As always, the Chili Cook Off was a lot of fun this year. Thanks to Andy Sheffield, David Tate, and their committee members for coordinating the event. Below are the winners in the following categories:

1st Place Chili- Building Services Zone 4
2nd Place- Chili- Building Services Zone 12
3rd Place Chili- Building Services Zone 5

Best Booth- Area 4

Hat Contest- Shantala Grubbs

Corn Hole Toss- James Benford and Don Brookshire
Since I officially accepted the position, as of February 1, to lead the Operations & Maintenance department, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your support and recognize you for your continued good work on behalf of Georgia Tech. Whether you work in Building Services, Area Maintenance, Energy Conservation, Utilities & Maintenance, Landscape Services or Waste Management & Recycling, you are the strength of our organization and you are a critical part of our success and reputation as a world-class institution of higher learning. After spending several weeks this winter conducting my “travelling road-show” meetings with each of our operational units, it only served to reinforce that notion and my confidence in our team. Sometimes you may wonder if our customers really notice what we do. I can tell you, without a doubt, they do! For example, the Freshman Servant Leadership Organization recently sent us a bulletin board filled with hand-written sticky notes thanking you for your work keeping the buildings and campus in such good shape. The board is proudly on display here in the first floor hallway of O'keefe. This speaks not only to the good work you do every day, but also to the outstanding caliber and character of students we are fortunate to have here at Georgia Tech. Another example of customer feedback was during and immediately following our two “snow-pocalypse” events earlier this year. While our Landscape Services crew was front and center leading the charge, it was an Operations and Maintenance team effort. Our roads were clear, while much of the city was in disarray and our buildings were maintained in good operational condition the entire time. The campus may have been “closed”, but we were not. Our Utilities and Maintenance department has recently hosted several groups on tours of our steam and chiller plants... Word of our outstanding plant transformation is spreading among our peer institutions, and they are lining up to come and see us! Just a few examples of the many great things our team is accomplishing.

See you around campus!

Mark Demyanek

Are 3 Won the Best Availability Contest Again!

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1. What is your title?
Area Maintenance Manager aka "NAD"

2. What are your hobbies?
Spending time with grand children and an occasional golf game

3. People may not know that....
My grandmother on my mother’s side was Native American "Cherokee".

4. What would you like to tell your Facilities Department staff?
Always work as best you can to provide excellent customer service to our customers. They are always aware of what we are doing and they really do appreciate our efforts. What you do each day is critical to the success of Georgia Tech.

5. What is important to you?
God, Family, Work.

6. Where were you born and raised?
I was born in Delaware, moved to Florida via Louisiana when I was 5, and lived in Florida most of my life. My mother was from the southwestern corner of West Virginia, all of her family worked in the coal mines. My dad was a farmer from Delaware.

7. What school did you attend?
Lake Butler Elementary, Union County Junior/Senior High School, and Graduated from Gainesville High School in Gainesville, Florida in 1970.

8. How do you spend your free time?
Relaxing with grandchildren, attending their events, occasional game of golf, and occasional road trip with my wife.

Ashley Bowden

Congratulations to Ashley Bowden for making the Dean’s list at Atlanta Metropolitan College, where she currently is taking 13 semester hours and receiving the Hope Scholarship. Ashley is working on her Associates Degree in Business Administration but hopes to eventually get a Bachelor’s Degree. Ashley has been at Ga Tech for 3 years in the Facilities Building Services Department. Her goal is to one day work in the Accounting Department at Georgia Tech.
Mark Demyanek Receives the USG Distinguished Service Award

Congratulations to Don Alexander for receiving the Board of Regents’ “Lifetime Achievement Award”.

Congratulations to Mark Demyanek, our Assistant Vice President for receiving the Board of Regents’ “Distinguished Service Award”.

Twitter is an online social or information networking service that allows people to send and read short 140-character text messages, called “tweets”. There is a 140 character limit because that is the maximum number of characters allowed in a text message (SMS). There are several ways for registered users to access Twitter - using web browsers, text messaging service or a mobile app. As an unregistered user you can read tweets, but you cannot create a twitter message or respond to tweets.

