

## Clemson Game Day Recycling Challenge By: Obryan Machado, Recycling Services



Clemson Tigers set a goal and fought for it. They rolled the tide and claimed our national title! Hosting seven home games, with an average of 81,752 fans in attendance per game, is not an easy task. The logistics behind each game are astounding and often aspects such as waste can be overlooked. Typically fans cheer on the tigers and do not consider where they will put their plates, cups or uneaten food. Here at the Kite Hill Recycling Center, everyone loves the football atmosphere. We know that come football time everyone must be on our "A" game.

### **Clemson achieved second place in this year's Game Day Recycling Challenge—successfully diverting 65,731 pounds of recyclables from landfills in a single game.**

314,916 pounds were diverted throughout the season. Every year there are strides taken to increase diversion rates. We achieved a 61.225% diversion rate with the help of a new tactic/pilot program in one tailgating lot. Employees and volunteers gave tailgaters color coded bags for recyclables, food waste and trash. It reduced the sorting efforts at Kite Hill and created an environmentally conscious fan base that was excited to help the program and ultimately, the universities' recycling goals. This pilot is something that the program would like to develop further, perhaps making all tailgating lots as environmentally friendly and efficient as this one. Outside of the pilot lot, valiant efforts were taken to spread the word about going "All In" on going green. Passing out bags intended for recyclables and food waste was well received by many fans.

The week after a game was just as much of a blur as the games. We were filled with excitement and fueled by competition. Waste was collected and brought to Kite Hill. Here a crew of about 10 people, both employees and students worked 16 hour days to open bags, sort through material, and package recyclables. The University provided Kite Hill with a MRF (Material Recovery Facility) sorting line which allowed a team of about six people to separate recyclable materials into their respective gaylords or containers. The trash falls off the end of the line into a hopper. Full gaylords were loaded onto a truck for shipment and full hoppers were emptied into an open top dumpster.

The incredible part about Kite Hill on a game day week was not the amount of material processed but the hard work put forth by employees and volunteers. Kite Hill never closed normal operations. Recycling routes continued, administration carried on, the students and the community never once complained

about overflowing recycling stations or unkempt grounds. This is a testament to the success of the sustainability program and the university as a whole in pursuing greatness.

The game day recycling challenge experience was difficult, rewarding and fun. It is not easy sorting through tailgate leftovers and endless water bottles. But it is rewarding to know that those materials are being reused and staying out of a land fill. It was fun to meet fans, interact and inform them about saving our resources in the form of recycling. These personable interactions are what drive the movement for environmentally conscious fans like those in the pilot lot.

As for the future, Kite Hill is ready for football season all over again. They are excited for the years to come, they are eager to be the best, and there is no doubt that they will continue to evolve and grow into an example for other universities to follow.

### **Volunteers**



### **Sorting Line**



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John Charles Compliment:

Dear Mr. Lecroy,  
I wanted to make you aware of the actions of one of your employees the other day. John Charles was working on the lights in McAdams Hall. The hallway lighting was out. I had an appointment with a near blind student who walks with a cane for assistance. As my student entered the building Mr. Charles escorted her to my office because he correctly assumed she would have difficulty navigating the dark hallways. She must have mentioned that she needed an advising sheet because after he dropped her at my office he went back to look for an advising sheet. He then came to my office to let me know they were all gone and needed restocking.

I am sure most Clemson employees would go out of their way for my student. I thought it was important for you to know that Mr. Charles did go out of his way to be helpful and accommodating. I and my student both appreciated his kindness and thoughtfulness.

**Gail Grieger**  
Academic Advisor  
School of Computing



Brad and Rusty,

I want to express my appreciation to you and your shops for the help on our projects. All of you guys are working as a team and doing whatever it takes.

“That’s not my job” attitude seems to be a thing of the past. I was most pleased when the Sheet Metal Shop took the time to remove the hundreds of old nails that were left in the rafters at Godfrey before they installed the new duct work. This made the job site much safer and makes it safer for anyone that puts their head above the ceiling from now on. All of the skill, attention to detail, and great attitude is most impressive. We can and do accomplish a lot. My appreciation goes for all. I can’t list every instance that I am impressed, but I do appreciate the effort from everyone. Please share my thanks with the team.

Happy New Year and Go Tigers!

Roger Wiggins  
Project Manager  
Clemson University Facilities



Brian Patterson and Daniel Springs  
Compliment

File under “How to make Clemson undergraduates jump for joy—literally.”

Just wanted to say that our student, Mary Michelle Baghdady, just dragged me over to Freeman Hall as excited as I think I’ve ever seen her so that I could witness the installation of the new exterior light in Freeman Hall! How wonderful! You made both of our days.

We are so very appreciative of your continued efforts to make this happen. I understand that this is a temporary light until the color match one

comes in, but heck, all we care about is the light!

Anyhow, wanted to be sure to share our thanks! Oh, and check out the lovely pic we posted to Twitter and Instagram!

Sincerely,  
**Greg Shelnutt**  
Professor of Art & Chair Art Department



**From Todd:**

Did you hear that...? THEY told me that...! Well, I overheard...! Rumors.

