



Service Rooms—Safety First

Facilities Management has put a program in place to clean and tidy up all service rooms throughout the university in an effort to make them safe for all employees and contractors using them. Good housekeeping is a good practice whether at work or at home to help ensure a safer environment for those sharing these spaces. We are having great results by your efforts to help us achieve this goal and appreciate your co-operation. It will be a long road to complete this, but the end result will be a much safer and cleaner place to work.

We currently have a metal recycling container in place to rid of any unwanted metals left around in service rooms. This started out as a pilot project to provide a location for this metal, but we are finding this is much needed to make us a more sustainable university.

Custodians Contribute

The custodians of the central zone contributed 9 \$20 Wal-Mart gift certificates to the Christmas Program of The Salvation Army in December. The Salvation Army were appreciative of this effort to brighten someone else's Christmas and thanks the custodians.



Jeans Day Fund

FM staff contributed \$560 to the Single Parent Association in December from donations to the Jeans Day Fund. SPAN advised that this money would help four or five families have a better Christmas. Above from left to right are Yvette Walton of SPAN and Kim Fowler and Gennie Howell of FM.

Let's Talk Shop

Facilities Management welcomes the following employees:



Admin Services: Marlyce Poole, Wayne Pinsent
CEP: Toby Pollett, Stephen Kennedy, Stephen Marsh

Electrical Shop: Michael Whelan, Tim Horlick, Michael Dunphy, David Wright, Leah McBreairty, Michael Holloway, Jordon Doody, Anthony Glover, Sheena Miller

Mechanical Shop: Steven Gear, Tyler Sheehan

FM is happy to announce that the following employees accepted permanent positions in this department:

Carpentry Shop: Craig Legge

Grounds: Greg Hynes

Letters

To Bob Walsh, Manager of Bldg Srvs & Grounds, from Monica Kearsey, Co-op Education Srvs Centre

I wanted to send a note to you saying how much we appreciate the hard work that Randy White and Greg Hynes put in here at Memorial. They came over the other day to move filing cabinets for us and they were very accommodating and pleasant to deal with. We can always depend on them when we have the various functions on campus. They are a great asset to Memorial.



To Bob Walsh, Manager of Bldg Srvs & Grounds, from Kim Kelly, School of Social Work

Thanks so much to you Bob and your team for all you do for students to help them become successful at Memorial. FM is an essential facilitator of problem solving and seeker of solutions, and I know you are very proactive as well. I have certainly witnessed hundreds of instances over the years of the great helpfulness, care, and concern of the FM team. We are so appreciative of the partnership and support. It is a privilege to work with you and your team.

To Stacey Myers, Admin Services, from Academy Canada

As the holiday season approaches, there is always so much activity and personal business to attend to that it is easy to forget to thank our valued supporters, like you, for your participation in the success and future of our students. You are providing these students the experience they need to have successful futures. Thank you for your continued support.



Community Garden

Interested in having your own plot at the Memorial University Community Garden this year? Deadline for applications is Friday, March 25, 2011. Current Memorial students, staff, and faculty are eligible to apply, and you can apply as an individual or share your plot as part of a group.

Go to www.mun.ca/communitygarden. If you don't have access to a computer and would like to sign up, drop by the Sustainability Office in FM2040. All successful applicants will be contacted and will then be required to sign a member contract that outlines the rules and responsibilities for gardeners.

To keep in touch with what's happening at the garden, join the Community Garden mailing list by sending an e-mail to listserv@mun.ca, leave the subject line blank, and type **subscribe community-garden-1** in the body of the message.

Fire Alarm System Upgrade

The University's fire alarm system is in the process of being upgraded with fibre optics for communications purposes. Our electrical staff, who are working on this project, were required to be trained in fibre optic splicing and terminating. This system will be robust and will provide a secure emergency response notification option that can be added relatively quickly and economically to provide coverage to the entire campus through audio components. Selectable prerecorded messages will be available for numerous emergency possibilities via the new audio components. A microphone(s) will also be available for nonstandard announcements. Messages will be able to be sent to any or all zones in any or all facilities. Fire alarm messages would be automatically issued by the system. This switch to speakers will be a favourable enhancement for fire alarm messaging as current beeps could be replaced with actual messages.