The first tweet was sent in 2006 and there are now more than 500 million registered users; posting more than 400 million tweets every day. Georgia Tech Communications @georgiatech, GT Athletics @GTAthletics and many other Georgia Tech organizations have Twitter accounts, including GT Facilities. The Facilities Twitter handle is @GT_Facilities and we have been active on the Twitter scene for about a year.

It is possible to post pictures and even videos on Twitter. You may hear that a YouTube video has gone “viral”. Tweets and video tweets can also go “viral” as the result of a message that is “retweeted” thousands or more times. Some marketing companies even promote how you can ensure that your tweets go “viral”.

You can group twitter posts together by topic or type by prefixing words or phrases using hashtags (#). In a similar way, the “@” sign followed by the username is used for mentioning or replying to other registered users. Emerging popular topics are said to be “trending” if these certain key words or phrases are tagged and used frequently during a short period of time, such as #snowmageddon in Atlanta in February of this year. Software owned by Twitter and other companies determine which topics are trending and these can be easily found on the Internet – just GOOGLE it. These trending topics are, by default based on your location and the people you follow. You can change this by changing your trends location on Twitter.

We can be found on the Internet at https://twitter.com/GT_Facilities. We were active during the two snow events this year and we post and repost information that is relevant to the campus community. We welcome photos, information (Facilities related) and topics that can be posted on Twitter. You can send your photos to askIT@facilities.gatech.edu. Trending now – photos of tree blooms.

Courtesy of Facilities Information Technology
Facilities Management-Employees at Work

L-R Ivin G.-Landscape; Tunji S.-Area 2; Richard D.- Area 5 and Antonio F.- UM; Adam G.- Area 2.

L-R Ron W.-Landscape; Lewayne W.-Area 3; Larry and Maurice- Area 2; / below L-R Tammy-Bldg Serv; Billy- Landscape; Jason and David- Area 1; Chris H.- Area 4; Jedd.-Area 3.

FACILITIES QUARTERLY
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| We welcome our new maintenance worker Joseph Alvaro who started in January. He recently moved from Wisconsin just in time for the big ice storm we had. I believe he thought he was back home. We want to congratulate Dane Garner for his promotion from Maintenance worker to AC Mechanic. Jedd Versteeg is glad to be finished remodeling his garage at home. He turned it into an apartment for his mother who has been ill and plans to move in with them. GOOD JOB Jedd. Doug Moore and his family are all settled into their new home. William Robertson is looking forward to having the kids and grand kids visiting for Easter. I hear William is going to dress up and be the Easter Bunny. Kevin Marks niece is graduating from high school and is going to go to West Georgia college. Onkar and his family are going on a 7 day cruise to the Bahamas this summer. | Congratulations to Quinae on the birth of her son Matthew Alexander. He was born January 18, 2014 at 7:31 a.m. He weighed 7lbs. 11ozs. He has been a very happy baby. He is already very attentive, observant and alert. “We are so excited and happy to be blessed with such a wonderful baby!” | Mike Ndongala and his wife just welcomed into their home a new baby. Baby girl, Bridget Fidele Ndongala. Bridget weighed in at 7lbs 13 ozs and is 20 inches long, She and mom are both doing well.

The grandson of Larry Harris, Area 1 HVAC Technician, is the current world Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Champion with NAGA (North American Grappling Association). Zennon Park is a two time, 1st place 140lb weight class with the 15-17 year olds, and a two time 2nd place 150lb weight class in 15-17 year olds champion. His winning record of 24 first place, 13 second place and 1 third place victories in 18 competitions is quite an accomplishment. He also has state titles in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Florida and Georgia. What a way to make his grand dad proud! |

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| Kadie (Terry’s) posing with a 15 Lb catfish caught by her friend | | Team News |

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Area 5
Area 5 would like to welcome our new A/C III, Floyd Rounds and our new Maintenance Worker David Alberti. Congratulations to our Plumber David White on the birth of his first great grandson. We would also like to say farewell to one of our Maintenance Techs, Randall Dunn and congratulate him on his new position with Marta.

Utility & Maintenance
We would like to welcome Antonio and Antional our Maintenance worker and Carpenter respectively. Also welcome to Kyara and Cameron, [pictured below]

Energy
Congratulations to Sofia, Federico’s daughter on her 5th birthday, celebrated on April 26th.