We excel in so many areas, but I wish we weren’t quite so good at creating and spreading rumors. Of course, we are no different than any other large organization. A little gossip just comes with the territory. So I thought I would take a second and address just a few I have heard this week.

**Is University Facilities going to re-organize? You said at Christmas that there would be changes.** Well, no and yes. There is no top secret organizational chart that makes drastic changes that will one day be announced. I don’t see the need. Facilities isn’t broken. In fact, I feel like we are as strong now as we have been in my time here thanks to everyone’s willingness to work together to serve our campus. However, that doesn’t mean that we can’t get better at some things.

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**From Todd continued:**

We have brought some trades in from the Maintenance Areas because there is plenty of work for them to do in their specialty and I think they can do it best when focused on it all day, every day. Another example is that we are creating a Space Resource Office to use the skills of existing staff and others we may need to improve how we collect and use building and room data. There may be other changes but the bottom line is, no huge reorganization; just small tweaks to make us better. Your Directors, supervisors and I welcome input as we look together at these adjustments.

**Somebody told me the Maintenance Areas are going away?** No, no and no. Just because we may move a few specialty trades together doesn't mean the Areas are going away. I see the Areas as vital. Every single person in University Facilities owns the buildings, landscape and infrastructure of this campus, but the Areas are our first line contact for most building needs. Along with our Custodians, I hope they see problems and fix them each day before any building occupant ever notices. Yes, we will have to work through some questions of who does what as we make changes, but I know we will work together so that isn't a problem. You know better than I do, there is more than enough work to go around. One caution, don't ever be the one caught saying "that's not my job, it's theirs." We fix things first and figure out later if there is a more efficient way to get it done. That's one of the ways we remain invaluable to the campus.

**I hear Klugh Avenue and Gentry are moving!** Yes, next question. OK, it is pretty obvious that since the campus continues to grow and expand, the Klugh Avenue folks are sitting on prime real estate. Not only that, but I think we would operate much better on the fringe of campus. Getting our service vehicles and deliveries outside the Core would make it easier on us, as well as safer for everyone. Also, I see a huge benefit in bringing more of us together. There is no substitute for face time and we are all dependent on each other. I think bringing the Gentry staff, Klugh staff and others together will only make us better. The current thinking is a location near the Administrative Services Building, but that is not definite at this point.

There is capital funding identified, which makes it much more of a reality. My best guess is that we relocate within 3-5 years. If that changes, I'll keep you posted.

I hope this helps. I'm always willing to answer questions to dispel rumors whenever I can. If there is something else you think would be worth answering in The Facilitator, let Colleen know at [colleec@clermson.edu](mailto:colleec@clermson.edu).

Thanks for all you do!



**New Hire**

Chad Cobb	West Area
Raymond Rude	Custodial/Recycling
Arturo Sanchez	Custodial/Recycling
Melanie Brooks	Landscape Services

**Congratulations Retirees**

Chester Medlin  
Frankie Pressley



## Birthdays



**February**

2/5	Lisa Ashworth
2/7	Jenny Peay
2/10	Harry Kirby
2/11	Tim Brown
2/13	Jack Patterson
2/15	Brad Newman
2/15	Robert Moss
2/15	Andy Riggins
2/16	Adam Justice
2/18	Stephen Gillam
2/23	Rico Cruz
2/24	Robbie Briggs
2/25	Steve Black
2/26	Raymond Rude
2/28	Greg Telley

**March**

3/1	Brittany Young
3/1	John Morgan
3/5	Joe Deshon
3/5	Greg Lawrence
3/5	Sherry Newton
3/8	Cecelia Jackson
3/10	Chris Addis
3/12	Lisa McElveen
3/12	Jason Humphries
3/12	Donald Eubanks
3/13	Ed Moller
3/14	Lan Chen
3/16	Allen McLane
3/16	Daniel McAnulty
3/18	Cheryl Ruff
3/20	Phillip Addington
3/22	Chris Fleischer
3/22	Wesley Smith

**March Continued**

3/24	Tim Dantz
3/25	Derek Ham
3/25	Bill Muth
3/27	Chad Cobb
3/27	Herb Parham
3/27	Keith Martin
3/28	Odean Bush
3/31	Dwight Watson
3/31	Betty Alexander

**April**

4/2	Ben Bottoms
4/3	Jarvis Dennis
4/4	Vicki Durham
4/4	Rick Owens
4/5	Misty Harrison
4/7	Joe Hightower
4/8	Tom Minor
4/8	Bret McCarley
4/8	Carl Austin
4/8	Tony Cantrell
4/9	Bo Akinkuotu
4/9	Charlie Poole
4/10	Tanya DeOliveira
4/11	Tim Nix
4/13	Jeff Baker
4/16	Marlin Norris
4/19	Ronald Poore
4/21	Judy Austin
4/22	Gary Whitner
4/22	Brady Massey
4/22	Mary Whitner
4/27	Terry Green
4/28	Edna Sims
4/28	Melanie Brooks
4/28	Ashley Reynolds