



Facility Services Spring/Summer Project Update June 22, 2022

Atlantic Street Renovation Project Completion

- Landscaping work continues. The rock wall around the center entrance is complete except for the concrete cap that will be poured in the next couple of weeks. Sod should be delivered and installed by the end of the month.

Tree Health and Management

The following trees have been removed due to poor health or safety issues in consultation with the DNRC arborist:

- Two pine trees between the Bridenstein House and the Family Housing building due to their roots compromising the main sewer line in this area of campus;
- A damaged ash tree with split limb next to the Bridenstein House fence;
- A cluster of ash trees at the entrance of the old motor pool parking lot that had grown into the power lines above and caused access issues.

Block Hall Renovation Project Status Update

- Interviews with four architectural engineering firms is scheduled for June 30th. A firm is expected to be under contract by the end of July to provide engineering schematic design and cost estimations for the Block Hall Renovation Project.
- It is anticipated that the bid for contractors will then be issued sometime in January/February 2023.

Heating Plant Upgrade Project

- The utility tunnel and sewer line have been excavated and exposed west of the heating plant. This site will be left open for several weeks until contractors are able to make the mechanical connections to the utilities. This excavated area is fenced off and will not impede any foot or vehicular traffic.
- The new boiler has arrived and is staged east of the building in shrink wrap. It will remain there for at least a month as we wait on other pieces of equipment that need to go into the building first.
- The next couple of weeks will see a lot of activity around the “chip” building as this area is being reconstructed to house the new deaerator and surge tanks.

Landscaping near Dining Hall Entrances

- Landscaping is 100% complete. Area remains taped off to foot traffic to allow the new grass to mature.

General Grounds Update

- We rented a mini-excavator this past week and you will see where various areas of campus grounds have been dug up in preparation for either new sod or plantings. New plantings and decorative rocks were added on the north side of the SUB and numerous juniper bushes were removed from around the STC and the SUB in our efforts to thin out some of the over growth.
- The campus grounds are in great shape which is a testimony to our shorthanded grounds crew. Our biggest challenge is staying ahead of the mowing and weed control with our limited resources, both in personnel and equipment.

Future updates from Facility Services about the projects listed above and other upcoming projects will continue to be provided this summer. For more information, please email UMW Director of Facility Services, Michael Brown: michael.brown@umwestern.edu.