

# The Utilities Department Newsletter

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

## Baking for Breast Cancer

Silent Auction Fundraiser  
Thursday, October 22nd  
1016 Myrtle St.

- Bidding takes place 10 am – 4 pm
- Winners may pick up Thursday or Friday between 4 pm – 5 pm

Dessert Auction will include:

- Pound Cake
- Sweet Potato Pies
- Lemon Cupcakes
- Pecan Pie Cheesecake
- Red Velvet Cheesecake
- Cookies and more...

## The Director's Corner

A WORD FROM MR. MUSE

The COVID-19 crisis provides an opportunity to raise public awareness of the critical services our Utilities provide every day. Talking to customers about the safety of our water offers positive news amid a lot of negativity, and it also offers reassurance to the public.

Some of the things we've done include: added a 24-hour call center number for customer questions or emergencies, increased staffing on after-hours shifts, and dedicated an after-hours maintenance team with an on-shift supervisor to rapidly respond to customer's needs. The Valdosta Utilities Department is committed to being a trusted source during these times of uncertainty. Help us make this *your* utilities.

THIS MONTH ON MYRTLE

OCT. 9 - WINNERSVILLE  
LUNCHEON

OCT. 22 - BAKING FOR  
BREAST CANCER AUCTION





# Star Employee

## TERRIAL SMALL



Terrial Small is an exceptional employee who puts forth a great effort in making sure his work is done correctly. He explains and educates not only his colleagues but customers as well, on how the Central Lines Division operates. He exhibits great customer service skills that are continuously acknowledged on the monthly Customer Survey calls. Overall, Terrial is a team player and participates in events throughout the Utilities Department and the City of Valdosta. For these reasons and more, Terrial Small is October's Star Employee.

The earliest documented proof of Filipino presence in the continental United States was on October 18, 1587, when the first "Luzones Indios" set foot in Morrow Bay, California. Filipino American History Month is celebrated in the United States during the month of October.

The Filipino American National Historical Society established Filipino American History Month in the year 1988. In California (and Hawaii), where a large number of Filipino Americans reside, Filipino American History Month is widely celebrated.



*Filipino American History Month*

## Water Conservation Tips

### 3 WATER SAVING TIPS FOR A GREEN OCTOBER

#### Tip #1: Irrigation Schedule Changes

As autumn rolls in cooler temperatures and shorter days, your outdoor irrigation schedule will need a little tweaking.

#### **The ideal autumn irrigation schedule...**

- utilizes a rain shut off device to reduce unnecessary watering
- irrigates 3 days a week, 10-15 minute intervals
- only runs at night (starting between 3 am-4 am) to minimize evaporation
- never irrigates if the soil is wet

**WINNERSVILLE LUNCHEON**

# VIKINGS VS. WILDCATS

**OCT. 9 • 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM**

REP YOUR TEAM! Wear your favorite team's paraphernalia.



Please pre-pay to Rebecca, Azhla or Christine by Wednesday, October 7th.

**\$7 HAMBURGERS  
HOTDOGS  
DESSERT  
CHIPS & SODA**  
\*Masks required for pick-up.

**ADMIT ONE**

OCTOBER 9  
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM  
1016 MYRTLE ST.

**TICKET NO. #0057**



# Catch Up with Utilities

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?

## The Utilities Department's 2nd Annual Team-Building Event



### Water Trivia

U I F W I U S A X V D C M C C  
X D L A O V D L H K Q P G I P  
Z T M V V A L C J K S O H N H  
K I E K A A R P K D I D P G Y  
A J T Y L J A M M Q H O L M D  
O P E X V G T M S J Q P U L R  
I O R S E I I X K G F B M E A  
G P O I G M K X T O R O B A N  
C U R B S T O P D K S J E K T  
F O O D M A N H O L E F R H G  
Q F K Y P R E S S U R E U H X  
N C C E Z Z G F P K B A V J I  
I B Z R E P A I R S M Q Z D L  
T D S U U T I L I T I E S I L  
I Z S J Z G S I N K H O L E S

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| utilities | curb stop | pressure | sinkhole |
| manhole   | repairs   | hydrant  | plumber  |
| meter     | valve     | leak     |          |

### Water Trivia!

Dive into our Water Trivia  
word search puzzle!