

The Utilities Department Newsletter

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

We Did It!

The Utilities Department has a history of fundraising. Since October was Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we decided to raise funds to support the research. Keeping in line with COVID-19 restrictions, we started with a donation jar. We received such an influx of spare change and dollars that our small container overflowed! On October 9th, we had a Wildcat/Viking Luncheon that had the Cats and the Vikings working and eating together to support the cause. On October 22nd, we had our first ever Baking for Breast Cancer Bake Auction. The outpouring of giving from our wonderful bakers warmed our hearts as they graciously donated their baked treats. We appreciated all the sweat that went into those delicious sweet confections.

We want to say thank you to our bidders. Without your competitive spirit and free-heartedness, we would not have been successful. Because of you, we raised \$800.00! Many people have been affected by Breast Cancer, so thank you for allowing us the opportunity to show our support through your efforts and your donations.



Special thanks to those that donated to our Breast Cancer raffles: Harmon Awards & Screen Printing, Ella's Eatery & Sweets, Custom Creations by Brooke, Dulce, Customs by Cooley, Badcock Furniture & More (Lake Park, GA)



The Director's Corner

A WORD FROM MR. MUSE

Over the next few months, the Utilities Department will be launching an educational campaign to inform customers about the importance of maintaining their clean-out caps. Broken or missing clean-out caps are a major contributor to excess infiltration and inflow. These additional flows find their way into the waste-water collection system and eventually end up at the waste-water treatment plants. Treating these inflows is very costly, driving up operational costs and usage rates. This all leads to higher utility bills for all of us.

If you see a broken or missing clean-out cap, fix it or contact Utilities at 229.259.3592.



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Star Employee

ANTHONY KNIGHT



Anthony Knight started his employment with the City of Valdosta on August 12, 2019. From day one, he has shown admirations of growth within the department, and the hard work and effort he puts forth have proved it. Mr. Knight never hesitates to take on tasks and lead his crew members. Anthony's leadership qualities make him stand out. Anthony's infectious laugh ensures a good day ahead. Mr. Knight has been a joy to train, and we wish him all the success as he transitions into a new role as Crew Leader.

Utilities In the Community

The Georgia Home Visiting Program hosted a Resource Festival at Hudson Docket Homes on October 26th. Darryl Muse, Rebecca Williams, and Willie the Water Drop educated citizens on the importance of water conservation by giving school-aged children activity books and making them honorary "Water Savers." Adults were given conservation kits and information on how they can conserve water in the home.



The children loved Willie as he danced to the Cha-Cha Slide and the Tootsie Roll. Way to go Willie, in helping to ensure that our precious resource is conserved and protected.

Water Conservation Tips

Did You Know?

- You can save 50 gallons of water by defrosting frozen foods in the refrigerator the night before they're needed instead of running hot water over them on the same day.
- You can save another 30 gallons a week by rinsing vegetables and fruits in a sink or pan filled with water instead of running them under water. As a bonus, you can use this water on house plants.

HAPPY
Retirement
James Brown
All the best wishes
on your future
endeavors!

Catch Up with Utilities

OCTOBER WAS FILLED WITH FUN ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS OUR ANNUAL WINNERSVILLE TAILGATE LUNCHEON AND OUR FIRST EVER BREAST CANCER BAKE-OFF.

Wildcat/Viking Luncheon Congratulations to our raffle winners!



Breast Cancer Bake Auction



Special thanks to our bakers: Mrs. Betty, Shuntel Ward, Rebecca Williams, Christine Espanol, Azhia Smothers, Monica Nelson, Christina Cooley, Jeff Jones, Andrea Jones, Berna Hepburn, Sandra Watley, Robin Irvin

THIS MONTH ON MYRTLE

NOV. 1 - DAYLIGHT
SAVINGS TIME ENDS

NOV. 3 - ELECTION DAY

NOV. 26 - THANKSGIVING
DAY (CITY OF VALDOSTA
CLOSED)

Water Trivia!

Which tank will fill up faster?

