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Can you believe it's already July?!

Now that July is here, it's important to streamline processes at work to allow time for enjoying our short and spectacular Maine summer. Here is some information I hope will help.

- **HR announced bargained pay raises** for ACSUM, AFUM, UMPSA, and Non-Represented Faculty and Staff employees. For details, view the **Fiscal Year (FY) 24 Raise Processing blog page**.

- **The Chancellor announced a July 3rd administrative holiday**. I hope you enjoyed the day! If you have questions about how to enter time for this event, please **contact your HR Partner**

- **In response to your feedback**, **I created a website** with University of Maine System (UMS) emails and Monthly Talking Points archives, a **Google Chat Space** for UMS Supervisors, and **a summary report**.

- **UMS IT** published a June **Repaving MaineStreet project update** with a sneak peek of the Oracle Cloud homepage.

- **The Chancellor and Strategic Plan Writing Team** published the final **UMS Strategic Plan**. Implementation work now begins. Visit the **UMS Strategic Plan website** for more information.

- **Monthly Tech Tips**

  - **Set up an integrated appointment calendar** on one (or more) of your Google work calendars. You can **take a peek at mine** to see how it works. All events, out-of- office events, and focus times are automatically removed from consideration.

  - Inject a bit of fun into your training! Attend the **Google First Wizarding College** or use it as an onboarding tool. It's a great program teaching how to use the Google Workspace tools. It was created and shared by our University of Notre Dame Office of Information Technologies colleagues.