

FMPC NEWS

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Introduction It is hard to believe that it was only this past March that we were preparing for commencement and the usual summer onslaught of FMPC work. Then COVID-19 hit and all plans were turned upside down, it has been a wild time since then. Things we previously counted on as being certainties were no longer so. We have found that decisions/things can change in a matter of days or even hours. It has been, and still is a scary environment, no one knows what is going to happen, we can simply do our best to prepare for and mitigate whatever comes our way to ensure we are all as safe as possible.

Our department has stepped up to the challenge in so many ways. It bears taking a few moments and look back with pride on all that we have accomplished in those few months since COVID-19 hit and turned our world upside down. Not only have we accomplished the 'usual' summer workload but also put into place whatever we can do to make our campus as safe as possible for this coming Fall semester for ourselves, our colleagues and our community. None of us were/are experts in any of this but we learned, knuckled down and came up with solutions. These are some of the preparations we have made:

Custodial -

- Revised custodial services to focus more on 'health and safety' cleaning and disinfecting.
- Added weekend (S&S) custodial coverage to all traditional dorms as well as five academic buildings; Sally, PPHAC, CHoS, Johnston Hall and Breidegam.
- Created custodial process/policy for addressing potential COVID-19 positive cases.

HVAC-

- All HVAC units have been serviced and filters have been changed. All coils have been sanitized wherever possible.
- MERV 13 filters are on order, and will replace the current new filters as soon as they arrive.

Physical Changes -

- 20 housing units, each with individual private entry, bedroom and restroom have been identified and prepared as isolation housing.

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Announcements

WELCOME TO THE TEAM

Andrew Gabovitz -
Building Services Technician

AWARDS

Robin Foulk -
2020 Louis J. Mirra Award



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Jamie Breidinger and her husband Anthony Smith for tying the knot on September 5th.

Congratulations to Jon Regits on the birth of his baby girl Ella born on June 25th.

- Sanitization stations have been installed in all classrooms, gathering spaces. Sanitization stations include sanitizer, towels and trash bin.
- Sneeze guards have been deployed around campus wherever face-to-face interactions are anticipated.
- Classrooms and other gathering spaces have had density calculations compiled. Those density maximums have been posted.
- Directional signage is up in buildings.
- Furniture removed or signed for use or not to be used.
- Tents are up on campus - Main, Hurd and West campuses.

PPE -

- FMPC has procured an inventory of sneeze guards, sanitizer, soap, paper towels, masks (including KN95s and cloth masks for faculty and staff), gloves, face shields (added protection for FMPC and tool for hearing impaired students), goggles, tyvek suits, contactless thermometers for the use of not only FMPC but the Moravian College community at large.
- 'Emergency PPE kits' have been created for Moravian College 'first responders' use. The kits consist of a 'grab and go' sealed bucket containing several sizes of gloves, tyvek suit, shoe covers, masks, goggles, face shields, disinfectant and towels.

Transportation -

- Shuttle capacity has been reduced to 50% with the seat behind the driver remaining empty. Seating is to be one person per bench.
- Plastic shields have been installed behind the drivers seat on all shuttles.
- Masks will be required in order to ride the shuttle. Drivers will wear masks.
- Disinfecting wipes will be available on all shuttles as well as disposable masks for student use if they forget their masks.

Well done everyone, thank you all for your hard work, take a moment to pat yourselves on the back, and please stay safe.

Operations

The Structural and Mechanical Trades personnel have been extremely busy getting our campus ready for the return of our students, faculty, and staff. In addition to our typical summer work of getting the housing and classrooms ready, the Structural Trades technicians have been installing extra soap, sanitizer, towel dispensers and new signage throughout campus while the Mechanical Trades technicians have been diligently checking, replacing the air filters, and sanitizing our HVAC equipment. This hardworking group completed well over 4,400 Schooldude requests since August 2019. Some additional accomplishments worth noting include getting the Isolation Houses ready (hopefully we will not need them), installing plastic sneeze-guards both on the shuttle buses and in other areas on campus, and providing support for the numerous projects that have been completed over the last few months.



Employee Spotlight

Stephen Barron

After serving the college for 30 years, Stephen “Stevie” J Barron announced his retirement effective July 10, 2020.

Stevie joined Moravian College on May 3, 1990, as a custodian for what was then known as Plant Services. He is a past recipient of the Louis J Mirra Award. This award was established in 1995 to recognize an outstanding member of the Facilities Services/Campus Safety Support Staff.

Stevie’s work ethic and attention to detail helped to make our campus shine. While he wore many hats in the cleaning process, he had a special knack for carpet care. If Stevie could not remove a stain from a carpet no one could!

Stevie brought a smile to many with his great sense of humor and he was knowledgeable in many subjects. He enjoyed sharing that knowledge with co-workers and students. It has been noted that he had some intense debates with professors in the Blue and Grey Café.

Thank you Stevie for being a friend and colleague to the faculty, staff and students, and for all of your years of dedicated service to Moravian College.

Transportation

Special thank you to the shuttle drivers for adapting quickly, and becoming a critical part of our cleaning and disinfecting team that allowed us to start the fall semester on time and in person.

Thank you to all! The shuttle route has been modified, seating capacity has been reduced, and disinfecting kits have been installed on all shuttles.

Orientation & Move in

A special thank you to all of our FMPC staff members who worked extra hours and contributed to help get our campus ready and help the students and their families return to campus. THANK YOU for all your time and effort!



Custodial

A Texas newspaper, *The Corpus Christi Caller Times* (September 1953), reported on a speech made by John Thomas, the coach of the Green Hornets football team, who was quoted as saying, “When the going gets tough, the tough gets going.” This phrase could not be more true when speaking about the dedicated performance of our FMPC Custodial Team, especially in the midst of Covid-19.

