

# CONNECTIONS

September, 2008



#### CEO Corner

It's amazing that September is here already and school is back in session. I hope you all had a great summer and the kids enjoyed the time off. Please be careful driving through the school zones, and be prepared for less light in the morning on the jobsites as Fall is just around the corner!

Thus far, 2008 is a good year for UMC. We have several large projects underway and all are productive and safe. Our safety record is the best it has been in years. And our backlog remains strong. As our workload continues to increase, we need to keep our eye on the "safety ball". Remember to utilize our Safety Group to the fullest. With the addition of William, Kirk has built a well-rounded safety group capable of effectively managing UMC's workload. Make sure and let Kirk know if you have any questions, or require safety input on your project.

Kudos to Toni Adams and Judy Gaylor for their commitment to the breast cancer cause – let's help them meet their goal!

-Jerry Bush



# Safety

Big news in the safety department this month! William Coston joined our team as Safety Coordinator. William grew up in Western Washington but came to us by way of RCR Construction in southern California where he was Operations Manager/Safety Training Coordinator. He is a plumber by trade but has focused on safety for the last eight years. Currently, William is on the Fort Lewis site working closely with our crew to meet the requirements of the general contractor. We are very pleased that William joined the UMC Safety team: please do what you can to welcome him and work safely!

This is the time of year when school begins again. Remember to drive especially carefully in school zones and to plan on a little extra time to account for traffic delays.

We had only one recordable accident in August, making the yearly total six. Our year to date incident rate is 2.90. That is less than half of the average over the last five years. Keep up the safe work! However, this accident is especially disappointing because if it had been reported when it happened, it might have been managed so that it did not get elevated to recordable status. Remember ALL incidents must be

reported to your supervisor when they happen. Your supervisor will then notify Kirk Baisch.

# STAR Performer-Sept.





Mehrdad has twice been a member of the UMC Family; first from 2001-2003 and from 2006 to present. From the moment I came to work for UMC back in February of 2002 I have had the pleasure of getting to know Mehrdad and his friendly approach. Mehrdad and I shared adjacent cubicles while working on the Building 108 project together. He was one of the first people to welcome me to the UMC Family.

Over the years Mehrdad and I have worked on many projects together, such as FHCRC Phase 4A and most recently WSECU. He played an important role in planning and detailing the Harborview NJB mechanical room. His tireless effort and attention to detail helped to make that project a success.



## STAR Performer (cont'd)

When I think of Mehrdad and the way he approaches work I think of him saying: "Whatever it takes, we'll get it done". ...And he does, with attention to detail and enthusiasm that is rarely matched. Mehrdad only knows one way to approach a project, give his 110% effort and attention.

I would like to personally thank Mehrdad for all the hard work and dedication he has shown over the years and congratulations on being this month's STAR performer!

Nominated & Written by:
Curtis Watson

## **New Hires**



Deb Jones started working for UMC on 8/4 as Service Coordinator. Deb's last position was with BMC West in Everett as the Assistant Truss Plant Manager/Dispatcher. Deb moved here from Denver  $4\frac{1}{2}$  years ago and has approximately 18 years experience dispatching in the service industry. For fun Deb enjoys spending time with her husband and 5 children, soccer games and reading.



Ralph Schaeffer started working for UMC on 8/4/08 as a Project Manager. Ralph's last position was with MasTec North America, Inc. as the Regional Contracts Manager for their Utility Services Group. Prior to that position he was a Project Manager for BCH Mechanical in Tampa, FL; Poole & Kent in Miami, FL and University Mechanical in San Diego, CA. Ralph enjoys fishing, camping and Scouting with his son.



William Coston started working for UMC in August as a Safety Coordinator. Williams' last position was with RCR Mechanical in Southern California where he worked as a Safety Training Coordinator for the last five years. William has nearly thirty years of experience in the piping and plumbing trades as he started in 1979 as a plumbing apprentice. William is glad to be back in the Northwest and looking forward to working for University Mechanical.



### **Birthdays**

#### September

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

#### <u>Octobe</u>r

- 1 Bryan Eppler
- 1 Marj Schmidt
- 2 Ted Granston
- 14 Teng Vang
- 15 Brian Burton
- 19 Renee Leon
- 28 Jeff Buck

## Calendar of Events



#### September

7<sup>th</sup>-Golf Tournament (Harbour Point Golf Course)

#### October

30th-Halloween Party

## December

12<sup>th</sup>-Santa Party

January, 2009

10<sup>th</sup>-Holiday Party (Red Lion, Bellevue)



### **Anniversaries**

20 years - Randall Gaylor 10 years - Krista Powers



# <u>UMC Charitable</u> 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

## UMC Summer Picnic Recap

The annual UMC picnic was held on August 9<sup>th</sup> at Juanita Park in Kirkland and a fun time was had by all - the rain even held off during the picnic, so it was a great day!

A special thank you goes to the following people who helped out and worked very hard to make this year's picnic a huge success:

Monica Todd & husband, John – children, James, Alex, Angela & Alaina Julie Blanchard Gary Morgan Ian Footer Marj Schmidt & husband, Kevin

Also, thanks to **Dori Jenkins** and **Catherine Waldren** for their help and guidance in planning for the picnic.

