

Facilities Management Newsletter

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Unseasonably Warm Start to Spring

The past few weeks haven't just hinted at spring—they've jumped straight into summer-like temperatures, with record-breaking warmth across the region. It's a noticeable shift for campus, especially this early in the season.

Facilities is adjusting just as quickly—transitioning building systems, ramping up grounds work, and preparing outdoor spaces for increased use, all while keeping an eye on the possibility that cooler weather could still make a return.

Project Updates:

Verde Campus Student Housing

Construction on the Verde Campus student housing buildings is well underway, with framing complete and plywood installed on the walls and roof structures.

The image below highlights the progress as the buildings begin to take full shape on site. What was recently foundation work is now clearly defined structures, marking a significant step forward in the project.



Frontier Village at Prescott Pines

Frontier Village at Prescott Pines has officially been turned over to third-party rental operations and has now been active for nearly two weeks. The site—comprised of yurts, shower and restroom facilities, and a dedicated kitchen and dining space—is primarily intended to support camps and group events.

Early reports indicate strong use and positive reception, marking a successful transition from construction and setup into active operations. The space is already being utilized as intended and adds a unique, program-focused environment to the campus.

Building 19-147 Renovation

Construction has officially begun on the building 19-147 renovation, with demolition work now underway in the space.

As with any active construction area, occupants may notice noise, limited access, or changing conditions in and around the work zone. Please follow all posted signage and avoid entering the area unless authorized.

Additional updates will be shared as the project progresses into the next phases.

Facilities Reality Check – March Edition

As the semester moves along and activity across campus stays busy, a few familiar situations tend to pop up around buildings. Consider this your friendly mid-semester reminder.

“This looks like a good place to hang a sign.”

Tape, staples, and adhesive hooks on walls, doors, and glass can damage finishes and create extra repair work later. If signage needs to be posted, please use approved boards or coordinate with Facilities.

“Covering the door window gives us privacy.”

Door windows are designed to maintain visibility for safety and security. Covering them with paper, posters, or tape is not permitted.

“The room looked empty, so we used it.”

Even if a classroom or meeting space appears vacant, it may still be reserved or scheduled for upcoming use through CourseDog. Please make sure rooms are properly scheduled before using them.



“Someone probably already reported it.”

Maybe they did... maybe they didn't. If you notice lighting out, damaged furniture, a leak, or something that just doesn't seem right, sending it in helps ensure it gets addressed.

Most issues are easy to resolve when Facilities knows about them early.

Looking Ahead

With the recent stretch of record-breaking warmth, it may feel like summer has already arrived—but for Facilities, preparation for the summer construction and maintenance season has been underway for some time.

Many of the larger repairs, renovations, and infrastructure improvements across campus are scheduled during the summer months when building occupancy is lower. At this stage in the semester, most summer projects are already planned, scoped, and moving through the final phases of preparation.

Over the coming weeks, you may notice site visits, contractor coordination, and early staging activities as teams position for a busy construction window once the semester concludes.

It may feel like summer already—but the work to support it is just getting started.

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