Landscape
Congratulations to Amanda Harrah of Covington who won the "Pat's Place Poetry Prize" for the 2014 edition of "Sirocco". Sirocco is Georgia Southwestern State University Arts Magazine.

Engineered Biosystems Building
The campus’ newest building is the Engineered Biosystem building. It will be located at the intersection of 10th street and State. The building should be completed in early January of 2015.
Georgia Tech and the Facilities Department hosted the International District Energy Association Conference. The large conference was attended by 800 people from all around the world. The Facilities Department gave tours of the steam plant.
Meet Deborah Miller

Deborah Miller, Custodian II in Zone 12 came to Georgia Tech in 2006 seeking employment that would assist her in getting a quality college education for her son and daughter. She is the proud mother of two children. Pictured is Deborah’s daughter, Tenndras, who graduated Summa Cum Laude in December 2013 with a Bachelor’s of Science Degree in Forensic Science from Columbus State University. Tenndras will continue her Education at the University of Florida working on her Master’s Degree in Forensic Toxicology. Her son Leonard graduated from Albany State in 2003 with a Bachelors of Science Degree in Computer Science. Leonard continued his education at Columbus State University receiving a Masters in Computer Science Engineering in 2007. Deborah thanks the Almighty God for all he has done and all that he will do. Kudos to Deborah for a job well done!!!
Georgia Tech Beautification Day 2014

Thank you to all of those who participated in this year’s TBD and helped make this event so successful. Tech Beautification Day (TBD) is a campus wide event that is officially run by the Georgia Tech students each year, but would not be nearly as successful without the involvement of Facilities O & M. As the volunteers work only 3 hours the day of the event, Facilities does a lot of advance preparation of the project sites. This allows for more projects to be completed the day of the event and helps to make the event run smoothly. Landscape supervisors also work with student project supervisors ahead of time to explain the projects and a G.T. employee is nearby during the event to assist with the supervision. Planning with the Student Executive Committee started for this year’s event in October and along with an ambitious student representative, helped make this TBD the biggest and most successful event yet. Due to the funding from Facilities O & M this year, the number of planting projects increased and proved to be some of the more popular projects with the volunteers. The actual number of volunteers for TBD 2014 reached over 1,000 with ~ 741 volunteers working on campus projects and ~ 264 volunteers working with the Greek houses. “Despite the dreary forecast and the threat of rain all morning, the student turnout was great and lots of good landscape/grounds work was accomplished”, according to Mark Demyanek, Assistant V.P. for Facilities Management, Operations & Maintenance.

Here is a list of some of the projects completed:

- Over 6,600 bales of pine straw spread
- 2,991- groundcover plants installed
- 674- 3 gallon shrubs installed
- 370- 1 gallon perennials installed
- 7 pallets of sod installed
- 21 cubic yards of soil installed
- ~ 30 cubic yards of woodchips spread as mulch
- Painted another new Recycling Mural in Klaus alcove
- Started assembling the Earth Day sculpture
- Cleaned up West Main Recycling drop-off

Tech Beautification Day is a volunteer event that is open to all students, faculty, staff and alumni every spring. Please come join us next year and help beautify the campus!
Area 5,
As always; your crew did a great job!
Thanks again for all you do! 
Jeannette Landers NROTC

Hello [Area 5],
I was 'very satisfied' with the entire process. The work, timeliness, professionalism, courtesy and communication were all excellent.
Lisa M. Safstrom
Campus Transportation Planner
Parking and Transportation Services

Alphonso and Monique,
Area 2 would like to say "Thank You" so much for doing such a wonderful job cleaning our carpets, they look wonderful!
We really appreciate your services.

Thanks,

Cheryl Kelley
Production Control Assistant
Facilities Maintenance Area 2

Gary [Area 5],
I’m always very satisfied with the prompt and great service your team offers.
Thank you guys for always giving your best!
Jeannette Landers
ROTC

Hi Bill [Sotha]
My name is Yogi Patel and I am a PhD student in the Biomedical Engineering building.
One of your colleagues, Sotha Chhoeun, has seriously proven how useful and effective the building management team is.

I have personally submitted numerous requests to have the AC system in our lab space fixed and over the past few months, I have seen HVAC engineers come and go without doing anything effective. Until now. Sotha really took the time out to figure out what issues were causing the system to go haywire.

