



CONNECTIONS

August 2008



CEO Corner

It's unbelievable, but it is already time for your August newsletter. I hope your summer is going well and you are finding some quality time to spend with your friends and family. We've even had a few nice days!

This summer has been relatively quiet on the UMC news front. Our project load is slowing a bit through the latter part of the year, before we pick up again in 2009. As it sits, 2009 will be our biggest year ever! As I have written in the past, we are extremely fortunate to have this backlog of work in the face of so much economic strife. In spite of our large workload, we need to be cautiously optimistic and continue to work efficiently and be looking for the most cost-effective solutions. We have begun to see the market tighten and it is becoming more and more competitive. I expect this to continue going forward.

The Mezzanine build-out project is moving along nicely. The painting is complete this week and the construction demising wall is scheduled for removal this weekend. Completion is scheduled for late August with the worktops to follow in September. As I'm sure you noticed, we recently re-striped the parking lot. This was required due to the additional office space created on the mezzanine. We are required to have a certain number of parking spaces per square foot of office space. As a result of the restriping, many of the parking stalls

are narrower (watch those car doors!). If you drive a larger vehicle, try and park in the larger stalls that were not re-striped.

Hopefully you can all make the upcoming UMC Picnic on August 9 and the UMC Golf Tournament on September 7.

Remember, this is *your* newsletter. Please let Marj or I know of any suggested improvements.

Have a great August

-Jerry Bush



Safety

Emergencies and disasters can strike quickly and without warning and can force you to evacuate your neighborhood or confine you to your home. What would you do if basic services — water, gas, electricity or telephones — were cut off? Local officials and relief workers will be on the scene after a disaster, but they cannot reach everyone right away. You can cope with disaster by preparing in advance and by working with your family as a team. Make a plan. Assemble a kit. Maintain your plan and kit. Knowing what to do is your responsibility and your best protection.

Plan: Your plan should include: an out of area contact person, meeting places in case you get separated, escape routes and safe

places, accommodation for family members with special needs, care for pets, directions for how and when to shut off utilities.

Kit: Your emergency supply kit should be stored in portable containers as close as possible to the exit. Your kit should contain the food and water (one gallon per person per day) your family would need for approximately 72 hours. Other items to include are: a portable, battery-powered radio and extra batteries, flashlight and extra batteries, first aid kit and manual, sanitation and hygiene items (hand sanitizer, moist towelettes, and toilet paper), matches in a waterproof container, whistle, extra clothing and blankets, a tent or tarp for shelter, duct tape, kitchen accessories and cooking utensils, photocopies of identification and credit cards, cash including coins, tools, special needs items such as prescription medications, eye glasses, contact lens solution, and hearing aid batteries, items for children and infants, and pet supplies.

If your family has not found time yet to assemble an emergency kit, here is a suggestion for you: come to the UMC picnic on August 9th to win one! One of the four baskets to be given away is a complete emergency preparedness kit in a plastic tote. So come and have some fun at the picnic - you must be present to win.

Safety Results: We had one recordable incident in July. This gives us a recordable rate of approximately 2.83. Good work. Remember: report ALL injuries to your supervisor immediately.

STAR Performer-August

MIKE HARSHMAN



Mike Harshman has been a part of our engineering department for over four years now. In those years he has had the opportunity to work on some of our more difficult Design Build projects. To his credit he has always taken on the challenges put before him with a smile, a "get it done" attitude, and the occasional "woo-hoo". That kind of attitude is in my mind at the heart of who we are here at University Mechanical Contractors, Inc.

Mike is continuing to grow in his responsibilities as an engineer. He is heading up our design efforts on Blocks 26 & 32 as well as Pioneer Studios. His attitude, effort, and abilities have earned him the respect of peers.

Mike isn't all work and no play, though. He enjoys playing soccer, going to the gym, and making bon fires large enough to see from outer space. If you have any scrap wood or a couch that you want to get rid of, Mike is your man.

Congratulations Mike! You truly are a STAR Performer. We look forward to working with you for many more years.

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David Malone

New Hires



Lauren Smith started working for UMC on 7/14 as a part-time Administrative Assistant. Her last position was with Gymnastics Connection as a Gymnastics Coach. Next year Lauren will be a senior at Woodinville High School. Lauren enjoys gymnastics and swimming.



Josh Bonciolini started working for UMC on 7/28 as a Project Engineer, reporting to Maria Boyer. Josh worked part-time for the Seattle Central Community College Facilities Department and for the Hillsboro School District Facilities Department as a Maintenance Tech while he went to school. Josh graduated from Seattle University in March with a BS in Mechanical Engineering. Josh enjoys restoring cars, boating, and fishing.



Birthdays

August

15 Doug Smith
17 Bruce Freeman
19 Danny Blain
23 Toni Adams
24 John Strand
24 Les Bouck
25 Curtis Watson
27 Troy Lowery
28 Monica Todd

September

5 Mary Bouck
6 Karen Langeberg
18 Troy Turpin
20 Leah Holden
28 Nick Crimp
29 Mike McNeil

Calendar of Events



August

9th-Company Picnic (Juanita Park)

September

7th-Golf Tournament (Harbour Point Golf Course)

October

30th-Halloween Party

December

12th-Santa Party

January, 2009

10th-Holiday Party (Red Lion, Bellevue)



Anniversaries

Tom Abbott - 10 years

UMC Charitable Foundation



Dear Fellow UMC Employees!

It's time for the **Breast Cancer 3-Day!**

In November Judy Gaylor, a couple of other friends and I are going to San Diego. We figure that if we're going to do one of the hardest and best things ever, we should enjoy 60 miles of stuff and amazing scenery we haven't seen before.

We need your help. All walkers must raise a minimum of \$2,200 by the time of the event in order to participate. It is our hope to surpass this goal. Every little bit helps and we appreciate whatever you can give. You can donate online at www.The3Day.org by searching under our names under the San Diego event. You can also drop a check off to Toni

Adams or Judy Gaylor. We will ensure that you get a receipt for tax purposes. One check will be fine as we are splitting all monies donated by UMC employees.

As you all know, this is a great cause. Net proceeds from the Breast Cancer 3-Day benefit Susan G. Komen for the Cure, to fund breast cancer research and community outreach, as well as the National Philanthropic Trust Breast Cancer Fund, to provide an endowment for breast cancer initiatives. For more information about the 3-Day and its beneficiaries, visit www.The3Day.org.

Thank you for your help!

Toni Adams
Judy Gaylor

