

Facilities gives Samford Tower clocks a facelift



The Samford Tower clocks will receive acrylic faces and numerals, as well as new hands, to replace parts that have worn out over time. The repairs will take place Sept. 26-27.

By Trey Wood

Samford Hall's clocktower will receive a much-needed facelift Sept. 26-27 that will ensure it remains a campus symbol for decades to come.

Currently utilizing vinyl clockfaces, the vinyl and numerals will be replaced with industry standard acrylic. The bronze-cast numerals, part of the original clockfaces from 1899, have deteriorated after years of cleanings and repairs.

"The existing clockfaces in the Samford Hall clock tower are constructed of a vinyl material that is approaching the end of its useful life regarding durability and cleanability,"

Facilities Management Director of Maintenance Eric Moore said.

This will be only the second time in the tower's 133 years that the clockfaces have been replaced, first undertaken in 1995, and the first time the numerals will be replaced.

Originally placed in 1889 after the completion of Samford Hall in 1888, "Big Sam," as the tower structure was affectionally named in the 40s, is one of the most important symbols in Auburn history. Placed while still part of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, the clockfaces are about 112 feet from the ground, situated

on the tallest tower on campus, 154 feet at the roof and 176 feet at the weathervane.

The Samford Hall clocktower has undergone numerous repairs and upgrades in its lifespan, from the replacement of the manual chime system to an electronic carillon in 1977, then a newer one in 1995; the replacement of the original hand crank system in 1995, which required being cranked every week to keep proper time, to an electronic system; regular repainting and cleaning; to animal removal.

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General Announcements

Congratulations to the following FM employees who were promoted:

Cory Akers – Admin Support Assoc II to Coord III, Facilities

Haiden Boyles – Admin Support Assoc II to Coord II, Facilities

Emily Bryant – Admin Support Assoc II to Coord I, Facilities

Tracy Dixon – Admin Support Assoc II to Coord I, Facilities

Jeffrey Easterling – Coord, Technical/Admin Support to Coord II, Facilities

Jessica Johnson – HR Asst to Human Resources Generalist II

Mary Stroud – Admin Support Assoc II to Coord I, Facilities

Stephanie Morgan – Admin Support Assoc II to Coord I, Facilities

Donna Giles – Coord, Technical/Admin Support to Coord I, Facilities

Amy Bingham – Manager II, Project Design, to Civil Engineer IV

Jeff Kemp – Groundskeeper II to Tech I, Landscape

Eric Moon – Groundskeeper II to Tech I, Landscape

Chris Murphy – Campus Architect III to Campus Architect V

Vanessa Kleypas – Coordinator II, Design/Construction to Coordinator III, Design/Construction

Welcome New Employees

Alexis Hicks – Admin Supp Asst II – Materials Management – July 11

Patti Rush – Grad Student- Project Support – July 24

Tamia Paige – TES Admin Support Asst – Project Support – July 25

Trent Bingham – Tech I, HVACR – PM Shop – July 25

Destiny Russell – TES University Mail Tech – Mail Services – Aug. 1

Art Ingram, Jr – TES Solid Waste Tech – WRRD – Aug. 1

Bryce Oleson – TES University Mail Tech – Mail Services – Aug. 1

Tiffany Horton – Mgr II, Project Design – PD&C – Aug. 1

Ryan Harris – Asst Dir, Campus Services – Campus Services – Aug. 1

Shane Allen – Tech I, HVACR – PM Shop – Aug. 1

Christopher Coleman – Tech II, Utilities – Utility Services – Aug. 8

Cedric Ramsey – TES Solid Waste Tech – WRRD – Aug. 8

Robert Copeland – TES University Mail Tech – Mail Services – Aug. 8

Mark Foster – Student Worker – Landscape Services – Aug. 15

John Martin – Automotive Mechanic III – Automotive Shop – Aug. 15

Nikki Preston – Civil Engineer V – PD&C – Aug. 15

Jesse Teel – Coord II, Waste Reduction & Recycling – WRRD – Aug. 21

Quenton Rachel – TES Landscape Services – Landscape Services – Aug. 22

Logan Bolton – IT Student Worker – Facilities IT – Aug. 22

Garrett Vest – IT Student Worker – Facilities IT – Aug. 22

D Andre Benson – Carpenter I – Zone 3 – Aug. 28

Marquen Mitchell – Carpenter I – Zone 2 – Aug. 28

Jasmine Pressley – University Mail Tech I – Mail Services – Sept. 4

John Raiford – University Mail Tech I – Mail Services – Sept. 4

Retirements/Resignations

Dan Dix – Mgr IV, Facilities Project – In-House Construction – retiring effective Jan. 1

Michael Large – Coord I, Facilities – In-House Construction – resigned effective Sept. 2

