



PPD News

Physical Plant Department

Safety Videos available on PPD Safety Committee site

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The PPD Safety Committee has recently compiled a variety of safety videos on their [website](#) to share with employees. This is another way the committee is trying to further their commitment to make The University of New Mexico a safe place to work. Physical Plant employees do a variety of work on campus and some of those jobs require absolute attention to detail in order to keep the employees and the community safe.

Each month, the Safety Committee meets to share information with the various representatives that sit on the committee from across PPD. Representatives are then expected to share information with their prospective areas at regular staff meetings. The current Safety Committee members are:

- Andres Tellez, Area 3
- Arnita Peralta, Main Custodial
- Billy Hromas, PPD Administration
- Darion Lucero, Area 4
- David Jones, Remodel
- Eric Archuleta, Area 2
- Gerald Martinez, Engineering & Energy Services
- Irene Trujillo, Accounting
- Jason Terry, Safety & Risk Services
- Josh Barton-Lujan, Grounds & Landscaping
- Kevin DeLeon, Special Activities
- Mario Valdez, Utilities
- Martin McPherson, Area 1
- Olga Martinez, HSC Custodial
- Rachel Stone, Administration
- Teresa Natera, Human Resources
- Toni Burris, Administration

“The Safety Committee decided to share these videos because all employees need to consistently remember to be safe and think safety, whether they are at work or at home,” says Toni Burris, longtime member of the PPD Safety Committee.

Visitors to the Safety Committee’s site will find videos on back safety and slips, trips, and falls; topics that apply to almost every person who steps foot on our campus. Each month the committee plans to add more videos with a variety of topics to the site to keep the content relevant and fresh.



PPD Holiday Potluck Scheduled

Mark your calendars! It's getting close to that time of year when PPD gets together to celebrate the holiday season. We spend the entire year working hard to take care of our campus and its community. We accomplish a lot throughout the year, so closing 2016 with a celebration is a great way to acknowledge our accomplishments and the co-workers, family, and friends who support all that we do.

The PPD annual holiday potluck has been scheduled for December 21st from 11:30am - 1:00pm. It will be held at the UNM Continuing Education Building. Bring your favorite holiday dish to share, spend time with friends, and make some new ones. We hope you will join us.

All interested staff who would like to attend the potluck are being asked to bring a dish. Please sign up with Mary Ann Montoya at 277-2425 or mannmont@unm.edu.



BeKind UNM teams up with Mayor Berry to promote kindness

One-million acts of kindness. It's not a small number, but Albuquerque Mayor Richard J. Berry and the BeKind UNM team are confident the community can reach this goal.

"You are never too old or too young to implement kindness into everyday life," says Berry who recently launched the new [#ABQKindness initiative and app](#) as a way to encourage kindness throughout our city. His goal is to reach one-million acts of kindness.



The app promotes, tracks, and celebrates acts of kindness across Albuquerque and is available on both Apple and Android platforms. Users can be as simple or detailed as they want when using the app to log their acts of kindness.

To read the full article, [click here](#).

Lobo Gardens gets some 'Tender Loving Care'



Photo credit: Mary Clark

Recycling supervisor, Scott George, joined a group of Sustainability Studies students to weed, mulch, compost, and repair irrigation at Lobo Gardens in preparation for winter. The Lobo Garden is located north of the Huber House, home to [Real Estate Development \(RED\)](#), on Campus Blvd.

The objective of Lobo Gardens is to provide UNM students, faculty and staff with opportunities to educate themselves and their communities about the practices and health benefits of growing one's food in sustainable ways.

George said, "It was my pleasure to participate in the garden clean up last week. It is nice to see a new group of students involved in these types of projects and genuinely engaged in the pursuit of making our campus and community a better place."

Kudos

Hi Vince and Billy,

Our department would like to give a huge thanks to Dennis Roberts, Albert Morgas, Rocky Briggs, Joe Lopez, and Darian Lucero from Area 4 for working after hours to take care of the pipe repair in the second floor bathroom! Not only were they here late, but they were also getting soaked with water as they worked to fix this. I am incredibly impressed with their dedication to their work and our building. Please give a big thanks to your team for doing such an amazing job!

