

Facilities Services Newsletter

Fall 2010



Welcome to academic year 2010-2011 at Middlebury College! Assuming we have all settled back into work and learning mode, here's a little pop quiz for you:

Why does the Office of Facilities Services periodically publish a newsletter?

- A) To inform you of the many diverse - and sometimes unusual - things that we do on campus.
- B) To warn you of construction and maintenance activities that may affect you directly.
- C) To entertain the campus community.

Answer: All of the above! Well... A and B for sure. If we achieve C, that's a bonus.

We are not at all like "The Maytag Man" hunkered in the bowels of the Service Building waiting for the phone to ring. On any given day we are busy performing a full range of regularly scheduled and preventative maintenance tasks in addition to responding to requests generated by the campus community. We are custodians, trades people, project managers, planners, and more; some of us highly skilled technicians, all of us thoroughly trained to do our part in keeping the physical aspects of campus in shape.

To learn more about us, please visit the [Facilities Services website](#). In addition to the basics of who we are and what we do, you'll find descriptions of past capital projects, an overview of our environmental initiatives, a blog on our *fantastic* landscape, and the current weather conditions on campus. To catch up on what we accomplished over the summer, visit our [newsletter archive](#).

We'll see you around campus.

Biomass Milestones



The College's biomass plant has surpassed ***\$1 million in savings*** by displacing nearly 900,000 gallons of #6 fuel oil to date in 2010!

The central heating plant and biomass plant work in tandem to meet the campus steam demand. When demand is low, as it is during warmer weather, the biomass plant can sometimes meet the full demand without the aid of the oil-fired turbines in the central heating plant. A new record of 168 consecutive hours of operation (7 days) without *any* oil consumption was also realized in September. [Read more.](#)

"PlantMyPhone" Cell Phone Recycling Challenge

We are now third in a field of 15 colleges competing in the PlantMyPhone Campus Challenge. Thus far we have recycled 129 cell phones generating enough funds to plant 155 trees! Have an old cell phone you'd like to contribute? Pick up a mailing bag from a PlantMyPhone display at your commons office, the book store, the student mail room, the library circulation desk, the Kenyon Arena info desk, or the Service Building stock room.

Asset Sales Web Site Re-opens for Business

We periodically offer used furniture and equipment for sale to Middlebury faculty, staff, and student ID holders. Our latest offerings will be ready for viewing on Thursday, October 14th. Visit the “Asset Sales” link on our [home page](#) (type go/fs in your browser window).



*Featured items for October:
Two Ethan Allen Dressers @ \$349 each
36”w x 19”d x 44”h*

Projects:

Bread Loaf Campus – Numerous maintenance projects are in process including masonry, siding, and roofing repairs. Vehicle fuel pumps will be replaced with pumps that include card readers. We are also working with the State on new curbing and sidewalks as a result of the resurfacing of Route 125.

Carbon Monoxide (CO) Detection System Installations – Contractors are finishing up the installation of devices in Hadley Dorm. The Hadley/Milliken/Kelly/Lang system will be fully functional by the end of December break. Pearson and Battell will be the next dorms to receive CO detection systems beginning in November. This is part of an ongoing process to install detection systems in all dormitories. At present all small dorm houses and just over 50% of our large dormitories have been equipped with CO detection systems.



152 College Street

152 College Street – October marks the final phase of renovation, with the installation of flooring, kitchen cabinets, interior trim, and interior painting. Exterior painting is nearly complete. Installation of sidewalks and some late-season landscaping will begin this week. College Communications is expected to occupy in early November.

236 College Street – Renovating bathrooms and updating plumbing.

Emma Willard – Renovation of the main floor bathrooms begins November 1st to increase capacity of toilet facilities for visiting prospective students and their families and address ADA compliance issues.

Exterior Repairs – Exterior wood rot repairs being made to Palmer, Prescott, Starr Hall, and the College Street Daycare.



Kirk Alumni Center – The kitchen sink and dishwasher are being replaced to improve functionality for contract caterers. Reconstruction of the front entrance canopy is also underway.

Material Recovery Facility – A concrete slab will be poured for a small (hazardous?) waste storage building. Construction of the building will begin by the end of October.

50 Sheep Farm Rd. – The two large barns on this property will be converted to further consolidate our warehousing operations.

Storrs Walk – Drainage work is planned to address a low point in the sidewalk.



Questions about content may be directed to hoyenski@middlebury.edu.

Find past issues of the Facilities Services newsletter at:

<http://www.middlebury.edu/offices/business/facilities/news/newsarch>