

# The Utilities Department Newsletter

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

## Utilities In the Community

Willy's at it again! In partnership with Georgia Home Visiting Program, Willy, the Water Drop, had the privilege to teach the residents of Ora Lee West homes the importance of water conservation. Teaching and educating others to preserve our earth's most precious resource is the reason why Willy was born. He creates a fun environment that draws children of all ages to him. By always helping to bring attention to water-saving ways, Willy is doing his part to help protect our environment. Let's all be like Willy and become water savers too.



## The Director's Corner

A WORD FROM MR. MUSE

As we wind toward the end of a tumultuous 2020, we all have navigated through what many have said is one of the most cataclysmic years on record. Millions infected with COVID-19, social injustice, challenging elections, grief, and not to forget over thirty named tropical storms. But through it all, we continue to stand. One Nation, Under God, Indivisible. So, from one American to another, this is my wish: May the holiday season fill your home with joy, your heart with love, and your life with laughter. May the holiday season only bring happiness and joy to you and your loved ones. Warmest thoughts and best wishes for a wonderful holiday and a Happy New Year. May peace, love, and prosperity follow you always.



### THIS MONTH ON MYRTLE

DEC. 1-18: 14 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

DEC. 18: UTILITIES CHRISTMAS GRAB-N-GO LUNCHEON

DEC 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE (HALF DAY)

DEC 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY (CITY OF VALDOSTA CLOSED)

DEC 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE

# Star Employee

## WILLIE GRAHAM

Willie Graham's tireless efforts and work ethic set him apart from his peers by continuously demonstrating competency and dependability every day for the City of Valdosta Utilities Department. Additionally, when tasked with daily operational work orders, his efficiency and productivity are paramount as he completes work orders at a relenting pace every day with welcoming enthusiasm. Furthermore, as the Subject Matter Expert, he is tasked with training all newly assigned personnel documenting all tasks in their training folders for the first-ever newly designed Water and Sewer Collection career track program.

Finally, I would like to especially articulate the importance of competence and commitment to not only accomplishing the task given but also understand the vision and goals of the department. His work ethic, knowledge, and desire to accomplish the mission daily not only alleviate the stress of a supervisor but also makes coming to work enjoyable. For these reasons and more, Willie Graham is the December 2020 Star Employee.



## Find us in this year's Christmas Parade!



## Water Conservation Tips

### Did You Know?

- Trim shrubs and trees while they're dormant to promote new healthy growth come spring. Healthy plants use water more efficiently, reducing the total amount of water needed.
- Disconnect garden hoses from outdoor faucets to avoid ice formation inside, potentially spreading to house pipes and then breaking the distribution line.

### Water Trivia!

Coloring is known to be a stress reliever.





# Happy Holidays!

THE UTILITIES DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

