

Public Services Community News!

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Public Services Welcomes the Spring!

Public Services continues to bustle bringing in the Spring with new developments, watershed projects, and keeping the streets clean/safe. As the Winter is leaving us and the Spring is coming in, the Public Services team found ways to continue with training and engagement. The Engineers celebrated Engineers Week in February and Alexander Streets hosted the first Public Services Engagement Mixer in March (see more details below).

They did it! Alexander Streets hosted the first Public Services Engagement Mixer on March, 15 2023. They invited City Hall Blvd and Solid Waste Place to come and engage at their locations. They had grilled hot dogs with fixings, chips, and soft-drinks for refreshments to get everyone started. We socialized and teamed build to engage

in Cup Stack Challenge activities. Thank you to everyone who helped and attended to make the first Public Services Engagement Mixer a success!

As Spring comes in, we do encourage our DPS team to take in the sights and sounds of Spring! From the Dogwood Festival in April, to baseball

beginning later on in June. We hope this spring brings wonderful memories and times to each member of our DPS Family!

As the summer rolls in, be watching out for another Public Services Engagement Activity.



Director's Corner

Happy Spring!

Throughout the first quarter of 2023, the theme we are working towards in Public Services centers around building community and family. Our DPS team has taken part in several opportunities to help our community grow closer - from the Engineering team participating in Engineering Day activities to the entire team participating in the Alexander Street Mixer. We are coming together to encourage and build one another - sharing laughter

and friendship, good times, and hard times.

I have also been lucky to spend time with employees through our groups of 10 lunches, learning more about you outside of office life. Some great ideas are emerging from these sessions and we look to implement at least one per quarter.

Speaking of community, I would be remiss if I did not mention the passing of Denise Vincent, a long-time employee of Solid Waste and wife of Wallace Vincent in Street Maintenance. Denise was an excellent,

devoted employee of the department, and we will keep her family in our thoughts.

As always, 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.



Alexander Streets

Alexander Street to Host First Mixer!

Alexander Street is a happening place! Traffic Services hosted an ITRE (Institute for Transportation Research and Education) Intermediate Work Zone Safety Course at their facility on March 8th! See some of the photos to see what the training was all about!

The Alexander Streets location hosted our quarterly mixer on March 15th! Games, fun and food were had during our time together! Teams competed

against each other in solo cup challenges, trying to see who could stack the highest pyramid and stack the cups the fastest!

Meanwhile, our very own Doug Stallings has completed the first step in the Road Scholar program. Congrats Doug! We look forward to hearing more about your progress!



“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

The team here at city hall celebrated National Engineers Week, and ‘Creating the Future’ through gathering together for a fun lunch and a team building activity!

The Engineering and Storm-water teams met for lunch at Sammios on February 22, 2023 to enjoy food and fellowship while discussing how to making the world a better place.

After lunch, the team gathered back here at City Hall to practice their engineering skills through building straw bridges and paper airplanes. They tested their inventions to see who did the best job!

Thank you for your hard work in keeping our city a safe, vibrant, and enjoyable place to be!



Solid Waste Place

The folks over at Solid Waste continue to strive to keep our City looking beautiful! We have had two team members join us this quarter, Porsha Graham and Demetria Savage, both Equipment Operator II. We want to welcome you to the family!

Solid Waste continues to celebrate their employees with the Employee of the Month Program! Shawn Jackson, Tosha Stevens-Walker and Xzavier

Hawkins were honored with the title for January, February and March, respectively. Congrats and keep up the awesome work!



Good News from 'Round Public Services!



We love to hear the "Good News from Round the Department!"

The Streets Division welcomed some new faces this Quarter!

- James Faulk, EOII
- Randy Rodriguez, EOII
- Richelle Roberts, EOII

The Stormwater Program welcomed a new Inspector, Kendra Coles and the Solid Waste Division welcomed Portia Graham and Demetria Savage, both EOII. Welcome to the

DPS family!

Here are the promotions from the quarter!

- Dave Aberdeen, Solid Waste, EOIII
- Darryl Smith, Solid Waste, EOIII

Congrats everyone!

Do you have good news? We would love to hear it! Please email Shauna at shaunahaslem@fayettevillenc.gov to in-

clusion in the newsletter!



Upcoming Events

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

- Good Friday: April 7
- Administrative Professionals Day: April 26
- Dogwood Festival: April 28-30
- Memorial Day: May 29
- Juneteenth: June 19

Be on the look out for news about our next employee mixer! We had so much fun at our first one, we want to do it again! Contact your engagement committee representative if you have questions or ideas!



The department would also like to take the moment to wish all of the employees born in April, May and June a big **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Kudos and Compliments!

This quarter we have received citizen kudos and compliments for our work out in the field! Thank you for all of the hard work you continue to do each day!

Kudos to Desi Horne! Citizen called to compliment the street sweeping efforts, and how much she appreciates the care given to help her street look better!

Kudos to Bob Gardner and the Traffic Signal Team for setting up a Traffic Signal Display for the Spring Lake Memorial Baptist Church! Members truly appreciated the time and attention to set up and reading about the invention of the Stop Light!

Kudos to Kim McKoy, for going above and beyond the call of duty to ensure that a citizen's questions were answered and needs were met! The citi-

zen was very thankful for the customer service they received!

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