

THE PROJECT

FACILITIES NEWSLETTER SEVENTEENTH EDITION—APRIL/MAY 2008

APRIL NEWSLETTER CONTEST

We have “hidden” a linked work order in this month’s newsletter. The first FIVE people to find it and follow the instructions will receive leftover Facilities memorabilia (Just kidding, they are sweet prizes)



HEADLINES:

New Facilities Building is on track
Beautification Day coming May 13
New construction projects planned for the Summer

Salt Lake
Facilities Services
Community College

{ DIRECTOR’S REPORT : }

Hi All, I hope you’re all doing well. There is still a lot going on in our Division (and probably always will be). We’re rapidly approaching another Commencement. I appreciate all that each of you do to make things attractive and special for our graduates and their guests. It takes a lot of work to set up the LAC Arena and spruce things up around the building and the entire campus. Keep up the good work and let’s make this an extra special day for our graduates and their guests. We’re rapidly approaching another fiscal year end. Please note the deadlines and cut-off dates given to us by the Business Office. Please watch you purchasing card expenditures, as the billing delay can impact budgets greatly if the purchases aren’t planned into the overall budgets. Please work with your supervisors to ensure purchases are planned for. If you haven’t heard, soon the Redwood Campus will change names and become the Taylorsville – Redwood Campus. Brad Paulson is working with vendors to have the main signs changed out on 2200 West as well as on Redwood Road. They will have the new name as well as the “orbits” logo on them. They should be a nice addition and reflect the strong ties we have to the Taylorsville community.

As you’ve probably noticed, our new building hasn’t moved along very fast. We’ve had some major weather delays but progress should go more quickly now that the weather has improved. The tilt-up walls should be ready to stand on the 22nd of April and the other wall structure as well as the roof structure should move fairly quickly after that. As soon as the structural steel is in place for the roof, the small visitor lot will be paved and that should be an end to the mud and dust on the project. It will be a great addition to the campus and to the Facilities Complex. I’m looking forward to more of us being together at the new location.



Facilities Beautification Day is right around the corner. Make sure you sign up and join us for this great activity. It’s always great to get outside and work together on making the grounds a more beautiful place. We look forward to seeing you there! As we go into the summer season, I hope you’re all able to take some time off and do some of the things you might enjoy away from the workplace. Many have already requested to work 4 day work weeks (10 hours / day). This is entirely up to your supervisor, so work with them on your requests. Keep in mind that coverage must be maintained during the entire work week. I anticipate that this means some will be taking Friday off and some will be taking Monday off. This should be fine, as long as coverage is maintained. We’d like to return to the normal 5 day schedule the week before fall semester begins so that our coverage returns to normal. Enjoy the long weekends and whatever vacation time you’re able to get in.

There will be a lot of construction going on this summer so please be patient with the inconveniences that may be caused. Some of the larger projects will be the piping installation in the tunnel between the AD, CT and TB. Most of this work will be in the new tunnel section. The Taylorsville – Redwood Campus will have the quad fountain rebuilt. This will cause quite a disruption in the quad area. We hope to have it completed by fall. We will be replacing the remainder of the windows at the SCC. Most of this work will occur in the north wing of the building and will take out the old steel sash windows and replace them with more efficient units. This will make the classrooms and offices much more comfortable, as well as increase the aesthetic appeal of the building. Hope you all have a great summer season!
Take care, Bob A.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 13 - Beautification Day & Facilities Lunch
(Meet on the patio East of CT at 8:00; lunch is at 12:00; more info can be found [HERE](#) and sign up sheet is in CT 274)

May 26 - Memorial Day Holiday



Roger's CRITICS CORNER

[★★★★] For the month of April I decided to review the movie Horton Hears a Who. This is a children's movie based on a Dr. Seuss children's book of the same name.

Horton Hears a Who is a wonderful movie about an elephant who finds a clover and soon discovers that a tiny world consisting of "Who's" actually live on the clover. However, the citizens of Whoville are in danger of total destruction unless Horton delivers the clover to a safe haven atop an isolated mountain where the Who's can live safely.

