Goats Returned to Campus for a 3rd Year

Once again a herd of forty goats returned to campus to assist in the clearing of overgrown areas along the campus waterways. This is the third deployment of the goats on campus since 2014. The goats perform a task of devouring invasive plant species like Kudzu, Chinese Privet, Russian Olive, English Ivy, Japanese Stiltgrass and Japanese Honeysuckle. They also enjoy munching on Poison Ivy and Oak as well.

The job the goats perform would require an enormous amount of manpower to perform along with exposing Landscaping Staff to many potential hazards. Once the goats have finished clearing an area it is then able to be maintained using herbicides to spray the invasive plants as they begin to sprout back out.

Over the past two years several new views of the campus waterways have been created through this process by removing the overgrown vegetation that once hid them. It has also improved safety in these areas by improving visibility within them. This year’s target spots are the hillside between Lee III and Kappa St. leading to the Strom Thurmond Institute and the North, East and South sides of the Landscaping Shop Area.

Tommy Fallaw

Core Campus Project

Alpha Beta Road will be closed June 27th—July 22nd, 2016

No access to the Union starting July 4th, 2016

Here’s a glimpse of the project with 32 days remaining

Building A—South West

Building B—West

Building C—North West

Building D—North East

East — Great Hall

From Todd

HAPPY NEW YEAR!
(OK, Happy New Fiscal Year.)

I wish there was time right now to look back on all of the many accomplishments University Facilities has made during the past year, but as you all know, we are involved in so much during these hot summer months it is difficult to take time to look back. However, it is important that you know that many across campus do recognize the tremendous work you are accomplishing. Even a quick walk around will show that the landscape has never looked better, that project work is touching almost every space we care for and that our maintenance, utilities and custodial staff continue to do as they always do this time of year; clean, fix, repair, modify and do everything needed to prepare the campus for the Fall “invasion” that will soon come.

I continue to appreciate the work you do and I am grateful for your willingness to work in a place that must always change to adapt to the needs of the campus. So many in Facilities are willing to do whatever is asked, even when sometimes the reasons aren’t always clear, and I am thankful for your support. To those few who would rather spread frustration, I encourage you to be willing to see the good here at Clemson. There is so much good to be found. We only have to look around to see how much the campus is changing, and as it does, we will have to support that change.

Thank you all for the many “above and beyond” services you provide our campus customers each day. I continue to be proud of this department and I ask for your suggestions and input in how we can be even better going into the New Year; Fiscal Year 2017!
Custodial/Recycling Compliment:

On May 12, 2016, at 4:59 PM, Michelle Piekutowski <mtp@clemson.edu> wrote:

Todd (Barnette),
I wanted to forward the note below to you….Joy said that the custodial staff was one of the best groups that she has trained…they did not complain, they were engaged, and they had great comments. We appreciate all that this group and all of the employees in the Facilities division do for Clemson University!

Michelle

From: Joy Patton
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2016 3:20 PM
To: Michelle Piekutowski
Subject: FYI - CT training

Michelle,
Just wanted to mention that today I co-facilitated a Civil Treatment class of 45 employees from the Custodial area.

The class was wonderful. All of the attendees were engaged and attentive.

Many of the participants asked great questions and had many great insights. I think that they really enjoyed the class and Amber Lange and myself enjoyed teaching them.

Thanks!

Joy J. Patton, MHRD, SHRM-CP | Senior Employee Relations Manager
Office of Human Resources | Clemson University
Phone: 864.656.9403

Utility Maintenance Compliment:

Hi Tony (Putnam),
I would like to extend my gratitude for the work your Utility Maintenance team accomplished on Tuesday, May 31, 2016. Jay Whitmire, Mark McJunkin, Mark Smith, Jonathan Sturmer and Mark Whitmire worked tirelessly for hours to reroute a 6-inch waterline on the Core Campus site. The work was unplanned, so the willingness of the team to stay late into the night to correct the problem shows how dedicated your team members are. Please let them all know how much I appreciate their efforts.

Thank you,
Tommi Jones, PE, LEED AP
Project Manager, Capital Projects

Landscape Compliment:

Hi Billy (Grant),
I just wanted to thank you and the crew who trimmed our bushes, brushed cobwebs off the bldg., and put out new mulch last week. Our Board of Directors toured our place Monday night and they noticed how nice our grounds look.

I appreciate the promptness (almost always immediate) of you and your staff, the efficiency, hard work, and friendliness. Y’all are an exemplary model of how customer service should be.

Thanks, and stay hydrated!
Annette Bassett
Clemson University
National Dropout Prevention Center/Network

Tom Minor Compliment:

Gentlemen:

With this email, I would like to acknowledge the efforts of Tom Minor on the morning of Wednesday, June 15, 2016.

My firm, Bednash Consulting, was contracted by Clemson University to inspect the North and South chimneys located on Klugh Ave. The initial schedule was to inspect the South Chimney on Tuesday, June 14th and the North Chimney on Wednesday the 15th. Due to unforeseen problems with the weather and mechanical issues with the crane, both inspections were pushed to Wednesday the 15th.

But early on Wednesday the 15th, the crane supplier began demanding unreasonable requests from the University which threatened the completion of the project. My calls to Tom Minor at 6:00 am and his actions on that morning to remedy the unforeseen problems we encountered allowed us to complete the project in a safe and efficient manner.

I look forward to working with him on future projects at Clemson University.

Dave Bednash, PE
Bednash Consulting, Inc.

Reminder—Clemson University is a Tobacco Free Campus

All forms of tobacco and smoke-related products are prohibited under the policy. Along with cigarettes, the ban includes chewing tobacco, smokeless tobacco and electronic cigarettes, which have gained popularity as a tobacco alternative.

The policy applies to all university faculty, staff, students and campus visitors and will be in place for all Clemson campuses, as well as university-owned and leased facilities.
Thanks to our Dailey Safety Growl Toolbox we were able to participate in OSHA’s National Safety Stand Down on Fall Protection.

The safety toolbox talks consisted of: Stairways, Ladders, Roofing Safety, Unprotected Floor Openings, Fall Protection, and Preventing Slips and Falls. Also, a part of the safety gap assessment focused on Fall Protection at the new sewer pump station.

Tim Nix

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Congratulations Retirees

- Bill Carson
- David Finger
- Greg Gibbs

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If you have information, an article, upcoming event or compliment you would like included in future Facilitator issues, please send the information to:

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Facilities 2016 Spring Picnic
More from the Spring Picnic

Thank you Vicki for the wonderful pictures!