

# THE HR NEWSLETTER

CITY OF VALDOSTA

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The City of Valdosta will be closed on Monday, January 21, 2019 in observance of MLK.

Coverage of the Open Enrollment Changes will take effect on January 1, 2019.

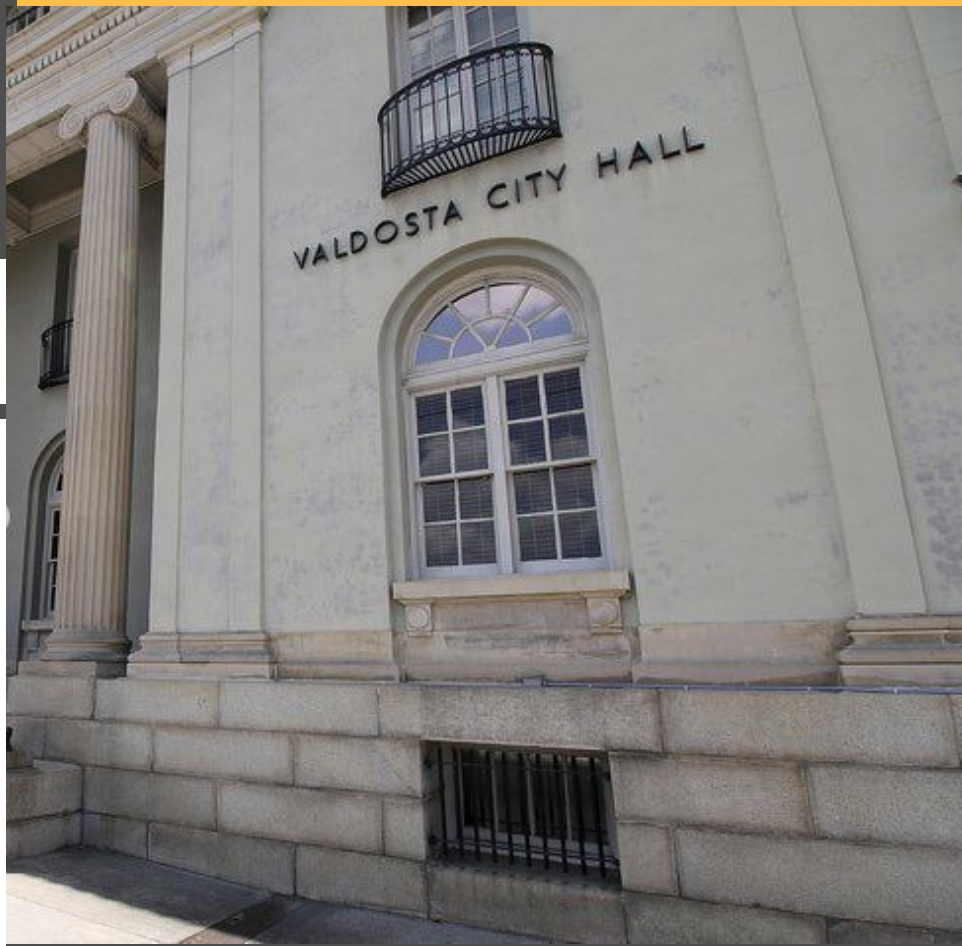
W2's will be ready in January. Copies may be printed from E-Suite when they are available.

A surcharge of \$25 per pay period will apply if you do not obtain an annual physical by your work anniversary date (date of hire) each year. If you have family medical coverage, you and your spouse must have a physical exam to avoid the surcharge. The Human Resources Department will be looking back 12 months prior to your hire date to see if a physical was obtained.

# January Birthdays



- Ashlyn Becton, 1/1
- Marion McQueen, 1/1
- Dontrae Childs, 1/2
- Nina McMillan, 1/2
- Michael Fos, 1/3
- Timothy Vickers, 1/3
- Antonio Adams, 1/4
- Darriet Gordon, 1/4
- Colby Clark, 1/6
- Henry Courson, 1/8
- Terrial Small, 1/8
- Brian Sunbom, 1/8
- Theodore Hayes Bilak III, 1/9
- Melissa Roe, 1/9
- Eric Nelson, 1/10
- Paul Tucker, 1/10
- Cory Anderson, 1/11
- Franklin Kier, 1/13
- Christopher Crews, 1/14
- William Henley, 1/14
- Jonathon Braddy, 1/16
- Kenneth Howell, 1/17
- Nicholas Kester, 1/17
- Troy Thomas III, 1/17
- Travis Jordan, 1/18
- Larry Spencer, 1/19
- Eric Moore, 1/20
- Adam Casto, 1/22
- Wilbert Robinson Jr., 1/22
- Joseph Keen, 1/23
- Jeffrey Thibodeau, 1/23
- Jennifer Parker-Hall, 1/24
- Richard Alderman, 1/25
- Terrance Brown, 1/25
- Sheila Mitchell, 1/25
- Allen Paulo, 1/25
- Joseph Weldon Jr., 1/26
- Caron Wright, 1/26
- June Bidwell, 1/27
- Sarah Lowe, 1/28
- James Turner, 1/28
- Ursula Antley, 1/29
- Jason Glass, 1/30
- Charles Phillips Jr., 1/30



# Employee Anniversaries

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| • Deborah White, 42         | • James Galloway III, 8 |
| • Raymond Conner, 39        | • Christopher Suarez, 6 |
| • Franklin McMillan Jr., 34 | • Sandra Tooley, 5      |
| • Troy Thomas III, 34       | • Jeffrey Jennings, 4   |
| • Lennis Battles, 30        | • James Clinkscales, 4  |
| • David Whitmer, 23         | • Reuben Becker, 4      |
| • John Willis, 22           | • Tom Pierce Jr., 4     |
| • Thomas Wheeler, 22        | • Bradley Donaldson, 4  |
| • Carla Gandy, 21           | • Anthony Manning, 4    |
| • Billy Wheeler, 21         | • Joy Clark, 4          |
| • Richard Davis, 20         | • Harry Bowdren, 4      |
| • Starr Page, 20            | • Matthew Davis, 4      |
| • June Bidwell, 20          | • Nicholas Kester, 4    |
| • Joseph Vickers, 19        | • Jeffrey Kraushaar, 4  |
| • Isaac Harris, 19          | • Thomas Manus Jr., 4   |
| • Ronald Skrine, 19         | • Hunter Young, 4       |
| • Jeffrey Talley, 19        | • Vivian Miller-Cody, 3 |
| • Bethany Salter, 17        | • Phillip Brown, 3      |
| • Vincent Scruggs, 15       | • Marie Wilson, 2       |
| • Michael Pieper, 15        | • Lamar Berrian, 2      |
| • Brian Becton, 14          | • Andrew Gibbs, 1       |
| • Patricia Knipper, 14      | • Eric Howard, 1        |
| • Chad Eason, 13            | • Julian Folsom, 1      |
| • Randall Hancock, 13       | • Robert Tuttle, 1      |
| • Steven Parish, 13         | • David Jones, 1        |
| • Timothy Carroll, 11       | • Rick Phillips, 1      |
| • Kevin Tolliver, 9         | • Jason Louie, 1        |
| • Patrick Collins, 8        |                         |

# December Employee of the Month

Lt. Shelley Miller began his employment with the City of Valdosta Fire Department in November of 2009 and currently holds the position of Lieutenant. Fire Lieutenants are responsible for managing the daily operations at the company level, they oversee two to three employees, and they are responsible for being in-charge during emergency incidents.

Allen Carter began his employment with the City of Valdosta Fire Department in May of 1999 and currently holds the position of Sergeant. Fire Sergeants are responsible for safely operating the fire apparatuses and conducting daily, weekly and monthly apparatus inspections to ensure apparatuses are at a level of readiness. In addition, Sergeants assume the Company Officer roles in the absence of the Lieutenants.

