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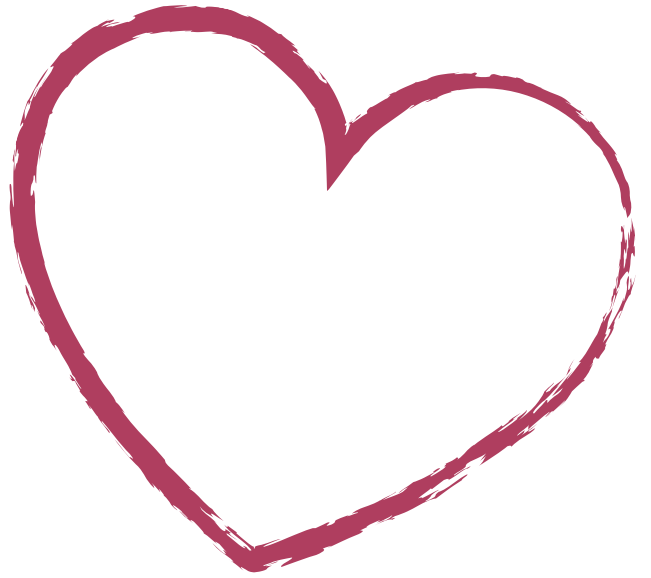
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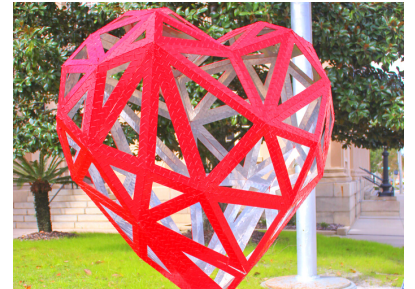


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A City Without Limits

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# Get to Know Your HR Team

## 5 Things You Don't Know About Azhia Smothers



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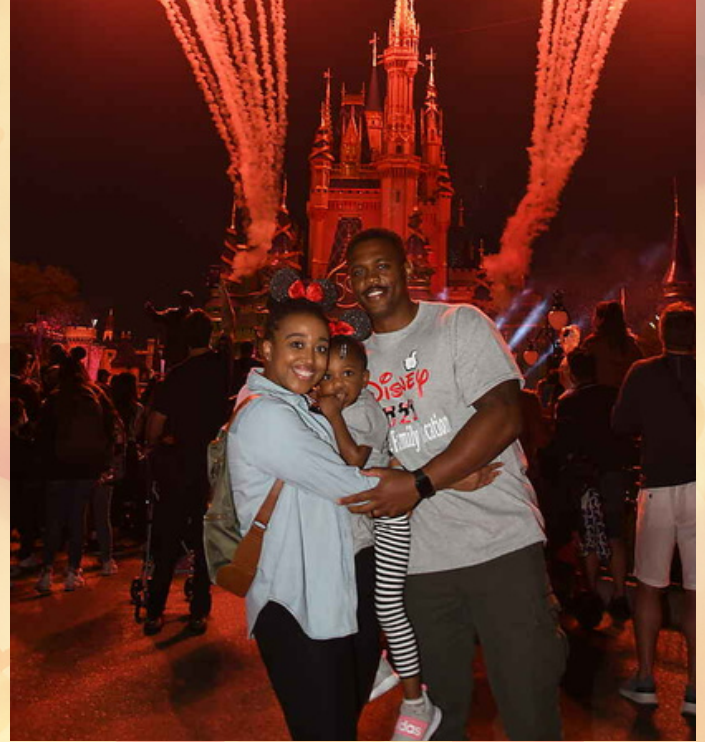
She was a News Producer for a local station in Jackson, Mississippi, and Albany, Georgia before her employment with the City of Valdosta.

### No. 2

She was born on the fourth of July.

### No.3

She does not drink milk, so she eats cereal with ice cream... or juice... it just depends on the kind of cereal.



### No. 4

She has traveled to 7 different countries outside the U.S., including Belize, Austria, the Netherlands, Italy, Spain, France, and Malta.

### No. 5

She and her husband share a 2-year-old sassy princess that they absolutely adore.

# EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAYS



- RANDY KELVIN FOLSOM, 02/02
- PATRICIA LENAHAAN KNIPPER, 02/02
- LATASHA RENEE RICHARD, 02/02
- WILLIAM SETH WHEELER, 02/02
- JORDAN V. WASHINGTON, 02/03
- NATHANIEL MCKINNON JR, 02/05
- JAWAUN TIRIQUE NETTLES, 02/05
- JOSE ANTONIO PEREZ JR, 02/05
- WALTER LAMONT WILLIAMS, 02/05
- JASON TYLER LOUIE, 02/06
- DUJUNNEA AVON BLAND, 02/08
- SHAWN D. MASSEY, 02/08
- SHERINA AUTHORIA FERRELL, 02/09
- ROBERT E. GRANT, 02/09
- STEPHEN B. THOMPSON, 02/09
- BRADLEY L. EYRE, 02/11
- CHAD L. ROE, 02/11
- JASON D. ROWAN, 02/11
- ABEL CORNELIUS BRASWELL, 02/12
- JAKE TYLER FOLSOM, 02/14
- WILLIE JONES JR, 02/14
- RYAN MICHAEL STRICKLAND, 02/14
- MASON D. MULEY, 02/15
- ALPHONSO STONEY, 02/15
- CHRISTOPHER JAMES BOONE, 02/17
- BARRETT LAMAR MOORE, 02/17
- MAX E. AHNER III, 02/18
- CARLTON HEATH COUCH, 02/18
- STEPHEN B. GRINER, 02/18
- CHRISTOPHER T. HICKS, 02/18
- BRIAN E. WOOD, 02/18
- GEORGE RUSSELL SIMPSON JR, 02/21
- ROGER D. WEAVER JR, 02/22
- GLORIA ANN WHITE, 02/22
- ROGER THOMAS, 02/23
- APRIL D. JOHNSON, 02/23
- LLOYD D. CUMMINGS, 02/24
- DAVID MARVIN FAWCETT, 02/24
- MONICA N. NELSON, 02/24
- DAVID BRUCE FROST, 02/25
- TOBIAS OCTAVIUS GRAHAM, 02/25
- ROBERT L. RENFROE, 02/25
- RICHARD PREWITTE COPELAND JR, 02/26
- BRYCE J. FINLEY, 02/26
- JEB STUART KING, 02/26
- DARRYL JAMES MICHEK II, 02/26
- WILLIE L. SIMS, 02/26
- DONNIE K. HIERS, 02/27
- TROY EDWARD CRIBBS JR, 02/28
- MARY B. LEWIS, 02/28

