

The Utilities Department Newsletter

THE OFFICIAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE CITY OF VALDOSTA UTILITIES DEPARTMENT



The Utilities Department raised money and donated proceeds from The Little Corner Store to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month



Fees Waived for Annexed Parcels

1. Annexed island customers do not have to connect to city water and sewer services unless their current water well or septic system fails.
2. When a customer connects to one service, they must connect to the other per City Ordinance.
3. Annexed island customers are free to connect voluntarily at any time, but must connect to both services when they do so. This is a requirement for all customers, not just those in annexed islands.
4. Water meter and sewer connection fees are waived until December 31, 2020 for annexed island customers only.

Star Employee



Eugene Brown is the Maintenance Worker for the Utilities Building. Because he loved the City so much, in 2016 after retirement, Eugene came back as a contract employee. Since returning, Gene has been an outstanding employee. One of his most admirable qualities is his attitude. Eugene is always friendly and courteous.

Being the Maintenance Worker may not be the most glamorous position & can also be challenging, but Eugene always has a smile on his face & a positive attitude. He is always eager & willing to pitch in, whether to hang balloons, repair a door hinge, plant flowers, or empty the trash. Eugene is the face behind the scenes for all of our retirement/events. He continues to make sure the Utilities Building is clean, tidy and operating at a superior standard. For these reasons and more, Eugene is the November Star Employee of the month.

Save the Date

- **11/15/2019 : Thanksgiving Luncheon**
- **11/16/2019 : Utilities Department Team-Building Event (Wiffle Ball game)**

Director's Corner



First, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for taking a moment to peruse our monthly newsletter. This is our first edition and we are very excited to let everyone in on some of the great things going on in the City's Utilities Department.

Each month, we will present the department's Star Employee, provide updates on projects, present some fun facts, take a brief look at opportunity's to help our local eco-system and provide information to help all of us educate our citizens, customers and community on the benefits of being good stewards in our environment. So sit back, have a sip of Georgia sweet tea & enjoy the read. Help us keep Valdosta the brightest star in South Georgia.

-Darryl Muse, Director

Water Conservation Tips:

The City of Valdosta is currently in a Level 1 drought.

There are many simple things we can do to save water. Learn from the water-efficiency hero Willy what you can do to help protect our water supply.

Fix the leak: Fixing a toilet leak is a great way to reduce household water use and boost water conservation. If your toilet has a leak, you could be wasting about 200 gallons of water every day. That would be like flushing your toilet more than 50 times for no reason! Try this experiment: use our free leak detection tablets or place a drop of food coloring in the toilet tank. If the color shows up in the bowl without flushing, you have a leak.

For more information on how you can help conserve water or detect a leak in your own home, pick up a City of Valdosta Water Conservation Kit on your next visit to Customer Service while supplies last.