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Welcome Amie Frank!

Amie Frank recently joined RPM FMO as the new CoE Safety Manager. She is coming to us from LSA Earth and Environmental Sciences where she was their Facilities Coordinator. She previously was a lab manager in the College of Pharmacy.

Amie received a Master of Science and a PhD in Chemistry from UM.

Her duties will be to liaison with department safety committees, lab managers and EHS to keep our labs safe. She will also become a member of CoESafe and assist EPART with safety and security policies and programs.

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Spotlight on John Keedy– FMO Director



After 42 years at the University of Michigan John Keedy will be retiring on April 28th, 2023. John's insight and experience has been instrumental in supporting the College of Engineering's focus on people first engineering.

Please enjoy our interview with him below.

– How has CoE changed since you started?

Obviously it has been the growth of the College on North Campus. Since my arrival in 1997 the Lurie Center, the Bell Tower, and the reflecting pool have all been completed. Plus we've added Beyster, the GGB addition, the Robotics Building, Gorguze, the EECS LNF expansion, Gerstacker, and LBME. Additionally we transformed the Diag into the Gerstacker Grove, we've created M-Air, Mcity, and purchased NCRB Building 28.

– What has been your favorite project at UM?

This is like asking a parent, who their favorite child is. That's a tricky question. It is also harder since I have been involved with over 850 projects since I started in 1996. Since the question says "at UM" I also have to think about my 16 years at the UM Hospital. A couple of hospital projects that jump out are designing the first sleeping quarters for the Survival Flight crew, construction of the incinerator at the west end of the hospital, and installation of a new linear accelerator for the radiation oncology department. That was an exciting part of working at UMH, the projects were varied and unique. At CoE, the Beyster Building stands out in my mind. The inside is bright and inviting. I love the circular stairway. This has been the only large project I've worked on where everyone seemed to love the building right from the start. But really, I've enjoyed working on all of the projects I have been involved with.

Facility Manager Spotlight cont.

– What is your proudest moment at UM?

Being honored with the 2019 Judith A. Pitney staff service career award would rank up there as a highlight. This is for a few reasons. First, it is because my staff initiated and spearheaded the nomination process and because I received numerous supporting letters from staff outside of RPM and from faculty. Their letters were very heartwarming. Another reason is because Judith hired me as the FMO Facilities Manager in 1996 and brought me to CoE. She was an excellent supervisor.

- What are you most looking forward to about retiring?

Not dealing with ornery, complaining people. Seriously, I will miss the people the most. The best part of the job was working with the faculty, staff, and students of CoE. As far as retirement things I am looking forward to improving my golf game, greatly increasing miles ridden on my bike, and travelling to wherever my kids and grandkids are. My oldest son lives outside of Atlanta with his wife and my two grand boys, Lucas and Caleb, and my middle son lives in Chicago. My daughter is graduating from Physician's Assistant school in May and is looking to land somewhere in the Virginia/DC area.

- Any places you're most looking forward to traveling to?

In addition to visiting our kids and grandkids wherever they are, I hope to be spending future Januarys, Februarys, and Marches somewhere warm and sunny, i.e. not Michigan. We also have bucket list trips to Italy, the Rocky Mountains, and the Pacific Northwest.

