

The Utilities Department Newsletter

THE OFFICIAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
FOR THE CITY OF VALDOSTA'S UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

Utilities in the Community- The Haven

During the month of May, the Utilities Department continued to accept donations after the Spring Cleaning Donations Drive. These donations will be donated to The Haven. The Haven is a non-profit organization that provides 24-hour temporary shelter and services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. If you would like to donate please visit www.valdostahaven.org.



THIS MONTH ON MYRTLE

JUNE 4- NATIONAL DOUGHNUT DAY

JUNE 14TH-20TH- MEN'S HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

JUNE 20- FIRST DAY OF SUMMER

JUNE 20- FATHER'S DAY

JUNE 23- NATIONAL HYDRATION DAY

Water Conservation Tips: Control your Sprinkler!

When using a sprinkler for your lawn, make sure it isn't spraying your house, driveway, or walkway and is truly watering your lawn. And, when cleaning your driveway and walkways, you can conserve water by using a push broom instead of the hose.

Utilities: This is Who We Are, This is What We Do

CAP THE CLEAN-OUT PROGRAM



The faces behind our clean-out cap program,
Scott Fowler
Ronnie Lancaster
Joseph Gangler
Edward Strohl.

The clean-out is your homes' access to the sewer system. Having a cap on your clean-out prevents things like rainwater, debris, and rodents from entering your sewer system. By working together and identifying inflow issues, we can provide needed protection to the City's sewer collection.

MEN'S HEALTH



HOW TO OBSERVE NATIONAL MEN'S HEALTH MONTH

1. Tweak your diet

Men's Health Month is a great opportunity to change the way you eat. Cut back on alcohol this month or up your intake of healthy fermented foods like sauerkraut and kefir. You can do anything for a month, and if you do it for a month, you can do it for life!

2. Set some goals

Use this month to take stock of your health now and think about where you want it to be. Do you want to lose weight? Gain muscle? Simply eat more vegetables? Set small and achievable goals and work with your doctor to make them a reality.

3. Get educated

Take this opportunity to read about the common health issues that are specific to men and how you can prevent yourself from getting hurt! Check out the [CDC](https://www.cdc.gov/men) for information on health issues that men face.

www.nationaltoday.com/national-mens-health-month/

The Director's Corner

A WORD FROM MR. MUSE



As much of Valdosta begins to recover from an economic downturn resulting from the COVID 19 pandemic, let's all take a moment to reflect on the events and actions that have impacted our lives. Many of us have experienced, or know of someone that has, experienced a loss. Loss of a job, a business opportunity, or more importantly, someone for whom you cared. As we recover together, allow these events to cause us to act in a responsible and caring manner, provide community support, help where we can, and develop fulfilling relationships. I have vowed to move slower to judgment and re-prioritize the things that occupy most of my day. As I reflect, the relationships developed right here in Valdosta are near the top of my prioritized list. Valdosta is a special place filled with extraordinary people destined for more impressive things.

Farewell

Director Darryl Muse

"Wishing you much
joy & happiness as
you begin a new
chapter in your life."

From, The Utilities Department



Star Employee

DEONNA JAMES

Deonna is a hard-working individual. She is a very dedicated employee who has been with the Utilities Department for 8 years holding many different positions working her way up to a managerial role. She started as a Utility Service Worker for only a year before she took on another role as the locator for 6 years, and when the opportunity knocked for the position of Warehouse Supervisor, she did not hesitate to apply for it. Her hard work and dedication got her the position.

Not only does she bring a sense of professionalism to the workplace, but she is also a joyful person to work with. She comes to work, ready, and willing to learn new things, and is not afraid to go for what she wants. She is a great addition to the Management Team, and we look forward to her growth within this department. For all these reasons, Deonna James is Star Employee of the Month.



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR GRADUATES FOR THE YEAR 2021!!!



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