

## JMU Facilities News May 2017

### Hillside Water Main Break

Late in the afternoon on Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> Work Control was notified of water coming up through the parking lot adjacent to the Hillside dorm. Upon investigation it was found that a main water line belonging to the city of Harrisonburg had a substantial leak that would require excavation and main line repair.

As we have all come to expect, JMU Facilities Management staff responded with speed, dedication and the willingness to do what it takes to get the job done. The water supply to Bell & McGraw Long dormitories was shutoff to allow access to the leak. The repair was completed well after midnight with many of the FM staff still onsite, staying late to make sure that all affected student areas were back to normal operation.



Residence Life was very appreciative of FM's response and made mention that it was a reflection of the work that is done every day by this department. Jeff Price, Merlin Deputy, Jack Martin, Asllan Shabani, Tom White, all of the night shift utilities, landscaping staff and Matthew Jefferson were noted as being responsive, proactive and considerate.

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### Newman Lake Fountain



A highly visible and inspirational focal point on campus, the Newman Lake fountain is regularly enjoyed by thousands of university students and visitors each year. With the fountain pumping nearly 470,000 gallons of water a day 35 feet into the air, it is a remarkably simple bit of engineering. Building Safety Technologies (BST) and shop supervisor, Brian Clements, are tasked with maintaining and servicing the fountain. This requires great care, especially when removing the fountain for cleaning or repair. A large lift is used to help remove the assembly from the lake before it is trucked to a station on campus for power washing, disassembly, and inspection. The unit is then reassembled and transported back to Newman Lake for connection to its tie down points and final positioning in the center of the lake. The entire process takes a few days to complete.

Held in place by several purpose-shaped concrete mooring points, the lake currents and high winds rarely move the fountain from its pristine locale in the center of the lake. There are occasions, such as this past winter, when the fountain is displaced. Despite the challenging weather conditions, the BST Shop quickly devised a temporary mooring system to keep the fountain properly situated until warmer days would allow for a more permanent solution. With the addition of several five-gallon buckets of concrete, a temporary anchor was formed and shackled to the fountain platform to prevent further twist of the cables and submergence of the floats. With the fountain righted, the assembly continued pumping 19,500 gallons an hour, with just a single day of inactivity for the whole repair process.

Brian and his team in BST are among many here at Facilities Management that successfully perform their jobs behind the scenes, enabling the beauty and functionality of the campus to endure.

### Open Enrollment for Benefits Changes

Open Enrollment runs May 1-15 this year with all changes needing to be made on *paper forms*. For your convenience, a Benefit Specialist, along with Michael Glover, our Aflac representative, will be in **USB 102 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, May 3 and Tuesday, May 9**. For additional information, please visit our [Open Enrollment website](#). Some frequently asked questions/answers:

- Do I need to do anything if I'm happy with what I have? *No*.
- Do I need to re-enroll in my Flexible Spending Account for it to continue? *Yes*.
- Who do I call if I have questions? *The Benefits Team at (540) 568-3593*.

## New Hires



(L-R): Craig Short (FM Director), Jake Krug (Transportation), Eva Aguiriano (Hskp), Alejandra Molina (Hskp), Jeff Lambert (Hskp), Cherry Herring (Hskp), Lori Allman (Hskp), Megan Pence (Hskp)



(L-R) Front row: Kelsey Yancy (Hskp), Morgan Keplinger (Hskp), Amber Hamilton (Hskp) Back row: Chris Shackelford (Hskp), Austin Gordon (Landscape), Sam Reedy (Landscape)

## Announcements

- ◇ [Employee Appreciation Day](#): Thursday, May 11, 9:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m. *Karaoke is back!*
- ◇ **JMU Facilities Summer Maintenance Schedule**: View planned summer projects on [FM's website](#).
- ◇ **Retirement**: Linda Varner—Housekeeping, 10 years
- ◇ **Administration & Finance Meeting** has been canceled due to a change in the academic calendar
- ◇ [Connections Day](#) for new staff will be Wednesday, June 7

## Caught in the A.C.T.: May Recipients

Lisa Roach—Housekeeping  
Bennie Wheelbarger—Garage  
Bobby Morris—Garage  
Terry Nesselrodt—Garage



See FM's [Caught in the A.C.T.](#) site for more information

## New HR Assistant



Dakota Vanker is the new wage Human Resources Assistant for JMU Facilities. She is a 2013 graduate of the University of South Florida with a degree in Mass Communications. Most recently, she worked for an executive recruiting firm as a Recruiting Administrator. Prior to this, she worked in higher education as an admissions officer and as an account coordinator for a communications company.

Dakota grew up in Tampa, Florida as the youngest of five children. She has been married to her husband Nick for three years and they have one child together. Her hobbies include swimming, community theater, writing and watching baseball and hockey.

Dakota's position will provide assistance in many areas of human resources to include involvement in the recruitment process, processing ePARs, completing references and background checks, assisting with trainings, various clerical duties and providing customer service to JMU Facilities.

## JMU Facilities Birthdays for May

Julie Dove 5/1	Andrew Schaefer 5/1	Timothy Johnson 5/2	Aldine Cubbage 5/4	Megan Pence 5/4
Barbara Strickler 5/4	Glen Smith 5/5	Steve Starick 5/5	Nathaniel Valentine 5/5	Betty Lee 5/6
Willie Foy 5/7	Joshua Holcomb 5/7	Sophalack Morrow 5/7	Scott Williams 5/8	Anthony Madden 5/9
Stacie Counts 5/10	Teresa Crites 5/10	Teresa Fansler 5/10	Lori Hornick 5/10	Fred Mason 5/10
Tom Templeton 5/10	Joe Burbank 5/12	Matilda Honeycutt 5/12	Shannon Airey 5/13	Tracy Caplinger 5/13
Ken Crider 5/13	Cody Warlitrner 5/13	Linda Eppard 5/14	Hardy Nalasw 5/14	Jeremy Thompson 5/14
Ryan Price 5/15	Habibe Shabani 5/15	Judith Madden 5/16	Red Comer 5/17	Charles Grimm 5/17
Jeremy R Miller 5/18	Joyce Hansbrough 5/19	Adam Knighton 5/19	Donna Simmons 5/20	Eric Yount 5/20
Jeremy Andrew 5/21	Kevin Barb 5/21	Rodney Lam 5/21	Jo Ann Puckett 5/21	Shirley Eckard 5/22
Patrick Puffenbarger 5/22	Brandon Howdyshell 5/23	Kelly Lam 5/23	Cathy Roadcap 5/24	David Curry 5/25
Gladys Melendez 5/26	Frank Viscomi 5/26	Mike Derrow 5/27	Giancarlo Antonnicola 5/28	Helen Elliott 5/28
Marcus Knicely 5/28	John Khamphavong 5/29	Christa Reedy 5/29	Harrison Herring 5/31	Victor McManaway 5/31