

Landscaping and
Recycling Safety
Committee
Newsletter

"Safety is to
comprise your mind,
body & spirit.

Hopefully this will
contribute not only
to enhance safe
practices at work,
but also have
lasting effects for
family and your life
at home."

LANDSCAPING & RECYCLING SAFETY COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER





Stay focused, stay safe and steady your course for all to emulate and follow!

Back Brief Topics: April. 2021

Old Business:

We talked about how many people can be in each vehicle. Bonnie talked about the importance of the newsletter. We discussed the importance of masks and looking out for others during this pandemic.

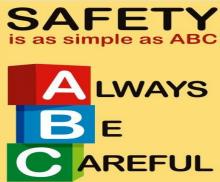
New Business:

- ➤ We kind of introduced Jim's replacement-Tim Spencer. We were also going to call for nominations for a Co-Chair for our committee, but we decided to wait until the next meeting when Tim would be able to join us
- ➤ Joseph Giandonato from Hoos Well was invited to speak at our committee meeting
- ➤ I thanked Nargis on her efforts with Audio testing with the Landscaping department; everything came out well with her training and testing
- On the spot corrections regarding public/work safety

Incident Data Review:

- ➤ Bonnie went over the Incident Review portion
- ➤ Last month we had no new accidents to report; great job gang!!
- ➤ Keep reporting of near misses
- Remember to always follow policies, logic, common sense and above all, be safe!!





GENERAL SAFETY AT A GLANCE:

- ➤ Keep practicing social distancing
- ► Keep sanitizing vehicles/twice daily
- Keep wearing your masks per university policy
- > Sanitize your hands throughout your workday

- > Spring is here and the birds are chirping, and the bees are buzzing. Be careful as with warm weather more people will be out on the roads walking, running or bicycling— "Be aware of your surroundings at all times
- Always when travelling two in a vehicle, the passenger needs to get out and ground guide his/her driver backing up



AROUND THE ROOM:

Edward- McCormick Zone Report

Edward Nolan talked about how upsetting it was that the \$500 dollars earned from Hoos Well incentives ended up in more taxes taken out on the last paycheck

Tim Spencer- North Grounds Supervisor:

> Tim was not in attendance

Jonathan-North Grounds Report:

Jonathan had nothing new to report

Nicholas-Sort Facility Report

Nicholas talked about getting the word out to all staff/faculty about not standing on the wall at the roll-off dump off area; very unsafe and more emphasis needs to be put on about safety in general at the sort facility ➤ Nicholas wanted me to get the word out about not putting in any type of gas cylinders in the scrap metal roll-off as Gerdau will not accept these types of containers anymore. All gas cylinders need to be taken to ENVIRO. I will get an all FM e-mail out stating that new policy on Monday the 3rd of May

Ronnie Herring-Central Dorm Route Report:

> Ronnie did not have anything new to report

Jason Snow-Recycling Operations Supervisor Report:

Jason did not have anything new to report

Sonny Beale-Recycling Superintendent-Committee Director:

Sonny had to leave our meeting to attend another meeting

Victor Martin-Safety Chair for the Committee

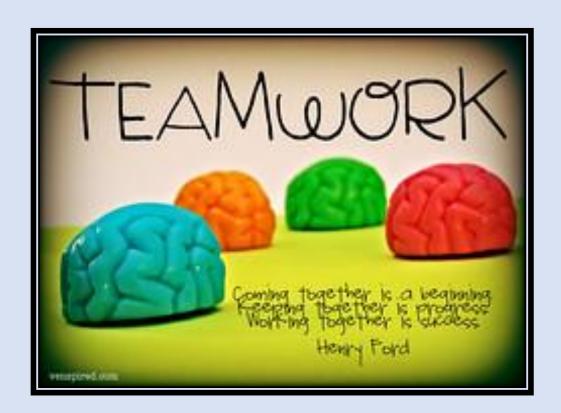
- ➤ I talked about making on the spot corrections when it comes to safety and I suggested that instead of going to that person, they should seek out that persons supervisor and alert him to what you were going to tell the worker
- ➤ I urged everyone to stay vigilant during the pandemic and not let our guards down because of the COVID vaccine being prevalent to be administered. We have seen some relaxing of policies concerning COVID safety, but not when it comes to not wearing masks or not sanitizing our hands or vehicles.

FINAL THOUGHTS:

I would like to take the time out to welcome Tim Spencer to our committee. I know Tim well and he'll make a great addition to our committee. Joseph Giandonato was a guest speaker today. He is from Hoos Well and he talked about all of the benefits that Hoos Well has to offer the University staff. Joseph encouraged everyone to register on the site to take advantage of

life changing information as well as programs that can put money into your pocket. I would like to give thanks to everyone in the Landscaping & Recycling departments for keeping the month of April free from accidents/incidents; great job, keep it up. I would like everyone to think about getting the COVID vaccination. This is a personal choice that has pros and cons to it, and I ask you to weight those pro's and con's objectively. Keeping in mind that's this is a decision that will affect you and your family and whatever you decide, myself and the entire team is behind you!! I ask that you keep your masks on and to keep sanitizing your vehicles and hands often! In the upcoming weeks we'll have a couple of large-scale events going on (Move-Out & Graduations). Be alert for pedestrians, students and parents walking around, and construction work that is prevalent all over grounds! We're also in Spring and if you've allergies make sure you take your medicine to lessen the effects that allergies can burden you with. Great job on everyone's part, keep working safely please!!

SAFETY QUOTE FOR THE MONTH March-2021



Famous Quote!

"It's not only what we do, but also what we do not do, for which we are accountable."