The story line involves the moral dilemma of Horton who must save the endangered who's and try to convince everyone that living creatures actually exist on the clover and they are still people "no matter how small". The Mayor of Whoville must convince everyone in Whoville that he is talking to a giant elephant in the sky and together they are attempting to save Whoville despite everyone's skepticism.

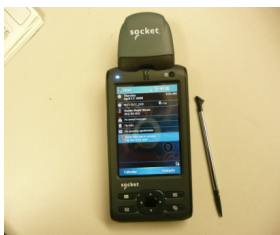
I give Horton Hears a Who four stars for a delightful representation of the book that effectively deals with the moral decisions of choices and doing the right thing no matter what happens. Jim Carrey gives a wonderful innocent representation of Horton and Steve Carrell gives an equally fine voice representation to the Mayor of Whoville. Carol Burnett is wonderfully awful as the cynical Kangaroo mother who tries to turn everyone against Horton and his worthless quest to save the Who's. Go check it out – you'll love it, and so will your children.—*Roger Strate*

40 TIPS FOR A BETTER LIFE:

1. Take a 10-30 minute walk every day
2. Drink green tea and plenty of water
3. Don't waste your precious energy on gossip or negative uncontrolled past events
4. Eat breakfast like a king, lunch like a prince and dinner like a college kid with a maxed out charge card
5. Don't take yourself so seriously

6. Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful or joyful
 7. Frame every so-called disaster with these words: 'In five years, will this matter?'
 8. Forgive everyone for everything
 9. Smile and laugh more
 10. Clear clutter from your house, car
- *Find more [HERE](#) thanks to Carol Bartz for finding these.

Hi Everyone: Well, here we are already in to the last full month of School and the first full month of Spring although the last two weeks have been more "Winter like" than Spring - I hope that all of you enjoy the warm weather (which I believe is still coming) with your families and friends. Since our last newsletter we have had many very exciting things take place here in the Facilities Division; first of all during the month of March we were able to hire several new employees and as a consequence the numbers of open work orders through Sprocket has dropped drastically due to your hard work and willingness to take responsibility for the work requests received here in the FIXIT office. We are currently at the lowest level of open work orders since September of last year. I encourage you all to continue to stay active in completing the work orders assigned to you and closing them out as quickly as possible as well as adding closing comments, or reasons why work that is being done on those requests can't be closed quickly such as waiting on parts or explaining time constraints, etc. We also received twice as many customer service survey forms from the College Community as a whole. I am very pleased to report that of 52 forms received - all 52 reported "Excellent Performance" that is 100% complete satisfaction. I am so proud of all of you and so pleased with your continued excellent performance, thank you so much.



During March my office is continuing to work on the Sprocket Inspections module that will be performed using a small handheld computer that allows the user to answer a few pertinent questions associated with the inspection being performed. Sprocket will generate an automatic work order according to how each question is answered; saving time for the inspector by reducing his/her time at a desktop PC transferring all inspections one work order at a time. We should be able to start using these handheld computers by the end of April. We have

inspection modules for Custodial building inspections, Custodial supply inventory control, Heat Plant meter readings, and the Fire Marshall's office. I want you all to know how much I appreciate each and every one of you and I sincerely believe that I work with the best and most capable people that I have ever had the pleasure to associate with. Thank you again.—*Roger Strate*



DON'T FORGET

To send nominations for the Outstanding Employee award. to Carol Bartz before May 8. Winner will be announced at the Facilities Lunch on May 13. Get the form [HERE](#) or in CT274



NEW EMPLOYEES:

Maria Aguilar	Elena Lopez
Paul Campbell	Erick Lopez
Alejandro Delgado	Rafael Lozano
Sandra Fretes	Ofelia Molina
Jose Gavira	Cesar Moreno
Sang Han	Isael Nunez
Hyun Young Jung	Maria Rangel
Jesus Lopez	Luz Salazar

If there is anything you would like to see in future editions of the Facilities Newsletter or have any comments or suggestions, we would like to hear from you. Please forward any comments to roger.strate@slcc.edu or contact him at x4033.