



Facilities Management

MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Quarterly Newsletter - January 2015

Special points of interest:

- **Facilities — Building 21's Move and New Energy Features**
- **Roundabout Update**
- **Building 1's New Student Lounge**
- **Building Services and Grounds Update**
- **Employee Welcome and Continuing Education**

Reminder

We encourage you to use the Maintenance Request Form. <http://www.monroecc.edu/depts/facilities/form.htm>

This will help us track your need (s), while measuring our internal goal of responsive, timely, and reliable customer service.

We value your feedback! Filling out the work order survey will also help us know how we are performing. Thank you for helping us be your trusted Facilities Team.

Paul Wurster
Assistant Vice President,
Facilities

Facilities/Public Safety - Building 21



Building 21 is Ready for Move-In

Construction on the Building 21 addition has finally been completed. A few punch list items remain and adjustments are being made to the heating system to fine tune it. The goal for this project is still to achieve a Leed Gold accreditation.

The moving in process will start in the last week of January. The first moves will be the Facilities office and the Engineering Services office. The various offices of Security will follow as we approach the winter break week. By the end of the winter break we should all be settled in. We can all be reached at the same phone numbers but here are our new locations;

Public Safety 21-140

Facilities Management 21-210

Environmental Health and Safety 21- 230

Facilities Engineering Services 21-240

Problem-Free Roundabout

Last May we began work on the roundabout to relieve traffic congestion at Campus Drive entrance. By reducing the speed of cars upon entering and exiting, it has turned out to be a successful solution as there have been no recurring accidents.



Energy in Mind

Our renovated Facilities building boasts some new energy efficient features that make it unique on campus. The most interesting one (for all you architecture enthusiasts), is that the structure has been built on the inside of the building, instead of within the walls. What that means is that all the heavy steel infrastructure is on the inside of the building and kept warm. In a traditionally constructed building, the columns are located in the walls and often are both on the inside and outside of the walls. In this design, the cold passes right through the columns from the outside to the inside. In our building the outer skin is highly insulated and protects the interior from getting cold. The building steel actually stays as warm as the interior and doesn't transmit the cold inside.



Mary's Design Challenge

After the reconstruction of the main entrance of Building I, Doug Ford, Facilities Director of Physical Plant asked our recent Interior Design graduate and Facilities Clerk, Mary Ranghelli, to design the student lounge space. This opportunity was just what Mary was trained to do. With three walls of glass and a decided location for vending machines, she created a space for students to relax and collaborate.

Beginning with the view, Mary was inspired by the green area outside and researched window films that would bring the outside in. From the classic mosaic patterned floor to the mosaic designed glass film, a subtle transition of the outside transformed the light within the room. Mary followed the post-modern designs she learned in her MCC classes. She added the pop of colors from the film in her choice of orange, green, and black furniture. Each piece serves well for functionality with laptop tables on chairs and other collaborative seating. As a result, this area is a favorite with students and staff.



Grounds Update

Burr...it's been a very cold winter season so far in the Rochester area and here at M.C.C. We have had only 38" of snow so far this season as compared to 52" this time last year. However, we still have applied some 375 (50lb.) bags of sidewalk ice melting products and some 100 tons of bulk highway salt so far to keep our campus as snow/ice free as possible. One thing to keep in mind: sensible salting and sensible driving do go hand in hand while driving on campus.

Some other tasks we complete when not dealing with the outside elements is repairing, sanding, and staining the many wooden picnic tables on campus. We also prune many trees and shrubs and check for disease before it spreads.

Throughout the winter we also maintain the many pieces of facilities equipment that we use on a daily basis. And along with that we inspect, repair, and make ready our mowers, turf and construction equipment and various implements so that they are ready to go for the Spring season.

Building Services

Student Aides are Worldwide!

In June of 2014 we hired Felix Kemboi and Jeremiah Megak as student aides. They are from Kenya, Africa. If you have a chance – please say “hi” to these two polite personable hard workers!

We have learned much from them. Kenya a British Colony, until independence in 1963, is about the size of Texas. Largely divided into three linguistic groups; Bantu, the Nilotes and the Cushites, there are 42 Tribes. Although very fluent in English, their home language is Swahili. We discovered that often in the cities the electric and water utilities would shut off or be on a rationing schedule and in the countryside, Felix’s family had to walk distances to obtain water!

Jeremiah, 25, came here in August of 2013 from Nairobi, Kenya but his ancestry comes from Kisumu, Kenya. He has some family here though his mother a business woman, remains in Kenya. Jeremiah considers himself a city guy. He says that he misses the walking around; things there are closer and their mass transit easier to use than ours in Rochester and since there is more driving here, he senses less social interaction. His future plans include staying in the U.S. where he has plans to go on in his education in pre-pharmacy and perhaps become a physician’s assistant. After his MCC graduation he’d like to move to the warmer western US!

Felix, 22, came here 2 ½ years ago. His father who has been here for 15 years, and went to school here brought Felix over to obtain his education. His hometown is Eldoret, a farming community. When asked what he misses about Kenya it is the farming of dairy cattle and vegetables with his grandmother. In a rural setting such as he had he also enjoyed hunting deer and rabbits and believe it or not, running, for fun. Felix’s future? He is considering nursing, has relatives in Georgia where he’d like to continue that pursuit.

They both say that a couple of differences are that the weather in Kenya is so VERY much warmer then here. They hadn’t seen or experienced snow before, definitely a shock to their systems. They also sense more personal security here than in Kenya, which has Somalia as a neighbor.

Having them work for us for the past 6 months has been a joy and a real positive experience for us all. We appreciate their attitudes and ambitious work ethic. Whenever we need them they are there and eager to help. Can’t expect more than that from a student aide!



Continuing Education

Paul Wurster and Travis Sleight attended APPA Leadership Training & Institute seminar this January.

Mike Wichtowski and Greg Nickason re-certified for Licensing for Pesticides through the NY DEC.

Scott Geitner and Chris Doles have updated their NYS certification for backflow prevention this January.

Jim Coon and Rick Loveland attended a 4-day APPA Supervisor Toolkit Training Seminar in January.

Welcome New Employees

Travis Sleight – hired 1/02/15 as Facilities Energy Manger

Jeff Rice – starting 2/09/15 as Maintenance Mechanic III