

Public Services Community News!

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Public Services Rolling into the Summer!

Public Services is keeping stride rolling into the Summer.

New developments and watershed projects are underway. In addition, ordinances are in effect to continue to keep our streets safe and clean.

Summer is upon us and our Public Services team continues to educate and train. Our very own Director Sheila Thomas-Ambat along with some of our Stormwater Engineers and Consultants attended the ASFPM Conference in Raleigh and showcased the Fayetteville, NC City-Wide Watershed Master Plan Program (see more information below).

We were there! Public Services was present at the Dogwood Festival that took place in April. As always, we were there to educate the citizens on Storm Water management and Solid Waste procedures.

We want to continue to encourage the DPS team to enjoy all the events the City has to offer.

We hope this summer has begun with pleasant celebrations and memories.

As we wind down the summer, City Hall will host the next Public Services Engagement Activity, be on the look out for the invitation!



Director's Corner

Summer is Here!

As we head into the Summer months, we continue to encourage Public Service members to focus on our theme of building community and family. Our DPS team has taken part in several opportunities to help our community grow closer. We encourage staff members to come together to encourage and build one another up, enjoy time

with their families, soak up the sun during the extra hours of daylight and create wonderful memories during cook outs and trips to the beach. Summer is a wonderful time to reconnect with nature, friends and family.

We recently completed the FY 23-24 budget which closed with an \$8M shortfall for slated county tax reform. With the adoption of the 2023-24 City budget, City employees will see a 4% raise and an additional 1% increase to 401(k) contribution, bringing the City's contribution to 2%. Our employees are our greatest asset. Thanks to our

leaders who are taking measures to support our employees well-being and job satisfaction. We hope you are looking forward to getting rejuvenated for the new Fiscal Year.

I have continued to learn more about members of our DPS staff through our groups of 10 lunches. Most recently, due to a suggestion mentioned during the lunches, we are supporting staff members who wish to obtain their CDL license and advance in the organization. Please contact me if you are interested in learning more about this program.

As always, please continue to share with the Committee any ideas on how we can connect with you and help us all to realize the successes of trust, teamwork, friendship, and work-life balance. Don't forget to enjoy that Summer sun!



Alexander Streets

Alexander Street is working to enhance their skills. Staff members completed some local hands on training with ITRE (Institute for Transportation Research and Education) Concrete What, When and How. This class featured the basics of concrete installation, geared to anyone who wanted to improve their concrete skills. Take a look at the photos to see what the training was all about!



Bob Gardner, our Traffic Signal Maintenance Supervisor, continues to excel in taking GIS software courses in support of his and others positions. Keep up the great work Bob!

City Hall Blvd

The City Hall Teams are working hard to keep up their certifications and shine a light on the City of Fayetteville.

Our Stormwater Inspectors, Nicholas Baggett, Ryan Trogdon, Joshua Robbins, Kendra Coles, Eban Carrion, and Carl Alamode, all completed their certifications for Hazardous Materials Operation/OSHA Level II. Our Stormwater Engineers, Alicia Lanier, Matthew Noonon, Ali Shallal, and our Director, Sheila Thomas-Ambat, attended the

National Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM) Conference in May. Our Watershed Program generated a lot of interest. Information shared throughout three presentations, covered the management challenges and solutions, as well as a variety of technical work associated with the program. In addition, our program has been included as a case study in the U.S. Climate Resilience Toolkit.

Thank you for your continued efforts in keeping our City a safe and a pleasant place to be!



Sheila Thomas-Ambat



Solid Waste Place

The Solid Waste Team continues to work hard to keep our beautiful city clean! In April, they went to Arnette Park for Earth Day to teach the children recycling. They have also updated an ordinance, which went into effect July 1st, in an effort to continue to keep our City safe and clean. Our dedicated drivers will collect two green or brown rollout carts for household waste, 1 blue rollout cart for recycling (every other week) and 10 containerized items (green or brown rollout carts, 32-gallon cans with lids, bags or bundles) for yard waste.



Solid Waste also continues to show off their Employees of Month. Jermaine Jenkins was Employee of the Month for April, Anthony Burke was Employee of the Month for May.

The latest Employee of Month for June was Larry Melvin. Larry is a Fayetteville native and has been an employee with the city for 27 years. He drives a knuckle boom truck, gathering limbs and bulky items throughout the week. He says, "I enjoy helping the people. It's my way of being able to give back."

Congratulations Larry! Keep up the great 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!

- Austin Adams, Maintenance Worker-Stormwater
- Angela Williams, OAll-Stormwater
- Ashlynn McDougal, Construction Contracts Coordinator
- James Johnson, Engineering Inspector

The Solid Waste Division welcomed!

- Marquita King , EOII who joined their

team from Transit

- Kala Elenes, Public Information Specialist

Welcome to the DPS family!

Here are the promotions from the quarter!