Despite having worked only one day that first week when Governor Wolf first laid out Covid-19 guidelines back in March, and being set back additional weeks waiting to have complete access to summer clean student housing, the Custodial Team has stepped up in big ways to have all living spaces and common areas cleaned and disinfected for our students to return to campus.

Resilient in their work each custodian and building technician was committed, from the onslaught of Covid-19, to work through these uncertain times preparing campus for a new fall semester – 2020 style. Outside of normal vacation plans and personal time each team member was prepared to give it their all. Many worked overtime while others switched up their normal hours to meet the needs of the institution.

Besides cleaning and disinfecting all traditional and suite style housing members of the custodial team also cleaned and disinfected: academic

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spaces, bookstore apartments, widow's house apartments and overnight suites, guest housing, summer student housing, twenty areas for quarantine housing, and all transportation buses. In addition, the team also delivered hand sanitizing/disinfecting products to many areas, delivered facemasks, shields, gloves and set up PPE such as sneeze guards and this incredible team also graciously extinguished many other day-to-day fires.

Tammy Cohen said, "A great employee is like a four leaf clover, hard to find and lucky to have." Thank you for your dedication to serve on the front lines at Moravian College.

Grounds & Delivery

The grounds staff have been busy planting flowers around the campus that were grown in the new hoop house. Groundcover plants were also added as well to the campus landscape in many places to enhance the beauty of our campus. The grounds staff also gave a new look to the front of Colonial Hall and the steps near Jo Smith. Our delivery staff also have been busy helping prepare for a welcome return of our students.



Planning & Projects

- Hurd camps heating/cooling project is more than 50% complete. Super Heat has just about finished work in South Hall (which includes the addition of air conditioning) and is continuing work in West Hall to replace the boiler system.
- Parking lot X expansion is complete and has added 62 parking spaces to accommodate overflow from the SMRC parking lot.
- Nitschmann dorm received new carpet, paint and light fixtures. Hillside and Townhouses received new flooring.
- The drainage problem in front of Reeves Library has been corrected, so no more bird baths. Even following the recent tropical storm and over 6" of rain, the new drains performed as designed.
- We have a new tenant at the Book Shop dining location, Randevoo, who required HVAC upgrades to the kitchen.
- Comenius windows installation is complete! This is the third and final summer of a phased project to replace all of the windows on the west elevation.
- The combination of two separate gifts and additional funding from the FMPC budget facilitated the Borhek storm window repair. The wood storm window trim has been scraped, repaired and painted giving the building a much needed facelift.

- Johnston Hall traditional bench-style bleachers were replaced with units with individual seat backs for a much more comfortable experience.
- Brethren's House roof has been replaced with new cedar shingles.
- Dance Studio has been relocated from Johnston Hall to the old Root Cellar space in the HILL.
- The common areas of the first floor of Reeves Library received new carpeting.
- Two new glass study rooms were constructed in Reeves Library.
- We are in the planning phase to relocate the IT Help Desk and Media Services to the lower level of Reeves Library.
- Programming and preliminary design for an addition to the north end of the HUB are underway. ESa, the same architect that designed the Sally, has been engaged to partner with the college again.

Sustainability -

Tree Campus USA Recognition for Moravian College

Tree Campus USA, a national program launched in 2008 by the Arbor Day Foundation, honors colleges and universities and their leaders for promoting healthy trees and engaging students and staff in the spirit of conservation. To obtain this distinction, Moravian College met the five core standards for an effective campus forest management, including establishment of a tree advisory committee, evidence of a campus tree-care plan, dedicated annual expenditures for its campus tree program, an Arbor Day observance, and the sponsorship of student service learning projects.



ADMINISTRATIVE

Yasmin Bugaighis - Director of Facilities Management, Planning & Construction

Amber Donato - Associate Director of Project Management

Dean Molitoris - Associate Director of Operations

Chad Royer - Associate Director of Facilities Services & Utilities

Randy Haffling - Assistant Director of Facilities Ground & Logistics

Jamie Breidinger - Office Manager

Regina Gower - Administrative Services Manager

Mark Newman - Custodial Manager

OPERATIONS TECHNICIANS**MECHANICAL**

Jeff Hinchman

Brian R. Luckey

Michael D. O'Hare

Jon Regits

Dean Rohrbach

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Kevin L. Haas

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GENERAL SERVICES TECHNICIANS**GROUND**

Daniel J. Burke

Walter D. Fries, II

H. Benjamin Jacoby, III

Brad Morris

Dale Tshudy

GENERAL SERVICES TECHNICIANS**DELIVERY / EVENTS**

Keith K. Freeland

Jacob Ortiz

GENERAL SERVICES TECHNICIAN**RECYCLING**

Brian W. Smith

BUS DRIVERS

Shawn C. Hinkel

Sue E. Larrison

Willis Leidich

Patricia Stank

P.T. BUS DRIVERS

Michael J. Kopach

Chris Pomales

CUSTODIANS – North campus

Brian K. Althouse - Bldg. Serv. Tech.- PPHAC & Hall of Science, Steel F.

Juan Gonzalez - Bldg. Serv. Tech. HUB, Johns Hall, Bried F.H., Comen, Reeves

Roberta J. Bader

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Julie Feliciano

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Tara Santiago

CUSTODIANS – South campus

Angel Gonzalez - Bldg. Services Technician - S. Campus

Helen M. Curzi

Virginia M. Gangi

Jennifer McCandless-Stout

Kimberly Satow

*** New Employees**

If anyone has an idea for improving the way we deliver services to the College, or ideas for cost savings, please communicate to your direct manager. Remember, there are 53 of us on this team, and we are all over campus, if you see anything that needs fixing/addressing or some attention, please call in or submit a work order. It is better if we see it and address it before anyone else does.