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A newsletter for the tenants of Federal Reserve Plaza

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New Look for the Lobbies

Summer 2009 will bring some quite visible renovations to the Federal Reserve Plaza entrances. The goal of these lobby updates is two-fold. First, we are modernizing the space and giving it a contemporary feel. Second, we are creating enhancements that will help to expedite access for employees and visitors, better meeting our business needs while maintaining our secure environment.

From Start to Finish

The first step will begin in May, with the replacement of the glass walls near the Morris Auditorium with aluminum, matching the rest of the building, as well as new lighting, ceiling and carpet. When the project is complete, the main lobby will have three entrance lanes and a magnetometer on each side for increased ease of access, plus upgraded restrooms and new carpet and furniture in redesigned seating areas. The employee lobby will also be updated, once the main lobby work is complete.

2 Phases for Main Lobby

Like all large projects, the work in the main lobby will be undertaken in stages. **All of the work will be**

done at night and on the weekends, so regular operations will not be impacted beyond some minor adjustments. Work on each side is expected to last 6-8 weeks.

- First you'll see some repositioning of the plants. When work begins on the first phase, on the north tower side, that half of the lobby will be enclosed by temporary walls, and a third magnetometer will be added on the south side to keep employee and visitor entrance traffic flowing.
- When the north side is completed, a temporary wall will be built on the south side, and the work will continue there while the new north side, with its three lanes, is unveiled and begins to take the traffic flow.

Once all of the construction is accomplished, the granite floor will be reconditioned throughout, as will all of the aluminum face. As a final step, new plantings, new carpets and bright new furnishings will be added to create an inviting new threshold for employees and visitors alike.

Spring springing up around the Plaza

Winter is finally fading away, and that means the landscaping crew is gearing up for spring. According to Paul Kelly, Landscaping Supervisor, right now the work is a lot of cleaning out debris and prepping the soil with compost and fertilizer, just as we are doing for our own gardens and lawns. The noticeable work begins in May, when Paul and his crew start selecting the flowering plants for the Roof Garden and around the property. "Quantity, availability and price are the three major considerations," says Paul. "We want a lot of color, and we base our choices on what is bountiful, healthy, and a good value."



DID YOU KNOW

...that the Harborview Dining Room accepts credit cards? Whether hosting business colleagues, or friends and family, you may choose to charge your bill to Visa, MasterCard or American Express. Visit the HDR today and enjoy new items such as Chicken Tangerine and Scallop Scampi, and other seasonal specialties. View the entire menu at www.federalreserveplaza.com.

As Federal Reserve Plaza pursues LEED certification we are incorporating more organic methods into both the lawn care and in the general landscape. The Landscaping team is also investigating irrigation methods that significantly reduce water consumption.

And for your lawn? We asked for tips from the pro's. Paul says aerate and fertilize now. Your roots will have more oxygen to grow and fertilizing now will yield a thick lawn, which helps to choke out weeds and reduces the need for herbicides. Then top dress your lawn with compost and grass seed, and do your part by using organic alternatives whenever possible!

Tenant Spotlight

Looking for a school loan? Perhaps a new auto loan? Ready to refinance your mortgage? Go no farther than the 4th floor here at Federal Reserve Plaza. In the Spotlight this month: the 600 Atlantic Federal Credit Union.

The Credit Union began operations in 1946 for Bank employees. Since October 2008, Ralph Moore and his staff of three tellers have welcomed more than 75 tenant firm employees as members, joining the hundreds of current Bank employees, retirees, former employees and family members in easy access to a complete range of valuable financial services.

The Credit Union offers savings and free checking accounts, loans and CD's, free online banking and electronic bill payment, money orders, Amex gift checks and travelers checks, as well as collectable state quarters, a member favorite. They have no maintenance or ATM fees, and deposits are insured up to \$500,000.

Responsible in their lending and therefore unaffected by the sub-prime mortgage crisis, Ralph is making lending and investment decisions daily, often with a 24-hr. turnaround. "With our balanced and responsible approach, we can afford to offer lower than average lending rates and higher than average savings rates," Ralph explains. "We have the resources

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of a big bank." Auto loans and HELOCs top the list of popular financial products, and free online banking and bill pay is a great benefit.

As part of our Federal Reserve Plaza community, the Credit Union's 4th floor location offers genuine convenience, and the ability to speak directly to the person who makes the decisions, your "neighbor," brings a level of customer service unusual in today's business environment.

A \$25 initial deposit is all it takes to open an account. Just drop by between 9am-3:30pm Monday through Friday.

For more information on the 600 Atlantic Federal Credit Union, link to their website at www.federalreserveplaza.com.



"What's in a name?"

Shakespeare asked "What's in a name?"

And we asked you. If it's true that "imagination is intelligence having fun" congratulations to you for letting your intelligence run wild in an imaginative

way! We received a great number of creative suggestions for a name for our newsletter, and will unveil the new name and look in the next edition.

Also, thank you for your enthusiasm for email distribution of the newsletter! At Federal Reserve Plaza, we are committed to eco-friendly processes throughout our operations, and online and email communication is a way to reduce consumption of paper, inks, machine time and power. And it's more efficient to boot - you get the news right at your desktop. While you will still see some hard copies of the newsletter in common spaces, your switch to email distribution will result in a more than 60% reduction in printing. Thanks for *doing your part!*



Earth Day Brown Bag Luncheon 4/23

Join us for Federal Reserve Plaza's Earth Day Celebration on 4/23 in the New England Room from 12-1pm, featuring Heather Henriksen, the director of the Harvard Office for Sustainability. She is also a partner in Environmental Entrepreneurs (E2), a national community of business

people lobbying for environmental policies which protect the environment while building economic prosperity.



Visit www.federalreserveplaza.com for information and updates, especially the new Harbview Dining Room Spring/Summer Menu.