Bonisteel Blvd

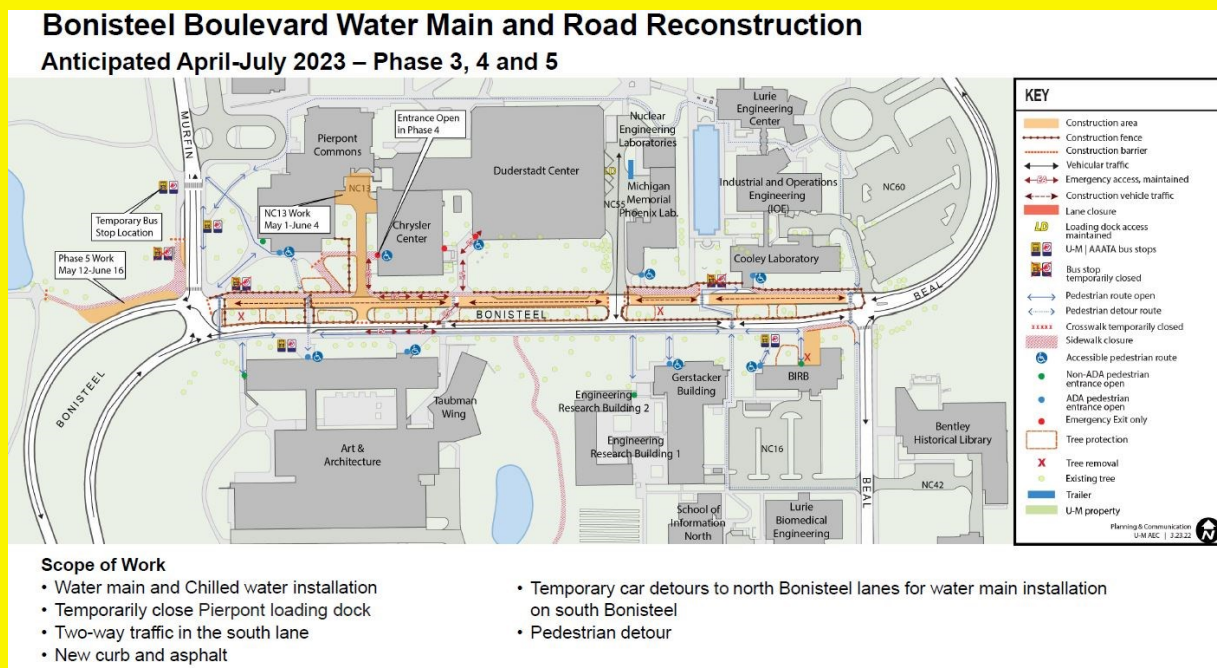
Water Main and Road Reconstruction Project

The Bonisteel Boulevard Water Main and Road Reconstruction project on North Campus began in early March and will continue through the summer.

Phase 3 began on Monday, April 10 with the closure of the north lane of Bonisteel. Two-way traffic was shifted to the south lanes. During this time access will be maintained to NC-13 (Pierpont and Chrysler loading docks) and NC-55 (Duderstadt and Phoenix loading docks). The sidewalk adjacent to the north lane is also closed and pedestrians are detoured through the Gerstacker Grove. Signs are posted to guide both vehicles and pedestrians. This construction is expected to be in place through mid to late summer. Look for further updates as the summer progresses.

Bus Route Adjustments

Routes affected: Commuter North,
Commuter South, Diag-to-Diag Express, Northwood.



Please check the MagicBus app and/or transit alerts page on the LTP website to find updated routes and time information during the construction period.

FMO Leadership



Peg Peterson has been appointed as our next Director of Facilities, effective April 29th, 2023, following John Keedy's retirement.

Peg brings a wealth of experience and expertise to the role, having served as the Assistant Director of Facilities for the College of Engineering, as well as spending over 17 years in AEC as a Design Manager.

Peg can be reached at mhelner@umich.edu or (734) 647-7156

Lurie Bell Tower Time Capsule



Show of hands, who is aware that CoE has a time capsule vault?

Created in 1998 by Dean Steven Director, a 25 capsule vault was installed in one of the small buildings outside of the Lurie Bell Tower. Since then, each graduating class has been donating items to install into a time capsule for their year. They also name their capsule with a slogan. This year, the Class of 1998's time capsule was opened and then refilled with the contents from the Class of 2023.

From now onward, a time capsule will be opened every year to reveal the contents.

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Severe Weather Preparedness

The CoE Severe Weather Drill Season was a success!

We greatly appreciate the support of all our Emergency Response Team members during this drill season.

If you were not able to participate in your building's drill, you should familiarize yourself with the severe weather tips provided by DPSS.

All CoE buildings have Evacuation Maps posted in the halls, like the one you see here. These maps provide basic fire and tornado safety procedures.