The winners of the four baskets were:

Auto Basket - Steve Brooks' wife,
Jennifer

#### **Emergency Preparedness Basket** -

Terry Wilsey's daughter, Kyra <u>Sports Basket</u> - Kirk James <u>Everything "BLUE" Basket</u> - Tom Boysen's wife, Catherine

You can view the photos from the picnic using the following link: http://pipeline.umci.com/gallery/view\_album.php?set\_albumName=album01

You can see photos from any UMC event going forward and a select few from previous years already on the site, by going to the UMC Intranet (Insider), "UMC Misc." and "UMC Photo Gallery".

# <u>Mukilteo Lighthouse</u> Festival

The annual Mukilteo Lighthouse Festival and Parade are being held this coming weekend, Sept. 5-7. There will be road closures near our office for the parade on Saturday. Please see the following two pages for information on the festival.





August 26, 2008

# RE: Street Closures- Mukilteo Lighthouse Festival Parade

Dear Current Occupant:

On <u>September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008</u> the 43<sup>rd</sup> annual Mukilteo Lighthouse Festival Parade will be held in Harbour Pointe. The parade will begin at 10:30 am and finish by 1:00 pm. **Your neighborhood will be affected by road closures due to the parade**. Please refer to attached map for specific details.

The parade will begin at the corner of Chennault Beach Road and Harbour Pointe Boulevard. It will proceed northeast to the intersection of Harbour Pointe Blvd and 47<sup>th</sup> Pl. West. The parade will end after turning onto 47<sup>th</sup> Place West.

- Access to Harbour Pointe Blvd from 48<sup>th</sup> Ave. West and 50<sup>th</sup> Pl. West will be closed from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.
- Access to Harbour Pointe Blvd from 51<sup>st</sup> Pl. West, 107<sup>th</sup> St. SW and 108<sup>th</sup> Pl. SW will be redirected to 56<sup>th</sup> Ave. West and Chennault Beach Road from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.
- Access into Bay Court Apartments, 108<sup>th</sup> St. SW, and 107<sup>th</sup> St. SW from Harbour Pointe Blvd is closed/blocked off starting at 9:00 am until 1:00 pm. Access in and out of The Bay Court Apartments will be allowed at the corner of Chennault Beach Road via Harbour Reach Drive only, which is a right hand turn only.
- Road closure starting at the corner of Harbour Reach Drive and Chennault Beach Road is not an access to Mukilteo Speedway and will be closed to allow Parade Entry Drop Offs at the Kamiak Tennis Court parking lot only. Harbour Reach Drive access to Chennault Beach Road and Harbour Pointe Blvd will be closed due to parade entry line ups.

#### **Businesses in Harbour Pointe:**

#### Harbour Reach Drive Businesses:

Access will be allowed via the intersection at Chennault Beach Road and Harbour Reach Drive. One way access (southbound) between Possession Way and Chennault Beach will be given to employees from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm on September 6<sup>th</sup>.

## 47th Place West Businesses:

Access will be permitted from 106<sup>th</sup> St. S.W. and Chennault Beach Road from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm on September 6<sup>th</sup>. The 47<sup>th</sup> Place businesses between Harbour Pointe Blvd and 106<sup>th</sup> St. SW will be closed. No access will be allowed.

#### ACCESS WILL BE LIMITED TO EMERGENCY VEHICLES ONLY

The Mukilteo Lighthouse Festival Association appreciates your patience and cooperation during this annual community event. If you have any questions, please contact the festival office (425) 353-5516 or email: <a href="www.mukilteofestival.org">www.mukilteofestival.org</a>.

Sincerely,
Barbara Subert
Executive Director
Mukilteo Lighthouse Festival

#### 3 (e) Check in for Children's (d) Kamiak Tennis Court (b) Local Access only on Harbour Reach (c) Chennault Beach Road to be used only (a) Entire starting point area will be closed All other roads indicated with a Harbour Pointe Blvd from 108th CLOSED: 9:00 am - 10:30 am. double red line will be closed St SW to Mukilteo Speedway Beach Drive and Harbour Reach Drive at the opening of Bay Court Check in for the Main drop off point for Parade Beach Road will be the access off of Chennault as an access to drop off Parade is located at the from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm the corner of Chennault Parade will be located at Harbour Reach Drive Harbour Pointe Blvd and parade entries Court off of Chennault Beach Road Drive and for getting in and out of Bay LDS Church corner of Roads Re-open at 1:00 pm Parade Starting Area AND Eastbound Access along from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm Harbour Reach Drive closed by 10:00 am. Road Closures: closed. Please use the DRIVE WILL ONLY HAVE the parade, All drivers (d) into Bay Court during A ONE LANE ACCESS other entry and exit. This is the only way exit location will be ight hand turn only will need to make a out of Bay Court, HARBOUR REACH Bay Court: This entry and 11th PI SW Ct Sw Andrews Dr 112th PI SW Parade Start Halfour Pointe Bridge 55th PIW 125th PI Sw MS 15 41801 107th St SM ld puzs O LDS Church Kamiak odise atem Paniog Rodist W SVA MER ill Beach Rd Parade Ends Station AJU Ave W IG The A LOOK RUSSEII RO 106th St SW 0 Harbour PI Parade Route - Green Mini - Dash Line Road Closed marked by double red lines Parade Line up — Black Dash Line IGHTHOUSE PARADE SEPTEMBER 6, MUKILTEO FESTIVAL Court Drop Off Kamiak Tennis Churz Max Newpards Dayinghin O WANTERS Field-Snohomish Co Airport Paine 121st St Sw 2008 Falcon Dr 32PP PI W

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