00 – 1:00 pm on Thursday, June 15 (Main Campus, Business Center, EOD 1016) and Friday, June 16 (North Campus, HSLIC Room 428). For more information, participant handouts, and links to attend via Skype or webinar from your desktop or smart phone, visit the [Financial Wellness Program](#) website, [view the flyer](#), or call the HR Service Center at 505-277-MyHR (6947). *Click on the flyer to register and reserve a complimentary lunch!*

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## Estate Planning is for Everyone!

### Thrive Thursday / Financial Friday Seminar Series



*Facilitator: Edwin Fernandez, CPA/PFS, Voya Financial Services*

## Preventive Health Checkups and Medical Premium Credit

Employee Health Promotion cares about your wellbeing and is offering you this convenient, onsite initiative! Take advantage of our comprehensive preventive health checkups to learn more about your health and to earn credit on your UNM medical plan premiums.

- \$200 for eligible employees
- \$100 for eligible spouse or domestic partner

### Quick Steps to Your Health Checkup:

1. Be sure you qualify: onsite preventive health checkups and premium credits are for benefits-eligible employees and eligible spouses/domestic partners enrolled in a UNM medical plan.  
Go to [www.timeconfirm.com/unm](http://www.timeconfirm.com/unm) to sign up for your checkup date, time, and location.
2. Complete your checkup and review the results with a Nurse Practitioner. Your visit will take about 45 minutes.
3. Eligible employees will see the medical premium credit in their paycheck in late fall 2017.
4. Want to improve your checkup results? EHP has several programs to help take charge of your health:
  - [Lifesteps Weight Management Program](#)
  - [Exercise Physiology Lab](#) for fitness testing
  - Individual [nutrition](#) and/or [fitness](#) counseling
  - [WOW Fitness Passes](#) from Recreational Services

If you have questions about the onsite preventive health checkup program, contact UNM Human Resources at 505-277-6947.

## Kudos

Good morning Tom [Tafoya],

Thanks for the invite for the final walk-thru at Dane Smith Hall. Please let the plumbers and electricians and all the PPD team know what a great job they did! We value the Energy Services Team and the rest of PPD who pull off these projects to create energy savings. Keep up the great work!!

Best,

Chris Vallejos

Associate vice president

Institutional Support Services



Hi David [Gauthier];

I wanted to share a few words about Mike [Ellis].

Having a lab like mine is both an amazing asset for UNM and a challenge at the same time. We have built an international reputation in doing high-quality work. We require maintaining an exceptional clean environment to assure getting good data. The quality of our air in our labs is the most critical aspect of this. We have been able to maintain our recognized quality thanks to Mike and others at Area 4. Mike worked with us like a partner who was fully invested in our success. I know that Victor feels the same. I am sorry to see Mike retire, although he has more than earned the right to enjoy his time unburdened. Thank you Mike. We will miss you.

Yemane Asmerom

Professor, Earth & Planetary Sciences



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## PPD Promotions

Franklin Wittkofsky is now a heavy equipment operator with PPD Grounds & Landscaping. He was promoted from a light equipment operator. Congratulations, Franklin!

Isidro Montoya is now a master electrician in Area 4. He was promoted from an electrician 2. Congratulations, Isidro!

Steve Baca is now a master HVAC tech in Area 2. He was promoted from an HVAC tech 2. Congratulations, Steve!

## RMA offers special pricing for credentialing...and it's online

Facilities professionals in today's world need to have a wide range of skills and expertise to be effective champions for facilities management in educational facilities. It is crucial that facilities management professionals be viewed as experts who understand the impact facilities have on the quality of education. This is why the Certified Educational Facilities Professional (CEFP) can elevate the professionalism of our field. The CEFP credential represents the highest standards of performance and understanding in educational facilities management, and demonstrates the individual's commitment to ongoing professional development, dedication, and continuous improvement in the management of educational facilities.

The RMA has arranged for special pricing program for our members, plus a \$150 reimbursement after your registration and purchase! To qualify for the discount, you must request a coupon code at registration.

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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.