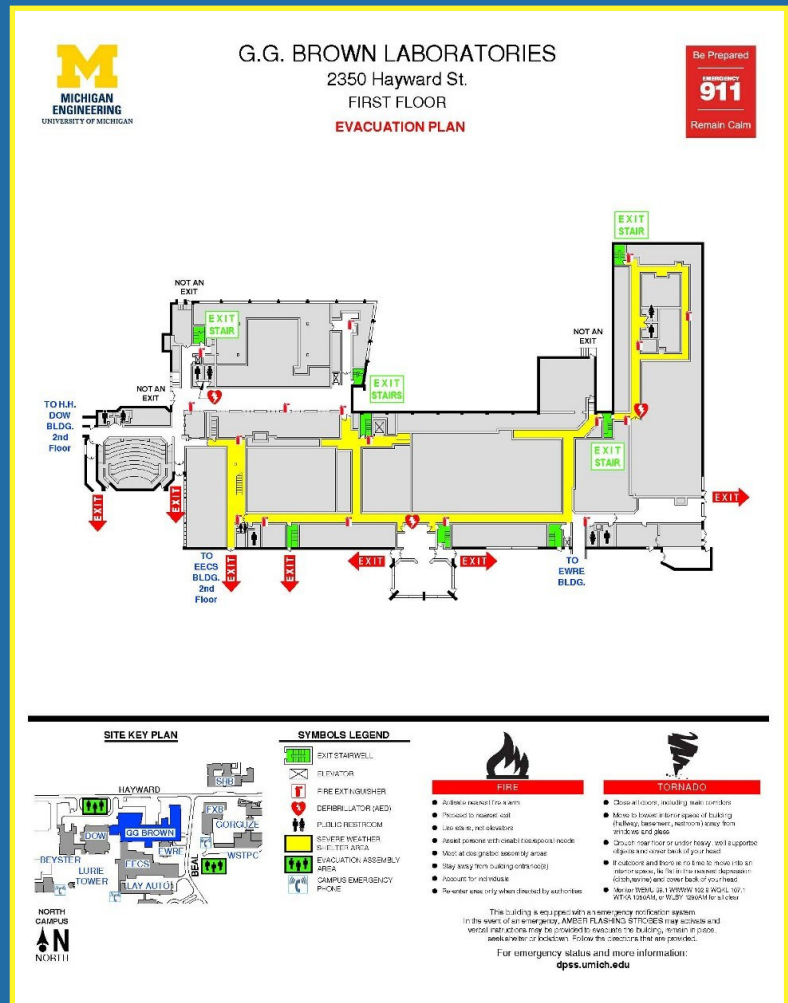
If you become aware of a tornado please take the following precautions:

Persons outside should immediately find shelter.

Safe shelters include:

- ☐ Internal hallways on the lowest floors of buildings
- ☐ Internal classrooms or offices without glass windows, walls and panels
- ☐ Basements
- ☐ Internal stairwells that do not have windows

Safe shelters DO NOT include:



2023 Summer Bike Removal Program

The University of Michigan Grounds Department will begin to identify and remove abandoned bicycles from bike racks on the Ann Arbor campus beginning in early April.

Bikes that show signs of abandonment, such as those with bent rims, rusted or broken chains, deteriorated tires or frozen brakes, cables or shifters will have bright colored tags placed on them.

Tagged bikes left on campus after June 15th will be considered abandoned and will be removed by the Grounds Department.

Bicycle owners who want to retrieve their bikes should contact the U-M Grounds Department at 734-763-5539. All collected bicycles will be donated to a local non-profit to be refurbished and donated to Michigan schools.



Leinweber CSI Building

Construction continues on the Leinweber CSI Building. The project remains on schedule with a substantial completion date of Oct 31, 2024 and will be ready for full occupancy by Jan 1, 2025.

The project started with removing 120,000 cu. yards of dirt to prep the site. Then concrete footings and walls were completed on Feb 15, 2023. A total of 6,081 cu. yards of concrete was poured.

Steel erection began on Feb 27, 2023 and will continue through July. To date, 809 pieces of steel have been placed. Decking for the floors has also started and the first slab of deck concrete pour is scheduled for May 30, 2023.

To date workers have amassed a total of 66, 242 hours worked on this project.

You can watch the progress live [here](#).





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