



THE FACILITIES FORUM

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY FACILITIES

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The Strike Zone:

Every week that goes by I am constantly amazed at the progress we make on a number of fronts. First, there is progress that we are making within the department in terms of processes, systems, and structure. We have made great strides in documenting our workflow in the Planning, Design, and Construction groups. Employees have been working on this for many months and we are much further ahead today than we were this time last year. We have grown our IT group and we are seeing the rewards in terms of systems (e-Builder), fine tuning our web page, and pushing out new software and applications that make us all more productive. In terms of structure the FM group has moved to the Zone structure here in Fairfax and while Tad and team are still working out a few details we are already hearing positive comments from our customers. Second, there is progress being made in terms of our projects. Last month we successfully opened the Peterson Family Health Sciences Hall! Many people don't realize that this is the second largest academic building at Mason. It is over 162,000 square feet, second only to Founders Hall in Arlington. We are seeing progress made in the early phases of Robinson and Infrastructure renovations. This will be a multi-year project right in the heart of the Fairfax campus! It will impact just about everything that happens on a daily basis in Fairfax for years. And I am certain that we, Facilities, will make that project a success as well! Thank you all for everything you do! Sincerely, Frank Strike

Fast Facts:

1. It's official! Thanks to a lot of Facilities employees the Peterson Family Health Sciences Hall is open for business!!! Staff and students began moving into the building last month and classes are now ready to be held. Special thanks go out to Alex Iszard and Annmarie Irwin for heading up the construction phase of this incredible building, as well as, countless others who helped make this a reality! Great job to all!
2. Robinson and Infrastructure yet another major project in the works. These will be a multi-year projects lasting into end of year 2021! We are fortunate to have Cathy Pinskey leading this major effort. What makes it even more complicated is it is happening right in the middle of the Fairfax campus. The Robinson project will provide a new 218,000 GSF building and landscape courtyard and will be constructed on the site of the existing Robinson Hall. The structure will house university classrooms, workplace, the Mason Innovation Exchange, and community spaces. To date for Robinson, we have schematic design submitted and approved and have our preliminary design submission going to BCOM within the next week or so. We'll keep you posted on how this proceeds. As for the Utility Infrastructure portion, much of the underground piping in the Fairfax Campus core has been there since the university's central plant was constructed in 1974. The primary purpose of this project is to replace this aging infrastructure. There are 4 main components to the project: 1. Roger Wilkins Plaza Replacement and Expansion, 2. Underground Utility Replacement and Expansion, 3. Chilled Water Building Feed Replacements, and 4. High Temperature Hot Water (HTHW) Piping Upgrade in Commons Housing.

Employee of the Month:



Facilities Employee of the Month for February is Kelly Hayward Stone, Facilities Customer Service Center Supervisor! Kelly was nominated by Steve Pulis and her team. Kelly assisted in a number of transition issues this past quarter to include the move to Zones, and the motor pool move. Stop by and congratulate Kelly on being recognized as EOM!

Recent Hires and Transfers

- Kevin Brim - Supervisor, Recycling and Waste Management
- Kristan Hinders - Records Specialist, I&R

Upcoming Events:

- 2017 W2's are now available on Patriot Web. To access your W2 simply follow the instructions below:
 1. Log in to <https://patriotweb.gmu.edu>
 2. Click on "Employee Services"
 3. Choose "Tax Forms"
 4. Choose "W-2 Year End Earnings Statement"
 5. Select the tax year "2017" from the drop-down menu and print.
- Sign up for "A Seat at the Table" a university side program to explore how you as an employee experience work and well being here at Mason! This program will bring together a diverse group of classified staff for these discussions and your meal is FREE! Sign up sheets are posted on bulletin boards around Facilities. We encourage you to sign up and participate!
- Please see the HR website for the new rules for claiming Exemption from Federal Tax Withholding. Those employees who claim exempt must submit a new Form W-4 by February 15 each year if they wish to claim exempt for the current tax year. If the employee does not submit a new form by that date, Payroll will withhold at the single filing status with no allowances. Please remember you can update your Form W-4 online in Patriot Web Self Service.

Department Spotlight



It's official! We have a beautiful new building that is now open for service on the Fairfax campus. Peterson Family Health Sciences Hall is the second-largest academic building (coming in at 162,000 square feet) on any of George Mason University's four campuses—only Founders Hall in Arlington is larger, said Alex Iszard, associate director of contracts and finance at George Mason and the project's manager. The university broke ground on the building in June 2015.

The building cost \$71 million, with \$62 million coming from the commonwealth, and \$9 million from private donations, including \$8 million from the Peterson family, led by Milt and Carolyn Peterson of Fairfax, Va. Thanks to everyone in Facilities that had a hand in this major project!