Ellen Peabody
Department of Art & Art History

Dear Victor and Erika,

We are so grateful for Eliseo and Rodolfo, our new custodians who keep everything clean on Friday evenings and Saturday!! It has made such a positive difference to our Music Prep School community to have the end-of-the-week floors swept, toilets cleaned and trash emptied on Friday evening by Eliseo and then to have Rodolfo in the building on Saturday cleaning when I arrive at 7:00 and throughout the day. Rodolfo even gave me his phone #, in case I need him on Saturdays and he is on the other side of the building!

The building looks so much better, which creates a positive impression on the hundreds of people who come in for our classes. Also, it has been a tremendous relief for my staff and me, now that we don't have to empty trash cans, sweep up messes and pick up gross things in the bathrooms. Another bonus is that both gentlemen are kind and pleasant, happy, even! They are wonderful to have around the building.

Thank you for making this happen and much gratitude to Eliseo and Rodolfo for their work.

Sincerely,
Julia Church Hoffman
UNM Music Prep School, Director

Good Morning Victor and Paul,

I just wanted to let you know how much we appreciate having Maria Sanchez at UNM West! She goes above and beyond every day, and is great at dealing with the little details in our building! It is wonderful to have her here!

Kind regards,
Angela Aragon

Good afternoon Jessica [Regensberg] and Crew!

YOU were amazing today! Thank you to your wonderful crew for delivering the tables to Dom. 3010 for the Dean's Staff Award Luncheon. When I arrived, the room was completely set-up and ready. Then after the event, we returned to the room to discover that "magically" everything was placed back. A huge THANKS! YOU all ROCK! Pleasure working with you!

Aline Gonzales- Saiz, M.Ed.
Event Planner
UNM- School of Medicine

Dear Colleagues,

President Frank asked that I convey his sincere appreciation for your on-going work to make sure we serve our energy needs as efficiently as possible. It makes a big difference for all of UNM — for our comfort, our responsibility to the environment, and our budget. Your PNM Energy Star Awards are well-deserved, and are a timely reminder of the thanks we owe to you, day in and day out.

Very best regards,
Amy B. Wohlert, PhD
Chief of Staff
Office of the President

PPD Promotions

Please congratulate Arnita Peralta on her promotion! Arnita was a custodian for Main Campus Custodial Services, and is now a Lead Custodian with HSC Custodial Services. She began her new position on November 12, 2016. Congratulations, Arnita!

Please congratulate Zulema Hernandez on her promotion! Zulema was a custodian for HSC Custodial Services, and is now a Lead Custodian with HSC Custodial Services. She began her new position on November 12, 2016. Congratulations, Zulema!

Building Coordinator Meeting Scheduled

The Physical Plant Department (PPD) hosts a Building Coordinator meeting on Wednesday, November 30th from 9 - 10:30 am at the Reginald Heber Fitz Hall room 303. All PPD managers are highly encouraged to attend the meeting.

Topics will include a presentation from Byron Piatt, University emergency manager, and a variety of other speakers who will discuss the process of completing remodel projects on campus including: Robert Sanchez, PPD remodel manager, Tabia Murray Allred from Planning, Design, and Construction, and Will Monette UNM's electrical inspector, to name a few.

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.

Upcoming Events

- November 24 & 25: UNM Closed
- November 30: Building Coordinator Meeting
- November 30: ISS Social & Happy Hour
- December 2: Hanging of the Greens
- December 15: Graduate Commencement
- December 16: Undergraduate Commencement
- December 21: PPD Holiday Potluck
- December 23- January 2: Winter Break

FSA Open Enrollment Reminder

Tomorrow, November 18th, is the last day of open enrollment for UNM's Flexible Spending Account (FSA) for the 2017 plan year (calendar year).

Enrollment will be conducted online via your LoboWeb employee account, and is available until 11:59 pm on Friday, November 18.

Please visit the [FSA Open Enrollment](#) and [FSA](#) webpages for more information.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call 277-MyHR (6947).



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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.