### CITY OF VALDOSTA

### THE HR NEWSLETTER

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### Who is Who in HR

YOUR GO-TO TEAM "Whom do I call for ...?"

It can be confusing to determine who in HR to call with your specific questions.

Use the information below to point you in the right direction.



### **Catherine Ammons**

Deputy City Manager of Administration/ Director of Human Resources cammons@valdostacity.com (229) 259-3544 ext. 4745

EEO Claims, lawsuits, related issues.
Employee grievances and appeals.
Position management, workflow,
reorganization.

Policy interpretation/challenges.

Any issue, problem, or question for which you are unable to get a timely answer.

Sick Leave Donation.

Staff handbook updates/changes.



### **Ryien Bonner**

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Employment Verification Employment On-boarding Job Postings I-9 Verifications



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Payroll
Health Benefits
Unemployment benefits
Retirement point of contact



### **Azhia Smothers**

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Worker's Compensation claims Property insurance Employee Trainings FMLA

# EMPLOYEE

### BIRTHDAYS



- LAVERTT OGDEN JR, 11/2
- STEVEN MICHAEL SHADRON, 11/2
- SHANDORA LASHAN GRAY, 11/3
- TONNIE BERNARD KNIGHT, 11/4
- DEVIN PARKINSON, 11/4
- ERIC SHANE WAGNER, 11/4
- LORRIE McCLURE AUSTIN, 11/5
- JENNIFER LYNETTE BOYER, 11/6
- SHAKIRA PARSON, 11/6
- JAY N. WOLFE, 11/8
- SCOTTIE F. JOHNS, 11/9
- NANCY DENISE ROBINSON, 11/9
- JOHN LYLE HERPIN, 11/10
- JIMMIE R. BACON, 11/11
- TYSHON DEMETRIUS NEAL, 11/12
- CHRISTOPHER LEE SCOTT, 11/13
- BRANAM J. JOHNS, 11/14
- ANTHONY JOHN DRAKE, 11/15
- DYLAN THOMAS WELCH, 11/15
- SEABRON WILLIAMS III, 11/15
- BRANDY S. FLANDERS, 11/16

- JOSEPH MAY III, 11/16
- JAMES ARTHUR BYRD JR, 11/18
- DAPHNE G. COVINGTON, 11/18
- COREY SHANE LONG, 11/19
- TERRENCE A. HINES, 11/20
- KYLE ANTHONY HOLDER, 11/20
- JEREMIAH MCCOY SR, 11/21
- WILLIAM SUMNER, 11/21
- THOMAS GRADY COTHRON III, 11/22
- SKYLER D. ROBINSON, 11/22
- ELDRED JAMES THOMAS JR, 11/22
- LEONARDO B. WARNER, 11/22
- JEFFREY E. KRAUSHAAR, 11/23
- MICHAEL A. PENLAND, 11/23
- WILLIAM JACKSON RICH, 11/25
- JOSHUA N. HUNT, 11/26
- ALAN W. CHRISTOPHER, 11/28
- MICHAEL E. CRUMP, 11/28
- JUSTIN T. DIXON, 11/28
- BRANDON L. MCDUFFIE, 11/28
- CAROLYN SAMPSON-BURGESS, 11/30





## SAFETY AFTER HOURS

### Presented by: Valdosta Safety Committee

While visions of turkey and dressing are filling daydreams, it's important our team doesn't lose sight of safety—at work or at home. Thanksgiving isn't always a momentous occasion, with more than 4,000 house fires and 50 injuries reported each year.

Top safety hazards during the Thanksgiving holiday include:

FIRE—kitchen fires, candles and outdoor deep fryers.

**FOOD**—choking and poisoning, cuts and burns during food preparation.

TRAVEL—car accidents, driving while intoxicated or distracted.

### FIRE PREVENTION TIPS

- Keep baking soda on hand to put out kitchen fires.
- Do not leave food cooking or the stove unsupervised.
- Make sure smoke alarms are working.
- A household fire extinguisher should always be nearby.
- Do not leave candles burning unattended.

### FOOD SAFETY

- Always wash your hands after handling raw or under-cooked poultry.
- Use separate cutting boards for raw meat and produce.
- Use a food thermometer to ensure the turkey is cooked thoroughly to avoid illness caused by consuming under-cooked poultry.
- Store leftovers within 2 hours or toss them.

### TRAVEL SAFETY

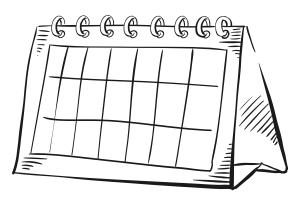
- Buckle up, every trip.
- Make sure your vehicle is well maintained.
- Be aware of weather conditions.
- Take caution in parking lots while out shopping.
- No texting while driving.

Putting our staffs' safety and best interests first is just good business. When we practice safety and responsibility outside the workplace, you'll be able to return to work without delay.

November 2021

Happy
Thanksgiving
from the
Safety Team!

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**



### 1 FIRST FRIDAY



Day: Friday, November 5, 2021 Time: 6:00 pm - 12:00 am Place: Downtown Valdosta

### 4 MAKER'S MARKET



Day: Saturday, November 13, 2021

Time: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Place: Historic Courthouse

### 2 CITY COUNCIL MEETING



Day: Thursday, November 11, 2021

Time: 5:30 pm - TBD Place: Council Chambers

### 5 FOOD TRUCK CRAWL



Day: Thursday, November 18, 2021

Time: 5:00 pm - 8:30 pm Place: Downtown Valdosta



### THE CITY OF VALDOSTA INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR AN ...

# Employee Thanksgiving Luncheon

Date: Thursday, November 11, 2021

Time: Session 1:11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Session 2:12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

Location: Rainwater Conference Center

(1 Meeting Pl.)



# OPEN ENROLLMENT WINDOW OPENS NOVEMBER 8TH!



OPEN ENROLLMENT MUST BE COMPLETED ON THE EMPLOYEE NAVIGATOR PORTAL BY NOVEMBER 19TH, 2021.

### STEP 1:

GO TO WWW.EMPLOYEENAVIGATOR.COM

### STEP 2:

CLICK REGISTER AS A NEW USER

### STEP 3:

ENTER THE INFORMATION AS PROMPTED

### STEP 4:

ENTER THE COMPANY IDENTIFIER BELOW CITY-OF-VALADOSTA

### STEP 4:

COMPLETE YOUR ENROLLMENT!



QUESTIONS ON HOW TO ACCESS OR REGISTER ON EMPLOYEE NAVIGATOR?

CONTACT JENNIE BOYER AT: 229.259.3544

# Photos From Past Events





















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# DONT FOGET TO FALL BACK



Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 7, 2021.

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour.