

# INNOVATED OPERATIONS *January*

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THE OFFICIAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE CITY OF VALDOSTA'S OPERATIONS  
DEPARTMENTS: ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS, AND UTILITIES



**LET'S START THE 2022 YEAR  
OFF RIGHT AND JOIN THE  
CHALLENGE!**



Winner of 2020  
Charles Browning



Winner of 2021  
Hogun Vaughn



**2022  
Whose Next?**

Administrative  
Coordinator Corner  
**A WORD FROM  
REBECCA WILLIAMS**



We made it to 2022! As we go into this year, may we all focus on being better versions of ourselves. Whether it is expanding our skill set, picking up a new hobby, or improving our personal development.

This year has the promise of new possibilities and endless opportunities. As we continue to weather the storm of the pandemic, we can use this time to encourage each other and keep a check on our mental health. Many of us may have feelings of stress, anxiety, or become overwhelmed. If you or a coworker are experiencing some of these symptoms and would like to speak with a professional, the Human Resource department has resources. Having positive mental wellness can help manage feelings of stress and being burned out. Let's show our support and resilience by remembering we are all in this together.

#### Upcoming National Holidays

- Jan. 15th- National Hat Day
- Jan. 17th- Martin Luther King Jr. Day (COV Closed)
- Jan. 28th- National Fun at Work Day

#### Upcoming Events

- January 18th- Biggest Loser Challenge (See Attached Flyer Below Page 4)

**City of Valdosta Emergency After 5 PM Please call (229) 434-4132**

HAPPY NEW YEAR  
ENGINEERING



### Jerry Jones Project

The street department removed fences, mailboxes, and signage that were purchased by the city for the right of way, and that had to be removed prior to the bid for construction scheduled for January 2022. Jerry Jones is being widened by the DOT and the construction is scheduled to last approximately one year or up until June of 2023.

### Street Department Stats

The Street Department to date has repaired 980 potholes, 69 road edge washouts, placed 190 tons of millings in needed areas, made 1,325 square feet of root repairs, and filled 3,960 sq. ft. of utility cuts. The repairs help make driving and walking in the city a more safe and enjoyable experience.

The 2021 department work force consists of:  
Ben Johnson; Street Supervisor, Bill Jenkins, Samuel Patrick, David Scott,  
Skylar Robinson and Franky Shrader.

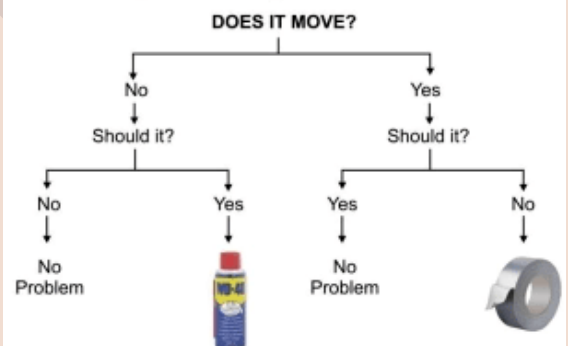


**Bill Jenkins**  
**12.30.21**

Bill started with the Streets Department in October of 2000. He has served as a crew leader and in each area of the department. Congratulations Bill! Enjoy the retired life! - Engineering

### JOKE OF THE DAY

#### Engineering Flowchart





# UTILITIES

## Utilities Christmas Gathering

**CHRISTMAS WINNERS 2021:**  
**GUESS THE PEPPERMINT WINNER: SHAKIRA PARSON**  
**CHRISTMAS TRIVIA: JOSEPH GANGLER**  
**GRAND PRIZE WINNER #1- QUANTARIUS BROWN**  
**GRAND PRIZE WINNER #2- ERIC MOORE**  
**GRAND PRIZE WINNER #3- JOHN PIPER**  
**STAR EMPLOYEE WINNER- EMILY ARNOLD**



BE MERRY



**FAITH IS TAKING THE FIRST STEP EVEN WHEN YOU CAN'T SEE THE WHOLE STAIRCASE.**

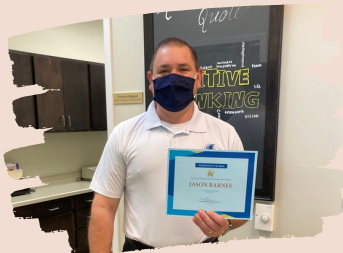
-Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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 (229) 259-3530  
 300 N LEE ST.

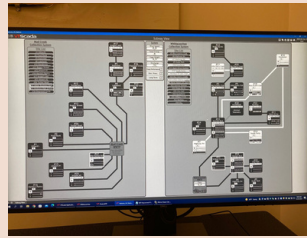
**PUBLIC WORKS**  
 (229) 259-3588  
 1017 MYRTLE ST.

**UTILITIES**  
 (229) 259-3592  
 1016 MYRTLE ST.



**Jason is not only a great Superintendent, but he is also a great example for his employees at the Water Treatment Plant. He is a leader that helps and guides his employees to success. He treats them with great respect and appreciation. Jason has a great sense of pride in his position, his employees, and the water plant. He is a motivator and creates new ways to increase the morale at the water plant. Even though the city and the department have events to celebrate employee appreciation, Jason will go out of his way to personally show appreciation for his employees. Jason is also a prime example of how to be a great team player by participating in annual team-building events. While doing all this, Jason manages to achieve goals and objectives and oversees the daily operations of the Water Treatment Plant. For all these reasons, he should be Star Employee of the Month!**

## "This Is Us" Central Maintenance



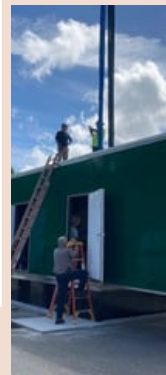
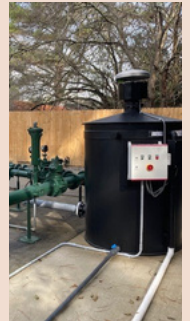
### View of our

### New Lift Station SCADA System

It allows remote monitoring of all lift stations. We can see problems before they become emergent. The white boxes and lines illustrate pumps in operation.

### (Right)- Rogers St Lift Station Odor Control (Left)- Ponderosa Lift Station New Odor Control

Installed by by Jeremiah McCoy, Buddy Hughes, and Emily Arnold



**New 1.5mW Generator for Gornto Lift Station** installed by Randy Jones, Emily Arnold, James Mcleod, and other contractors

## UTILITIES Star Employee JASON BARNES

THE UTILITIES DEPARTMENT PRESENTS



# New Year, New You 2022

**Rules:**

- The competition starts **Tuesday, January 18th** and will end **March 18th**.
- Your weight will be recorded at 8:00 am on the start day (January 18th, in the middle of the competition (Feb 21st), and at the end of the competition (March 18th).
- The total percentage of weight loss will be used to determine a winner.
- The participation fee is \$10.00 (the money goes into a pot and whoever loses the most percentage wins the pot)!
- The winner will be announced on March 18th.
- No teams
- Have fun!

If you have any questions, please contact the Utilities Administration at  
(229) 259-3592.