



Spring/Summer 2023

## From the AVP...

When I think of collaboration, I only have to go back a few weeks to the Clarvit Courtyard grand opening. The courtyard provides [a new and innovative exhibition space](#) that highlights the work of students, faculty and visiting artists. Teams from P&C, OM&U and B&LM all worked together with the College of Arts and Humanities staff to realize this vision and design, construct and prepare the exterior courtyard and the indoor studio spaces at Parren Mitchell for their grand unveiling at the dedication event earlier this month. This is an example of FM at its best. In this example, we are truly becoming our vision of “a collaborative, innovative and inclusive partner that delivers exceptional service to the UMD community.”

We don't all get to work on newsworthy projects. But all our work, regardless of size, is critical to that vision. To get work done, I hope we all choose to collaborate and work as a team for the betterment of our campus community. We are “One FM.”

Sincerely, Bob



### Weather Station Collaborative Effort Benefits FM, AOSC and Students

FM and the Department of Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences (AOSC) are teaming up to install rooftop weather stations as part of an exciting new project. This collaborative effort will build a weather network to provide detailed, real-time data on conditions across campus . . . [Read the Full Article](#)



### Coming Soon! FM's New Key Kiosks

You may have noticed key kiosks popping up at City Hall and the Severn Building. This is the first step in the implementation of a new system that will provide key access for Facilities Management (FM) staff and contractors 24/7. [Read the Full Article](#)



### **Electric Leaf Blowers: BL&M Nixes Noise & Emissions**

FM's Landscape Maintenance team has accomplished the long-awaited switch from gasoline-powered to electric leaf blowers. Completing a transition that began in 2018, FM eliminated the last of the gasoline-powered equipment at the start of this year. [Read the Full Article](#)



### **Service Excellence: OM&U Door Hanger Program**

Earlier this month, OM&U rolled out a new customer service program developed to help keep FM's campus customers informed about maintenance work performed in their workspaces. [Read the Full Article](#)



### **FM Celebrates Arbor Day**

On Wednesday, April 12, the UMD Arboretum and Botanical Gardens held a tree planting ceremony to commemorate Arbor Day. Members of FM's Landscape and Maintenance team joined students and other guests to plant a bur oak tree east of the McKeldin Library. [View the photos](#)



### **We Are FM: Meet Melissa Woolard**

Learn some surprising facts about the Executive Assistant for OMU and BLM. You'll never guess where she lived during the height of the COVID pandemic. Plus, get her recommendation for good BBQ in the area.

[Read the Full Article](#)



### **FM Shines Recipients**

Congratulations to the most recent FM staffers to be ac-knowledged by the [FM Shines program](#).



### **Active Shooter Response Training**

FM's Active Shooter Response Training continues throughout the summer. The training is provided by UMD Public Safety and covers a variety of topics including "Run, Hide, Fight" concepts, "See something, say something," and the UMD alert system.

### **Important Dates**

Division of Administration Staff Picnic, June 6 (Tues), 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
FM All-Hands Meeting, June 15 (Thurs), 10 - 11:30 a.m.  
Juneteenth Holiday, June 19 (Mon)  
Independence Day Holiday, July 4 (Tues)  
FM Ice Cream Social, July 26 (Wed)  
Summer Sessions End, August 18 (Fri)  
Residence Hall Move-In & Welcome Events, August 24-27 (Thurs-Sun)  
First Day of Fall Classes, August 28 (Mon)

[Additional events are on the Campus Calendar.](#)

### **FACILITIES MANAGEMENT**



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