On Tuesday, August 14, 2018, the Valdosta Fire Department responded to a house fire at 401 North Forrest Street. The call came in at 10:34 p.m. and the first fire unit arrived at 10:36 p.m. They reported heavy flames visible from the carport area. Further investigation revealed there were two vehicles under the carport on fire. The flames were starting to extend to the adjoining house. The first arriving fire unit initiated an aggressive fire attack to extinguish the vehicles and the roof area of the adjacent home. The fire was under control at 10:41 p.m.

Engine 2's crew attempted to alert the residents and gain access into the house. There was a moderate amount of smoke inside the residence. Fire personnel located the sleeping occupants who were not aware of the fire. There were smoke detectors present inside the home, but they were not working. VFD personnel quickly assisted the occupants to a safe location outside of the house.

Thanks to the quick actions of the VFD to alert and evacuate the residence, there were no injuries reported. SGMC EMS transported the two occupants for precautionary concerns. The occupants were later released from SGMC.

It is for these reasons and many others that the Employee Relations Committee nominates Lt. Shelley Miller and Allen Carter as Employee of the Month.



## Photos from Recent Events



The Valdosta Fire Department unveiled two new fire trucks that replaced both a 1993 and 2005 ladder truck in its current fleet at Stations 1 & 2.

The Valdosta Police Department celebrated the careers of three police department employees who have served the Valdosta community for many years.





Keep Lowndes/Valdosta Beautiful will be hosting the 28th annual Christmas Tree Recycling Event on January 5th, 2019. Just bring your Christmas Tree to one of these three locations:



Norman Drive

**MATHIS  
AUDITORIUM**

North Ashley Street



Perimeter Road

Each person who delivers a tree to either of the above named sites between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 5th, 2019, will receive a free tree seedling (**while supplies last**). Trees may also be dropped off at these sites beginning on Wednesday, December 26<sup>th</sup> through Friday, January 4th, but no seedlings will be given.

Additional Drop-Off Sites (Wed., Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>—noon on Fri., Jan. 4th **ONLY**)

1. **Valdosta YMCA** (2424 Gornto Road)
2. **City of Hahira** (Corner of Lawson and North Lowndes Streets)

### Sponsors

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Lowndes County  
City of Valdosta  
11 Alive 11alive.com  
Ferry-Morse

Earth 911.com  
Azalea City Woman's Club  
Asplundh Tree Expert  
Davey Tree Expert  
Valdosta Jr. Women's Club  
Georgia Power  
Home Depot  
Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation  
Valdosta YMCA

# BIRD SUPPER 2019

*\*The date for the 2019 Bird Supper has changed to February 13.*

Tickets are on sale for the 2019 Bird Supper, scheduled for Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at the historic Georgia Railroad Depot in Atlanta. The traditional event brings together hundreds of state officials and local business, professional and government personnel for a dinner of quail and important conversations.

Since the 1950s, the Bird Supper has been providing a venue for local professionals to be a catalyst for impacting legislative issues by keeping Valdosta and Lowndes County in the minds of the state officials during a half-way point of the legislative session.

For more information, contact Lowndes County Public Information Officer Paige Dukes at 229-671-2400 or City of Valdosta Public Information Officer Ashlyn Becton at 229-259-3548.

Information can also be found at the Lowndes County Bird Supper Facebook page, and ticket requests may be sent to [BirdSupper@lowndescounty.com](mailto:BirdSupper@lowndescounty.com).



*Lowndes County  
Bird Supper*

**Make an Impact on YOUR Community**

*\$50 Per Ticket - on sale through Jan. 21*

*Wednesday, January 30, 2019*

*5:00 - 7:00 p.m.*

*Georgia Railroad Depot in Atlanta, Georgia*

**Contact :**

*BirdSupper@lowndescounty.com*

*229-671-2400 or 229-259-3548*

