

# The Utilities Department Newsletter

THE OFFICIAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE CITY OF VALDOSTA UTILITIES DEPARTMENT



**Congratulations to the ladies in the Environmental Services division for winning 3rd place in the City's holiday door decorating contest.**

## Star Employee



Eric Moore has been an exemplary Supervisor & coworker in the Utilities Department. Not only does he show great leadership towards his own division, but to others as well. He takes the time to thoroughly explain the task at hand & does not hesitate to answer questions. He shows great passion for what he does.

Eric brags about his Sewer Rehab crew and how well they are doing. He comes to work with a great attitude and still has a smile at the end of the day. For these reasons and more, Eric Moore is December's Star Employee.

**The City of Valdosta is currently under a Level 1 drought.**

### Water Conservation Tip:

When hand-washing dishes, never run water continuously. Wash dishes in a partially filled sink & rinse them using the spray attachment on your tap. For more information on how you can help conserve water or detect a leak in your own home, pick up a City of Valdosta Water Conservation Kit on your next visit to Customer Service while supplies last.

## DECEMBER

- 12|10 District #7 Meeting
- 12|13 RSVP shut off
- 12|20 Utilities Holiday Party
- 12|24 Half-day Christmas Eve
- 12|25 Closed for Christmas Holiday



*Merry Christmas*



**The Utilities Department hosted a whiffle ball game for our first ever team-building event. TEAM BLUE were crowned CHAMPS!**

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 N O I T A G I R R I X G  
 D K K W N V W A T E R L  
 R A V X A A N T B J D L  
 O E J L L N R A W G T T  
 U L V J L K C D X M B Z  
 G E M Y R K L X Y R L J  
 H Q R E F E L P Z H T Y  
 T L W L N Z T V L Y R G  
 D E O B Q Y L E B R D G  
 S W N X T X N K M D B D

**backflow conservation  
drought hydrant  
irrigation leak meter  
sewer valve water**

## Director's Corner



The holidays are upon us and in the Utilities Department we like to reflect on the things most important in our lives; family and friends. We also know it's time to gear up for cooler temperatures. Around your home, look and listen. Cooler temperatures can result in pipe contraction which lead to leaks and higher than expected water use. Freezing overnight temperatures can lead to broken pipes, costly repairs and can dampen your holiday spirit. Here are a few things that can reduce the risks of Old Man Winter taking the Joy out of your holiday season.

- If you have a backflow device, ensure it is insulated. You can use insulating tape, foam insulation or an insulated shelter. All are available at local hardware vendors.
- Disconnect and store water hoses.
- Cover hose bibs outside your home.
- If outdoor plumbing cannot be insulated, you may be able to install heat cable for vulnerable pipes.
- If you leave town, shut off your water at the main and leave your thermostat on. You can set the temperature very low. Most manufacturers recommend no lower than 55 degrees.
- If you are home during a cold snap, leave your faucets running very slowly. If your pipes do freeze, the trickling faucet acts as a relief valve for the pressure that builds up in frozen pipes.
- Ensure open crawl spaces beneath your home are blocked and dampeners closed.
- If you see or hear a leak, contact the Utilities Department immediately. We're here to help.

## District #7 Meeting

**Got SOPs? Reasons Needed and Tips on How to Write Good, Effective Ones**

**December 10, 2019 9:00 am - 11:00 am**

**Presentation by:  
Keith Martin, City of Valdosta**

Please [CLICK HERE](#) for more information and to register.

- 2 Recertification points will be awarded
- Reservations required
- Food will be provided