- Shawn Jackson, Solid Waste, Maintenance Worker
- Brian McGill, City Traffic Engineer
- Philip Hart, Interim - Assistant Public Services Director-Transportation filling the role of our longtime Lee Jernigan

In addition, Amid Tahami, Public Services Pavement Preservation Manager, passed the Professional Engineering Exam.

Congratulations Amid! Keep up the good work!

Do you have good news? We would love to hear it! Please email Monique at [MoniqueChestnutt @fayettevilenc.gov](mailto:MoniqueChestnutt@fayettevilenc.gov) for inclusion in the newsletter!



Upcoming Events

Here are a few reminders about some things coming up!

- ◆ City Hall Engagement Mixer: August 23
- ◆ Labor Day : September 4
- ◆ COF Employee Appreciation: October 25



The department would also like to take the moment to wish all of the employees born in July, August, and September, a big **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Farewell's and Kudos!

This quarter the DPS family came together to celebrate and say farewell to two longtime employees. Lee Jernigan-former Assistant Public Services Director for Transportation and Shauna Haslem-former Public Information Specialist for Stormwater, said their goodbyes.

We wished them the best in their new endeavors!



Kudos to the Street Maintenance Team for the Milan Yard Clean UP!

We heard it from Streets Superintendent Dennis Miller

“Basically this task was a complete team effort without exception. Those working directly on site could not accomplish what they did if those on the street don’t do extra so we don’t fall behind with our normal maintenance work.”

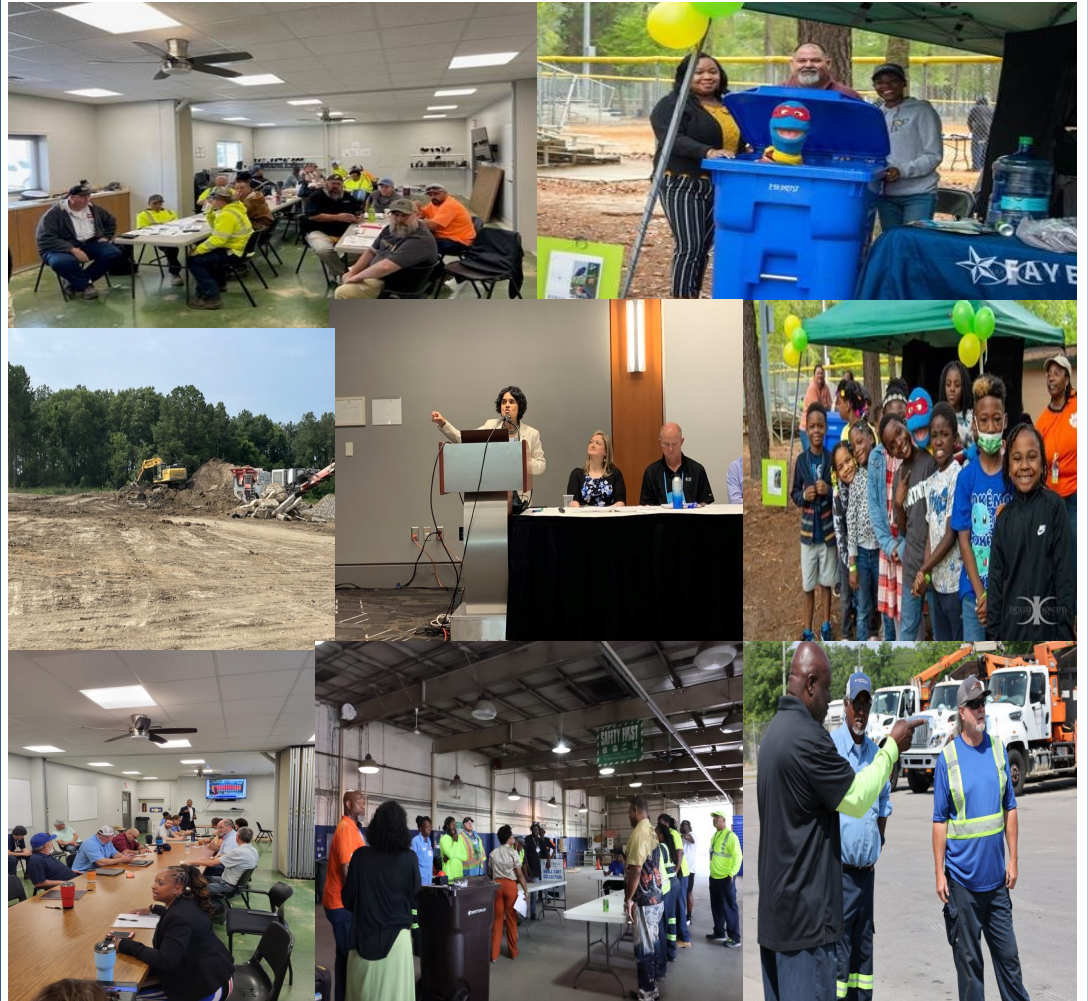
They showed their appreciation with lunch from Kinlaws, it was their way of saying thanks with more than words.

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