

# Public Services Community News!

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## Public Services Gathers for the Holidays!

The Public Services Department gathered together to enjoy a meal on December 7, 2022. The holidays are a special time when we have a chance to slow down a bit, spend time with friends and family, and reflect on what the year has brought us!

The team came together at the Streets Maintenance Facility to enjoy lunch, catch up, and even play some games! Director Sheila Thomas-Ambat spoke to some of the accomplishments that the department had made over the year in our Solid Waste division, Traffic and Streets division, and our Engineering division.

The teams also participated in voting for their fellow employees in the categories of Forever the Optimist, The Practical Joker, I smell the Food, Dressed to the Nines, and the All-Around Award. Winners of the competition for Solid Waste were:

Cyndl Fussell, Daniel Edwards, Darryn Bailey, LaToisha Hines, and Brittany Jarvis. Alexander Street winners: Bernard Jeffries, Jr., Andrew Cain, and Larry Lynch. City Hall winners were: Nicholas Baggett, Joshua Robbins, Randolph Hendrix, and Tonya Jacobs. Thank you to everyone who participated!

We hope everyone enjoyed their holiday and is looking forward to the New Year! Be on the lookout for ways for our department to engage in more fun activities throughout the year!



## Director's Corner

### Warmest Wishes for 2023

As we ring in the new year with our inaugural quarterly Public Services Newsletter, I wish everyone much health and happiness. I want to extend my appreciation to the entire DPS Staff for adapting seamlessly to our new environment the past two years during CoVid as we collected trash, maintained safe streets, built infrastructure and planned for a resilient city. When we ask our folks what we can do better to

recognize the work they do, one answer we hear frequently is that a simple "thank you" will do. While this hardly seems enough, please allow me this opportunity to say to the entire DPS Team, **THANK YOU!**

I want to express my appreciation to the Employee Engagement Committee (Monique, David, Andrea, Brian, Craig, Kim, and Timothy) for working with staff and our divisional leaders Alicia, Byron, Daniel, Lee and Tonya in helping us 'engage' better. Thank you to those who

helped put together a fabulous Christmas party.

**Please continue to share with the Committee ideas on how we can connect with you and help us all realize the successes of trust, teamwork, friendship, and work life balance.**





**Terrance Roberson, Street Maintenance.**

### Alexander Streets

Alexander Street has been bustling lately! With welcoming new staff to planning the next employee get together, PS staff at Alexander Street is excited for what 2023 has to bring!

During the previous quarter, Traffic Services has welcomed new employees, Virginia Small (Transportation Planner) and Kimberly McKoy (Office Assistant II). There were also several promotions, which employees can read about in the "Round Public Services" section!

### Alexander Street to Host First Mixer!

Come join Alexander Streets location for some fun engagement. Chairman, David Norman and the Alexander Streets team will be the host for the first Public Services Engagement Mixer, Wednesday, March 15, 2023 from 11:00 AM -1:00 PM (time subject to change). Be on the lookout for your invitation with further details in the near future.

### Roberson celebrates 35 years of Service!

Terrance Roberson, Street Maintenance Supervisor, celebrated 35 years of service in 2022. The Public Services department congratulates you and appreciates everything you do!

*"Engineers play a vital role in innovating solutions to global challenges that impact future generations. By working together to develop new technologies, products, and opportunities, engineers create new possibilities that make the world a better place. Let's inspire the next generation by celebrating all the ways engineers Create the Future!"*

### City Hall Blvd

Throughout the past year, the Engineering and Stormwater teams has worked hard to carry out various initiatives set forth by City Council. Therefore, we are excited to celebrate National Engineers Week, and can't think of a better theme than 'Creating the Future'.

The Engineering Division will be meeting for lunch on February 22, 2023, at **Sammio's**

from 11 AM to 2 PM to celebrate our role in making the world a better place. Afterward, we will have a fun game that illustrates engineering concepts. Prizes will be given away. Please RSVP via email to Abha Dwivedy ([AbhaDwivedy@FayettevilleNC.gov](mailto:AbhaDwivedy@FayettevilleNC.gov)) by February 17, EOB. (Note, lunch will be on your own).

To learn more about what others are doing across the nation, or find ideas for ways you can help promote engineering check out this website: <https://discover.org/engage/engineers-week/>



### Solid Waste Place

Things are getting a little wacky over at Solid Waste! During the holiday season, the office staff at Solid Waste celebrated "Spirit Day Friday's", where staff could get creative and dress wacky and tacky for the day! Fun was had by all who were able to participate!

Each month, the employees of Solid Waste come together to nominate a fellow employee as their "Employee of the Month", to recognize the hard work and

dedication that the employees in the Division have for their job. During the last quarter, employees Leforice Blue (October), Dave Aberdeen (November), and Wendell Thomas (December), were recognized. Keep up the good work!





## Good News from ‘Round Public Services!

Public Services has been a bustling place over the past several months! From City Council approving the first tranche of watershed master plan projects, to the passing of the infrastructure bond, our projects are keeping us busy!

However, Staff is taking the time to continue to have fun! Solid Waste celebrated spirit days, Engineering broke bread together for Thanksgiving, and Alexander Street will be hosting the first of several employees get together!

Our people are celebrating big moments in their lives too! Engineering’s Ryan Trogdon recently got married in October!

Promotions for 2022:

- Byron Reeves – Assistant Director – Engineering
- Dennis Miller – Street Maintenance Superintendent
- Douglas Stallings – Street Maintenance Supervisor –
- Michael Monge – Engineer I
- Ryan Trogdon – Engineer I
- Nicholas Baggett – Storm-

- water Inspections Supervisor
  - Dana Bain – Senior Administrative Assistant
  - Clara Roden – Administrative Assistant
  - Cyndi Fussell – Office Supervisor
  - Jennifer Green– Equipment Operator III
  - Andrea Brown– Equipment Operator III
  - LaNeice Wilson– Equipment Operator III
  - Xzavier Hawkins– Equipment Operator II
- Congratulations Everyone!**



## Upcoming Events

While the new year may bring too many events to start, here are a few reminders about some things coming up!

- MLK Jr Day: January 16
- Valentines Day! February 14
- Engineering Week: February 19-25, 2023
- Over the Edge for United Way: March 11, 2023

- Employee Engagement Mixer: March 15, 2023 @ Alexander Streets



The department would also like to take the moment to wish all of the employees born in January, February and March a big **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**Employee Engagement Mixer– March 15, 2023. 11am-1pm. Alexander Streets**

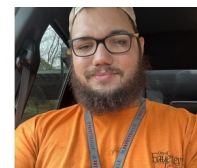
## Perez is going “Over the Edge” for United Way!

On March 11, 2023, fellow Public Services employee Thomas Perez will be going “Over the Edge” for United Way of Cumberland County!

Rappelers will descend 50 feet down the Cape Fear Valley Medical Arts Center in Downtown Fayetteville to help raise money to improve the quality of life for people in Cumberland County by addressing critical human needs.

But, Thomas needs your help! He has a goal of raising \$1000 to go “Over the Edge!”. Let’s support our fellow Public Services Employee by visiting his page at [https://give.overtheedge.events/9273f9?ref=ab\\_9BzIL3](https://give.overtheedge.events/9273f9?ref=ab_9BzIL3)

Good Luck Thomas!



**Thomas Perez, Street Maintenance**



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### Photos from the Christmas Party!



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Have something to contribute? Email your engagement committee representative or Shauna Haslem for consideration for the next newsletter!