Thanks to Sotha, this is no longer a problem. He even fixed my human subjects room. He's definitely a resource to keep around.

Please keep up the great work!
Yogi A. Patel

Brandon,

I just wanted to let you know the crew you sent to set up the tables and chairs for the Family Weekend tailgate festivities did a great job! In addition to the 100+ tables and 1000+ chairs, they worked with me to rearrange some tables (yes, a female moving furniture!) and stayed to make sure everything was complete before heading out for the day.
Their efforts are greatly appreciated and probably not recognized that often, but I wanted to let you know they were most helpful!!!!!

Thanks for your efforts and those of your team!
Debbie Dorsey
Director of Administration
Division of Student Affairs

Hyacinth [Landscape],
I wanted to let you know the wonderful job your crew did last week. On the southern side of the MRDC building coming out of the 3rd level of the building is a wall on the left and drop down area next to the building that has gravel and had a lot of 4 feet tall weeds. After they left last week you cannot even tell there were any weeds in that area. It looks 100% better and the timing is perfect with family weekend coming.
Please pass along my thanks to the crew for doing a great job!!!!!!!!!!
Cary Ogletree
Project Manager of Facilities
Woodruff School of Mechanical Engineering

Hey Bill [Area 2]
Within the last hour several of your guys helped my staff move a rather large piece of equipment from the loading dock into our cage wash. We really appreciate them helping us figure out what needed to be done and helping move it.
Knowing they are willing to help me when needed takes a lot of stress off of me.
Please pass on our appreciation again,
Kim Benjamin,CMAR,RLATG
Lab Manager
Physiological Research Laboratory

Area 5,
I would like to thank Andy and David for a job well done.

Gwendolyn A. Walter.

GT Facilities

One thing that consistently amazed me about this storm: how well prepared Georgia Tech Facilities was...
Ryan Fork [Student through Twitter]
Congratulations

I wanted to send a note of high appreciation and a Job Well Done for the work done on the floors in CRB-426. The floor looks great which shows that Cindy’s crew did an awesome Job. They also worked around my schedule and I am very appreciative. So, I wanted to make sure a big thanks is communicated on this!!

Sincerely,
ERICK N. MAXWELL, Ph.D., P.E., SM-IEEE

Hi Bill, [Sotha]

Just letting you know that Sotha is doing an outstanding job! This is not the first Professor who has mentioned his work.

My grad students want you to know that an HVAC technician who works for facilities is their recent hero of sorts. I don’t know if he is a new hire or recently assigned to Whitaker. He has managed to fix HVAC problems in the lab that have been deemed unsolved or unfixable by others in the past. His name is Sotha Chhoeun.

Robert Butera, BME

Less than a week ago, on the other side of the hall, I had heard a sound coming from the ceiling. Sotha, not only identified the issue with the immediate sound problem, but systematically looked at the surrounding rooms that might have contributed to the problems, and proactively fixing them. I cannot stress the unique qualities of Sotha and just wanted to share my interactions with you.

Essy Behravesh, Ph.D.
Director of Instructional Laboratories
The Wallace H. Coulter Department of Biomedical Engineering at Georgia Tech and Emory University
Radio Etiquette

The radio channels at Georgia Tech are used by many employees at Facilities and are heard by students, faculty, and staff on campus. Therefore; it is important when using the radios, to be professional, concise, and efficient.

### Etiquette

- Use radio for business use only.
- Listen before transmitting.
- Be prepared to talk.
- Press talk button, pause then speak into radio.
- Keep messages short and brief.
- When done, Say clear or “Ten Four”.
- Turn radio down when entering a building.

### Call Words

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CRC competition & Dive Pool Restoration

Over the month of December of last year the original Bromine pool filtration system for the dive and competition pools were replaced with a state of the art Chlorine system. The work was successfully completed during a scheduled down period for the CRC pools.

The next phase which is underway and will be completed by the end of May, 2014 is to repair the plaster surfaces in both pools. In the Competition Pool the existing plaster surface is being completely removed down to the concrete structure and built back up, in the Dive Pool the work entails removing damaged areas of the plaster and applying a skim coat of surface plaster over the existing plaster surface.

Next scheduled work will be during the CRC August, 2014 scheduled down period and will entail the repair of gutter leaks in the Dive Pool.