

# THE HR NEWSLETTER

CITY OF VALDOSTA

## SPRING FORWARD

The clocks will go FORWARD on Sunday, March 10 at 2:00 A.M.



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# March Birthdays



- Ashley Parks, 3/1
- Timothy Stubbs, 3/1
- Lucious King Jr., 3/2
- Justin Cox, 3/3
- Thomas Dammond, 3/3
- Bradley Ingram, 3/3
- Ashley Murray, 3/3
- Vicky Taunton, 3/3
- Andrea Hill, 3/4
- Ryan Seymour, 3/4
- Cynthia Stephens, 3/6
- Broderick Cooper, 3/7
- Curtis Mincey, 3/7
- Bobby Loveday, 3/8
- Daniel Massey, 3/8
- Richard Burkhart, 3/9
- Michael Guess, 3/10
- Shawn Luke, 3/10
- Antonio Perkins, 3/10
- Bethany Salter, 3/10
- Michael Weldon, 3/10
- Martin Miller, 3/11
- Bucky Griffin, 3/13
- John Harkless, 3/13
- Reuben Becker, 3/14
- Edward Coppage, 3/14
- Michael Delrossi, 3/14
- Curtis Wade, 3/14
- Geraldine Fairell, 3/15
- Brandon Gray, 3/15
- Thomas Manus Jr., 3/15
- David Holmes, 3/18
- Gabriel Luke, 3/18
- Latonja Shackelford, 3/18
- Chad Eason, 3/19
- Ellen Mulvaney, 3/19
- Stephen Turnmeyer, 3/19
- Zachary Stites, 3/20
- Kevin Tolliver, 3/20
- Luis Colon, 3/22
- Dana Fudge, 3/22
- Benjamin Brinson, 3/23
- Philip Brown, 3/23
- Travis Hodges, 3/23
- Travis Kiser, 3/23
- Anthony Solberg, 3/23
- Vincent Altobello Jr., 3/24
- Remus Bell, 3/24
- Vernita Bender, 3/24
- Jimmy Griffin, 3/24
- Marcus McConico, 3/24
- William Spencer, 3/24
- Robert Tuttle, 3/25
- Cynthia Randall, 3/27
- Holly Vickers, 3/27
- Brenda Schunhoff, 3/30
- Brandon Durrance, 3/31
- Darin Moore, 3/31
- Saquan Rayford, 3/31



# Employee Anniversaries

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| • Patricia Coleman, 39    | • Matthew Francis, 5     |
| • Earl Durrance, 31       | • Leroy Avellaneda, 4    |
| • Patricia McGriff, 31    | • Jimmy Miley, 4         |
| • Barry Williams, 28      | • Jermaine Anderson, 3   |
| • William Henley, 26      | • Michael Hampton, 3     |
| • Bernadith Hepburn, 21   | • Jose Cruz, 3           |
| • Benjamin Griffin, 21    | • David Fawcett, 3       |
| • James Harrell, 21       | • Ryan Willis, 3         |
| • Stuart Salter, 19       | • Jordan Greene, 2       |
| • Tammie Hart, 17         | • William Cornelius, 2   |
| • Cynthia Randall, 15     | • Andrea Hill, 2         |
| • Alan Christopher, 12    | • Joshua Abercrombie, 2  |
| • Daphne Covington, 12    | • Donald Cox, 2          |
| • Tony Knight, 12         | • Jessica Gorseth, 2     |
| • Roy Finniessee, 11      | • Jeffrey Jones, 2       |
| • Kyle Holder, 11         | • Clarence Parks, Jr., 2 |
| • Travis Hodges, 11       | • Kyle Stephenson, 2     |
| • Daniel Dutton, 8        | • Sarah Hendley, 1       |
| • Steven Shadron, 8       | • Geraldine Fairell, 1   |
| • Michael Cartrett, 7     | • Daniel Sirmans, 1      |
| • Freddie Broome, 5       | • Shawn Luke, 1          |
| • Darrell Lester, 5       | • Robert Smith III, 1    |
| • Richard Copeland Jr., 5 |                          |

# February Employee of the Month

Luis Colon began his employment with the City of Valdosta in October of 1996 and currently holds the position of Senior Construction Inspector in the Engineering Department. Senior Construction Inspectors are responsible for on-site inspections of public infrastructure to ensure compliance with Valdosta City standards. Inspecting construction projects include water, sewer, curb, gutters, sidewalks, streets, storm water as well as driveways. They test new water mains, and work with utility companies as well as contractors during inspection visits and walk through infrastructure issues. Senior Construction Inspectors review all payment submittals to ensure compliance with contract documents and they inspect projects to ensure compliance with Land Disturbance permits.