Jory Garnto – Electrician II – In-House Construction – resigned effective Aug. 12

Jay Percival – Electrician I – In-House Construction – resigned effective Aug. 12

Tracy Lockhart – Groundskeeper II – Landscape Services – resigned effective Aug. 1

Troy Carson – Co-op Student – Facilities IT – resigned effective July 21

Meredith Hand – Student Worker – PD&C – resigned effective July 30

Destiny Russell – TES University Mail Tech – Mail Services – resigned effective Aug. 14

Christian Nelson – TES Landscape – Landscape Services – resigned effective Aug. 26

Jecorius Johnson – Tech II, Solid Waste – WRRD – resigned effective Aug. 26

Sara Collins – Estimator III – Project Support – resigned effective Sept. 23

Employment Opportunities

For positions currently posted, please scan the QR code below:



These announcements are gathered by the Facilities Management Office of Employee Engagement. Submit announcements via email to [Cynthia Baccus at geercyn@auburn.edu](mailto:Cynthia.Baccus@auburn.edu).



Congratulations to the following FM employees who received a cash award for August and September 2022:

- Cynthia Baccus
- Reagan Barfoot
- Amy Bingham
- Nicholas Blair
- Jeffrey Brisky
- Charles Brock
- Fred Buchanan
- Christy Bumpers
- Kenneth Byrd
- Mark Carroll
- Matthew Caypless
- Anthony Coleman
- Karen Cummings
- Courtney Dowdell
- Ellen Doyle
- James Duncan
- Wesley Farrow
- Damon Finley
- Vincent Ford
- Jason Foshee
- Matthew Geer
- Joetta Good
- Jeffrey Gullede
- Derek Hall
- Noelle Hattier
- Joan Hicken
- Brian Holley
- Jeffrey Holmes
- Robert Horn
- Dave Hosey
- Dale Jeffers
- Jessica Johnson
- Shane Johnson
- Greyson Jones
- Joseph Joyner
- Chase Kilpatrick
- Junior Lockhart
- Joseph Martin
- Tracy Mask
- Carson McClendon
- Jonathan McDonald
- Wes Miller
- Dora Moore
- Jonathan Morgan
- Dalton Sconyers
- Sharon Smith
- Andrew Spurlin
- Jessie Stinson
- Lance Stockman
- Justin Sutton
- Burke Wagoner
- Tony Wolfe
- Charnita Wright
- Thomas Tatum
- Willie Trimble
- Torrence Turk
- Jason Yeomans

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The coming repairs, however, are expected to last much longer and make future repairs much easier.

“The university is replacing the vinyl Samford Hall clockfaces with an industry standard acrylic material

that will extend the longevity and cleanability going forward,” Moore said.

While the clocktower, to some, is just a large clock that chimes on the hour and plays “War Eagle” at noon,

to others, it may be one of the most important representatives of the university. It’s a place with hundreds of signatures, the site of numerous graduations and engagements, and one of the most consistently photographed areas across campus.



“The memory of the old clock is forever indelibly imprinted in the hearts of the men whom it has warned of approaching classes and drills,” reads the May 20, 1922, edition of the Orange & Blue newspaper. “The clock is old and wise, and could it talk, it could tell many strange and unknown tales of Auburn.”

Recycling: An important part of gameday

Before each home football game, Waste Reduction and Recycling Department staff place hundreds of recycling bins inside and outside Jordan-Hare Stadium and around campus for fans to recycle their plastic bottles and aluminum cans.

Cleanup begins early Sunday morning after each home football game. The trash cans and recycling bins that were set out for gameday need to be serviced and removed from campus. The recycling is collected and brought to the Facilities Management Complex.

Recycle Responsibly

Contamination happens when recycling bins are not used as labeled or trash is mixed in with recyclables. When this happens, the opportunity to recycle is wasted. Placing the wrong items in the recycling bin makes the materials less desirable, less valuable, more expensive to process and more difficult to manufacture into new products.

Benefits of Recycling

Recycling turns materials that would otherwise become waste into resources. Some of its benefits include conserving natural resources, saving energy, preventing pollution and reducing the amount of waste sent to landfills. The act of recycling creates good habits and inspires us to develop new and better ways of managing and eliminating waste.



Oscar Preston, Anthony Green and Anthony Lewis are setting up recycling bins at the Melton Student Center green space for gameday tailgating.



Anthony Lewis is breaking open bags of plastic containers and aluminum cans and emptying them into the recycling compactor.

- Courtesy of Joan Hicken,
Manager of Waste Reduction
and Recycling
(photos and content)

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RECYCLING BAGS
COLLECTED ON GAMEDAY

It is important for the recycling bins to be used as labeled. Contamination may cause the entire contents of the recycling bin to be disposed of as garbage, undoing everybody's hard work.



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