# Employee Anniversaries

- BOBBI E. MCGRAW, 02/01, 26 YEARS
- BRIAN S. BOUTWELL, 02/12, 26 YEARS
- MICHAEL LYNN KNIGHTON, 02/17, 25 YEARS
- CAROLYN SAMPSON-BURGESS, 02/28, 22YEARS
- CURTIS L. WADE, 02/20, 21 YEARS
- DOUGLAS J. STEVENSON II, 02/23, 18 YEARS
- ANTHONY JOHN DRAKE, 02/21, 17 YEARS
- ADAM R. BEMBRY, 02/28, 17 YEARS
- JIMMIE R. BACON, 02/21, 16 YEARS
- ELLEN M. HILL, 02/23, 15 YEARS
- JAMES ARTHUR BYRD JR, 02/26, 15 YEARS
- DEONNA DENE JAMES, 02/05, 9 YEARS
- DAVID BRUCE FROST, 02/17, 8 YEARS
- BARBARA Y. ADAMS, 02/02, 7 YEARS
- CEDRIC LEON SAUNDERS, 02/03, 7 YEARS
- LARRY DONNELL SPENCER, 02/16, 7 YEARS
- EDWARD RILEY BLACK JR, 02/15, 6 YEARS
- VICTOR CHAYCE ANDERSON, 02/26, 6 YEARS
- TERRANCE MAURICE BROWN, 02/29, 6 YEARS
- KYLAN RAY STEVENSON, 02/29, 6 YEARS
- DONNIE K. HIERS, 02/05, 4 YEARS
- ANTHONY BERNARD MCGRIF JR, 02/12, 4 YEARS
- APRIL D. JOHNSON, 02/08, 3 YEARS
- BRADLEY L. EYRE, 02/25, 3 YEARS
- SKYLER D. ROBINSON, 02/24, 2 YEARS

# CITY OF VALDOSTA

## *Safety Program*

### JANUARY SAFETY CHALLENGE WINNER

The Safety Program would like to congratulate Christine Espanol from the Utilities Department for being the January Safety Challenge winner!

We look forward to everyone's continued participation as we send our next Monthly Safety Challenge out on Monday, February 7.

Don't forget, winners will receive a \$20 gift card to one of our amazing local restaurants!

### DID YOU KNOW??

First aid is an essential tool in quickly responding to accidents to ensure that injuries can be efficiently and promptly dealt with before a trained medical professional arrives to administer more specialized treatment. A well-stocked first-aid kit can help you respond effectively to common injuries and emergencies.

The Safety Program is in the process of obtaining first-aid kits for all levels of city buildings.

If your work area has not received a first-aid kit by March 1, please contact [asmothers@valdostacity.com](mailto:asmothers@valdostacity.com)

### TOOLBOX TALK

#### First-Aid Fundamentals

The first step in any emergency is recognizing the problem and providing help. Whether at home, work, or school, know where the first aid kit is kept and be familiar with its contents. Common items found in a first aid kit are:

- Bandages, roller bandages, and tape,
- Sterile gauze,
- Antiseptic wipes and swabs,
- Absorbent compresses,
- Antibiotic cream,
- Burn ointment,
- Mask for breathing (rescue breathing/CPR),
- A chemical cold pack,
- Eyeshield and eyewash,
- The first aid reference guide that includes local phone numbers.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

February 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 		5
6	7	8	9	10 	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 	25	26
27	28					

## 1. VPD Open Testing



Day: Thursday, February 3, 2022

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: City Hall Annex Multi-Purpose Room

## 3. City Council Meetings



Day: Thursday, February 10, 2022

Day: Thursday, February 24, 2022

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: Council Chambers

## 2. First Friday

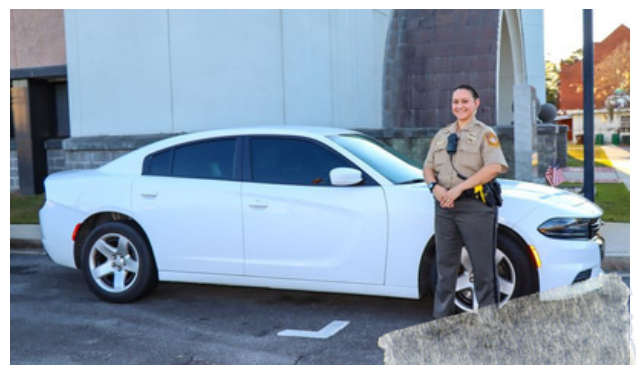



Day: Friday, February 4, 2022

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: Downtown Valdosta

# Photos From Past Events





# JOB OPENINGS

Be sure to check out the link below for  
the latest City of Valdosta job openings

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<https://www.valdostacity.com/humanresources/job-openings>