

Changes Made at USF Water Treatment Plant

When treating wastewater, some level of disinfection is required. Chlorine has been used for over a century to disinfect drinking water. It comes in two different forms: chlorine gas and sodium hypochlorite, more commonly known as liquid bleach.

Health and safety concerns about using chlorine, particularly in its gaseous state, have risen in recent years. Chlorine gas is an extremely effective disinfectant, but there are many risks that come with using it. First, being exposed to chlorine gas for longer than an hour can have a negative effect on your respiratory system. This raises concerns for employees who have to work with these chemicals. There is also a chance of chlorine gas explosions. If something like this were to happen, USF Facilities Management and surrounding areas would be shut down until the gas was cleared. Finally, due to the availability and increased regulation, the cost

of chlorine gas is rising.

These hazards have led to approximately 96% of water treatment plants in the state of Florida converting to sodium hypochlorite. Because it is produced and stored as a liquid, the potential danger of having high-pressure chlorine gas on site is eliminated when using sodium hypochlorite.



The new water treatment system (using sodium hypochlorite)

With sodium hypochlorite, handlers do not need to worry about wearing respiratory or eye protection. The response level is less involved and the risk of chlorine gas explosions is eliminated. Converting to sodium hypochlorite will make the lives of employees that have to handle the chlorine much easier and safer.



On the Job: Tony McKinnon, returns from delivering mail around campus.

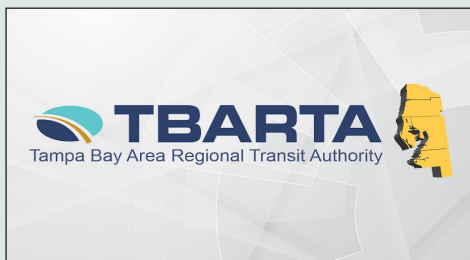
Reminders

-  **December 13 & 14** is USF Tampa Commencement
-  Winter Break is from **December 23-31**
-  Too busy to wrap your gifts? OAS Gift Wrapping Day, \$1 for two gifts: **December 6 and 20** in PTB Training Room from 2 - 6:30 PM

“We impact lives every day by exceeding expectations and creating WOW moments.”

TBARTA Vists OAS

During this quarter's Town Hall, the Office of Administrative Services received an informative presentation from a representative with TBARTA (Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority).



TBARTA attempts to connect people locally,

reduce carbon emissions, and preserve Tampa's roadways. The company also has a goal of helping others understand the different commuting options they offer. Account Executive Kesha Lindo has been working for the company since July with a goal of finding more efficient ways for people to commute to work.

Lindo stressed the importance of registering with TBARTA's rideshare system when she stated that “if people care about our environment and convenience they should register in our system”. Lindo mentioned that one common reason why people don't carpool

is that they want to be able to go where they want, when they want, without having to rely on someone. This makes people hesitant to register, however they may find others that are travelling to the exact same place at the same time, making carpooling equally as convenient as driving yourself. By carpooling with TBARTA, customers will save on gas and transportation expenses.

Aside from carpooling, TBARTA also has an Emergency Ride Home service and a Park and Ride program. If you would like to register with TBARTA or want more information on their services, visit www.tbarta.com.

Town Hall Recap

This November, the Office of Administrative Services produced another successful Town Hall presentation. This quarter, the presentation began with the guest speaker from TBARTA. (see page 1)

Next, Antonio Morales (Emergency Management) shared an update pertaining to the Service Center. There is a new USF System tool which will be used for space and asset management along with filing work orders. The new program, FAMIS (Facility and Asset Management Information System) will be replacing FACNET (Work Orders and Asset Management) and IFIS (Space Management and Reporting).



Hollie Chancey from the Technology & Equipment Pillar stresses the importance of sharing your ideas

Next, speakers from each pillar team shared their updates and experiences from the last quarter. The Professional Development & Training Pillar spoke on the importance of personal development. They showed a video explaining why you should work equally as hard on bettering yourself as you work on your job. The Communication Pillar spoke about an outreach project they are implementing to get more feedback and ideas on how OAS can be improved. The Technology & Equipment Pillar showed some tools that are pending approval and some that have been recently implemented around OAS and encouraged employees to continue sharing ideas with them. Lastly, the Recognition & Awards Pillar explained how to nominate someone for an Excellence Award and announced this quarter's Excellence Award nominees and recipients. See photos of the award recipients for this quarter on the next page.

Finally, Vice President Calvin Williams gave his closing speech. First he showed off photos of the OAS floats in the Homecoming Parade, he then moved on to discussing the progress of the Morsani College of Medicine building in downtown Tampa. To end the town hall, VP Williams discussed the importance of employee engagement.

PATS Partners With RideFlag

Parking and Transportation Services has coordinated with RideFlag Technologies, Inc. to expand transportation options for students, faculty, and staff on campus. The free mobile app, RideFlag, will enable non-resident students, faculty, and staff the opportunity to ride to campus in groups and receive preferential parking, in addition to program rewards and discounts.

Using location data, the RideFlag app will match users with others in close proximity who are headed to USF at the same time. Users can opt to be a passenger or a driver, arrange a trip in real-time or in advance, and select with whom he or she would like to travel. This could be a member of the USF community that fits selected age, gender, and other parameters, or a carpool partner one already knows.

While anyone can use the app to find a carpool partner, the preferential parking is for those who are traveling from beyond areas served by the Bull Runner. A geofence will virtually validate that the carpool has one or more passengers in addition to the driver, and that the carpool originated beyond Bull Runner service area. The carpool driver must have a valid USF parking permit.

Those who carpool to campus two or more days per week can register for the Emergency Ride Home (ERH) program, offered by the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority (TBARTA). The ERH program provides registrants with six free taxi rides home per year in case of emergency.

The RideFlag program is expected to launch in Spring, 2020. For more information, visit <https://newnorthalliance.org/rideflag/>

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Peter Gutzkow	8
Fabio Soler	7
Nicholus Murphy	3
Anibal Gonzalez	3
Richard Piccininni	3
Thomas Shepherd	2
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Eli Algarin Rodriguez	1

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3rd Quarter Excellence Awards

The Office of Administrative Services always encourages employees to exceed expectations and impact lives. A large number of employees throughout OAS were nominated to receive an Excellence Award this quarter. These employees strove for excellence in the workplace and created “wow” moments. The actions of these individuals also exemplified the guiding principles of OAS.

The Recognition and Awards Pillar looked over this group of outstanding nominees and chose the 3rd quarter award recipients. Each quarterly award recipient receives a monetary award and a certificate. If you would like to see this quarter’s nominees, they are currently listed on the display boards in break rooms around OAS. Congratulations to all nominees and recipients!

If you see a coworker or supervisor exceeding someone’s expectations, make sure to nominate them for an Excellence Awards. You can do this by filling out a form online at usf.edu/ExcellenceAwards or at an Excellence Box location in your area.



James (Tracy) Groover (PATS), Nereo (Garcia) Rojas (PATS), VP Calvin Williams (PATS), Albert McDuffus (PATS), and James Orf (PATS)



Tony McKinnon (FM) and VP Calvin Williams



Michael Ross (FM) and VP Calvin Williams



Marquis Wallace-Oliphant (PATS) and VP Calvin Williams



Henry (Greg) Carrington and VP Calvin Williams



James Gililan (FM) and VP Calvin Williams

Welcoming New Additions...

Leronda Watson
Custodial Worker
Building Services and Vending

Brittany Phillips
Custodial Worker
Building Services and Vending

Dwayne Vasquez
Custodial Worker
Building Services and Vending