

## COMMUNAL BUILDINGS TEAM: MODERN AND EFFICIENT BUILDING MANAGEMENT

**EN** The Buildings Team of the Commune of Betzdorf is responsible for maintaining all communal buildings. This means that the team, led by department head Patrick RENCKENS, has a wide range of tasks to perform every day: "Our principal task is to maintain and repair communal buildings. We carry out regular inspections to determine where action is needed. We carry out most of the work ourselves and only call in external contractors if the situation requires it. Our experience enables us, in collaboration with the relevant communal departments, to make suggestions for improvements to new buildings."

The "Communal Buildings Team" is responsible for keeping buildings clean and ensuring that electronic door locks, lighting systems, fire extinguishers, fire detectors, sanitary facilities, printers, solar panels, and many other pieces of equipment are properly maintained. Cleaning bus stops and gutters on buildings is also part of its remit. In collaboration with specialist companies, the team also ensures maximum fire protection and safety. In cooperation with the communal environmental protection officer, it also ensures that communal buildings operate in the most environmentally friendly way, for example by regularly checking consumption meters to identify any anomalies as quickly as possible.



Patrick RENCKENS



Katharina BACHMANN & Pierre THIEL

### Getting to school safely: the school transportation service

Pierre THIEL works as the communal school bus driver and, during school holidays, he keeps the streets of the Commune clean using the communal street sweeper. As a school bus escort, Katharina BACHMANN is responsible to the safety of the children.



From left to right: Stephen TUMELERO, Katharina BACHMANN, Ronny GELHAUSEN, Mike ARANTES ABREU, Pierre THIEL, Aly HOFFMANN, Vito APOLINARIO DA SILVA, Patrick RENCKENS, Rudi KUHN, Hermann UDING, Ken WEBER.

**Communal buildings: the central team**

The department responsible for maintaining communal buildings is headed by Patrick RENCKENS, who has been working for the Commune since 2012 and has held his current position since 2021. He is assisted by Rudy KUHN, who is a trained heating engineer and maintains the sanitary and heating systems in communal buildings. Vito APOLINARIO DA SILVA acts as a liaison for schools and also takes care of the cleaning team’s work equipment. Ken WEBER and Luc KIES are responsible for maintaining the electrical systems in communal buildings. In addition to his role as a school bus escort, Tom HUBERTY is responsible for maintaining the

locking systems and updating the “Reider.” When necessary, he is replaced by Mike ARANTES ABREU, who is responsible for inspecting playgrounds and assisting his colleagues in their tasks. Stephen TUMELERO, who also checks the cleanliness of bus stops, mows the football pitch and provides transportation by driving the communal “50+” minibus. Aly HOFFMANN is responsible for routine gardening work and minor repairs. Stephen TUMELERO and Aly HOFFMANN cover for each other in the event of absence.



Ronny GELHAUSEN & Hermann UDING

**School campus concierge service: two concierges working in shifts**

On the school campus, Hermann UDING and Ronny René GELHAUSEN take turns performing concierge duties. For the rest of the time, each is assigned to the Communal’s Events Department.

## Cleanliness is their specialty: communal cleaning staff

Hygiene in school buildings is also in good hands: Maria Carmen BOLHOSA PEREIRA ensures the cleanliness of the school in Roodt-sur-Syre, the "Al Schmëtt" in Mensdorf, the music school, and the "Schmattshaus," while Luiza Maria DOS SANTOS BARBOSA works at the school and the "Al Millen" in Olingen. Patricia BRANCO, who has just joined the team, is assigned to the school and the cultural centre in Mensdorf. Maria Bela DOS REIS CARVALHO is responsible for cleaning the nursery school, the Trisomie 21 Lëtzebuerg building, the youth club in Roodt-sur-Syre, and the former school in Berg. In addition to her duties at the nursery school in Roodt-sur-Syre and in the communal building B in Berg, Joana FERREIRA SILVA also works as a school bus escort. Ana MARQUES LOPES MOTA cleans the tennis hall and the adjoining refreshment bar in Roodt-sur-Syre and is also part of the nursery school maintenance team, as is Svenja VERMEIREN, who also helps out with the Events team.

The cleaning of other communal buildings is the responsibility of Rosa COELHO DE MAGALHAES (buildings B and C of the communal administration), Cristina FERREIRA MOTA GONCALVES DINIS (Mensdorf football pitch), Carla Marlène DE OLIVEIRA SANTOS (Syrkus cultural centre, Nei Kierch Bowengsbierg in Roodt-sur-Syre, and Olingen cultural centre), Patricia FERREIRA (Al Scheier in Betzdorf, backup in other buildings and school bus escort) and Célia MENDES BOTO (Roodt-sur-Syre sports hall and backup in other buildings).

**Conclusion:** whether it is safety, cleanliness, or efficiency in communal buildings, the "Buildings Team" works hard every day to provide optimal conditions for communal staff members and citizens!



*From left to right: Célia MENDES BOTO, Maria Bela DOS REIS CARVALHO, Luiza Maria DOS SANTOS BARBOSA, Patricia BRANCO, Cristina Paula FERREIRA MOTA GONCALVES DINIS, Ana MARQUES LOPES MOTA, Svenja VERMEIREN, Rosa COELHO DE MAGALHAES, Carla Marlène DE OLIVEIRA SANTOS, Maria Carmen BOLHOSA PEREIRA, Patricia FERREIRA, Joana FERREIRA SILVA (absente).*