During the Christmas holiday, Luis went to visit his parents in Homestead, Florida. During his stay, he called to make plans to visit some of his dearest friends (Cathy and Kenny Martin). During conversation, he told her he would like to stay overnight to be able to spend more time with them. She told him that they had very little furniture because they lost everything they had during Hurricane Irma in September 2017. Cathy didn't have but two small beds and a couple of kitchen chairs. Prior to going to see Cathy and Kenny, Luis googled and found a used furniture store and bought them a beautiful couch, recliner, and a table. Not only did Luis help Cathy and Kenny, but he also took it upon himself to help his mother who has been so busy seeing about his father who has been placed in a nursing home. He borrowed he car and had two new tires put on it as well as repairing her lawn mower.



The City of Valdosta Engineering Department is overjoyed by Luis's display of love and compassion during the holiday season.

## Upcoming Events

Early registration for upcoming Pre-school or Kindergarten students is Monday, March 11.

Registration will be held at the school the student is zoned for.

**PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**  
**MARCH 11, 2019**  
 VALDOSTA

For more information, contact Jennifer Shewley at Valdosta City Schools Central Office at 229-671-9005 or visit our website at [www.gcsd.us](http://www.gcsd.us)

Registration for Valdosta City Schools preschool and kindergarten will be at the elementary school that you are zoned for. Registration for Pre-K will be done as a lottery drawing. The drawing will be held on April 12, 2019. All students registering for kindergarten will automatically be enrolled after completing all enrollment documents. Enrollment packets can be filled out during the registration day listed.

**Times:**  
 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

**Locations:**  
 J.L. Lomax Elementary - 1402 Howell Road  
 Pioneer Elementary - 930 Lake Park Road  
 Saffles Mahone Elementary - 2606 Lake Lanier Drive  
 S.E. Mason Elementary - 521 West Gordon Street  
 W.C. Mann Elementary - 1610 Lakeland Avenue  
 Phone: 229-671-9005

**Required Documents to Complete Enrollment:**  
 (1) Certified/Official birth certificate of child  
 (2) Copy of child's Social Security card or signed waiver  
 (3) Shot record on file Certificate of Immunization (Form 5231)  
 (4) Certificate of Eye, Ear, Dental Examination (Form 3300) (Records may be obtained at the Health Department, Monday-Friday)  
 (5) Proof of residence within the school district

Minimum of **TWO** current documents from the following list is required for all students:  
 a. Current utility bill with parent's name and address (**MUST BE ONE FORM OF PROOF**);  
 b. Rental agreement with parent's name, address and children living in the home; and/or  
 c. Mortgage payment book with parent's name and address.

Proof: Registrants: All who register for Pre-K program will be notified by mail after the lottery drawing on April 12th. Those who are chosen will be automatically enrolled and the others will be placed on a waiting list in the order their registration information was received from the lottery.

**VALDOSTA CITY SCHOOLS**

# Commander Leslie Manahan Appointed Police Chief of the Valdosta Police Department

Valdosta Police Department Interim Chief Leslie Manahan has been appointed Chief of Police, effective March 1.



Originally from Marietta, Georgia, Manahan moved to Valdosta in 1990 to attend Valdosta State University and graduated in 1994 with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Education. Manahan began her career at the Valdosta Police Department as a Patrol Officer. Following that, Manahan moved through the ranks of the Valdosta Police Department from Field Training Officer to Road Sergeant and then to Lieutenant of the Investigations Unit. In 2013, Manahan was appointed the Commander of the Investigations Bureau.

# AZALEA FESTIVAL 2019



**19th Annual**

VALDOSTA - LOWNDES

## *Azalea* FESTIVAL

**Saturday, March 9, 2019**

from 10am to 6pm

**Sunday, March 10, 2019**

from 10am to 5pm

**Drexel Park**

1401 North Patterson Street  
(across from the VSU Main Campus)

Over 200 Craft Vendors • Huge KidZone  
World Famous Disc-Connected K9's • Great Music  
International Food Court • 5K Road Race  
Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Show  
Six Stage Areas of Entertainment  
Wild Adventures Entertainment and More!

*Fun for the Whole Family!*

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or call

229-269-9381



Saturday, March 9 & Sunday, March 10