



ACE NEWS

AMARILLO CITY EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER

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LOL!

April Is Stress Awareness Month Social Benefits of Laughter

Laughter connects us with others. Just as with smiling and kindness, most people find that laughter is contagious, so if you bring more laughter into your life, you can most likely help others around you to laugh more, and realize these benefits as well. By elevating the mood of those around you, you can reduce their stress levels, and perhaps improve the quality of social interaction you experience with them, reducing your stress level even more!

Special points of Interest:

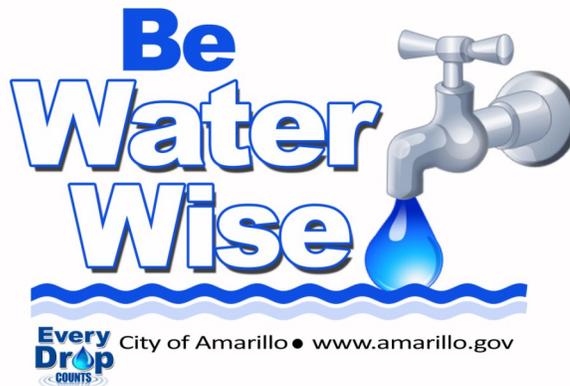
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Water Conservation Team Works to Raise Awareness

By: Stacy Clopton Yates, Library Public Relations Coordinator

In response to last year's record drought, the City of Amarillo has created a Water Conservation Team to help spread the word about using water wisely. The group includes representatives from various city departments including Utilities, Utility Billing, Parks and Recreation, Accounting, Civic Center and the Amarillo Public Library; and is working with the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District (PGCD) and the Amarillo Botanical Gardens.

One of the new team's first jobs was to develop a 2012 theme for the **EVERY DROP COUNTS** program. Team members created graphics, displays and promotional materials to go with the new theme—**BE WATER WISE**—and started presenting information on water conservation at public events and trade shows, starting with the PGCD's first Water Conservation Symposium in February.



The team has also developed a recommendation for a Rainwater Harvesting Rebate program, which was presented to the City Commission on March 13. The program would allow Amarillo residents to collect a refund of up to \$50 for the cost of installing a barrel to collect rainwater and use it for landscaping purposes.

Another team project involves providing information for area businesses and residents on saving water by replacing popular cool season grasses with warm season Bermuda grass. According to Assistant Utilities Director Floyd Hartman, the average homeowner can save approximately \$100 every year by using warm season grasses, and Assistant City Manager Dean Frigo says the real savings is to the region's water supply. "We all hope our rainfall numbers will improve over last year," says Frigo, "but the fact is that we live in a semi-arid climate. One of the most productive things we can do to ensure that our water supply is still around for future generations is to landscape with grass, trees and flowers that are suited to the region."

For homeowners and businesses looking to save water on landscaping, the team recommends Celebration Bermuda sod or NuMex Sahara Bermuda grass seed. Both use about one-third less water than popular cool season grasses and are available at area retailers.

To advance the cause, the City Parks Department has already made plans to replace grass lost in last year's drought with Celebration Bermuda sod, which will save thousands of gallons of water in years to come.

In March, Assistant City Manager Dean Frigo and Utilities Director Emmett Autrey held a Roundtable meeting with representatives from some of the highest water-use companies and organizations in the city to brainstorm about reducing water use. The group included representatives from Nwth, Xcel Energy, Asarco, Owens

Coming, Plains Dairy, Tyson Foods, BSA, TDCJ—Clements Unit, the VA Hospital and the Cities of Amarillo and Canyon. Following several presentations on water use and conservation, participants from each agency explained water use in their processes offered information on water conservation measures they are already using. Autrey described the interest in water conservation as "intense," and says the meeting exceeded expectations. "Some great ideas passed back and forth, and some good conservation ideas are in place. Next year, the focus will be on one specific aspect of conservation and participants will help decide that by submitting ideas and suggestions. We also plan to include the school districts and a few more agencies—making the 2013 meeting a TOP-20 Roundtable."

Future team projects include developing informational resources on drought tolerant landscaping for homes and businesses and continuing to promote water conservation awareness throughout the city because **EVERY DROP COUNTS!**




Discounted Tickets for City Employees are now available at City Hall, Accounting, Room 301

Six Flags day pass \$33.48
Hurricane Harbor day pass \$23.75

Parks & Recreation

Bill & Alice O'Brien Education Center

The Amarillo Zoo in Thompson Park had a groundbreaking ceremony on March 30, 2012 to begin the construction of the Bill & Alice O'Brien Education Center.

The Education Center will be designed to serve audiences throughout the 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle.

The Education Center will be constructed to serve many functions including school and group programs, teacher workshops, adult and family

programs, live animal and conservation exhibits, volunteer/staff lounge and offices.

Exhibits will feature live animals and touchable biofacts that will provide visitors an opportunity to learn about threatened wildlife and conservation efforts to protect our environment.

The project Architect is Dekker Perich Sabatini and the General Contractor is Tri-State General Contracting Group, Inc. Funding made available through the City of

Amarillo, Amarillo Zoological Society, Bill & Alice O'Brien, Texas Parks & Wildlife Grant, and private donations.




Direct Deposit Information

Please protect your direct deposit(s) funds by filling out a new Direct Deposit form if you have **ANY** changes to your account information and get the form into Human Resources/Payroll as quickly as possible.

If you change your banking instructions for any reason even if you are staying with the same bank and you are only changing your account number you need to let Human Resources/Payroll know that your account information has changed.

If you close your bank account for any reason you need to let Human Resources/Payroll know by cancelling those instructions.

When Human Resources/Payroll are not notified of these changes it could result in a delay for the employee in receiving their funds.

City Golf League (ACEGA)

By: Charlie Sanchez, Safety Manager and Michael Padilla, Traffic Field Superintendent

Get your golf clubs out of storage, replace any missing golf spikes on your golf shoes, re-grip those worn out grips and loosen up those muscles. It's time to play GOLF! Enjoy some camaraderie and join us in some friendly competition by being part of the Amarillo City Employee's Golf Association League (ACEGA).

The City golf league is played at Comanche Trail Golf Complex for a period of 12 weeks, starting the second week of May and is open to all City employees. The league will play every Thursday with tee times beginning on a rotating schedule between 5:20 PM – 6:30 PM. The league is divided into 3 divisions depending on the team's handicap and the format is a two-person match play. The top four teams in each division will play in a tournament at the end of the season to determine first and

second place with trophies being awarded – the Mayor's trophy to the champion and the City Commissioner's Trophy for second place.

On May 5th, there will also be a tournament that kicks off the beginning of the season which will be a two-person low-ball format with team handicaps. On November 3rd, there will be a Turkey Tournament to end out the season. The format will be a four-person scramble and the prizes will be turkeys. To sign up or for more information, please contact Jonathan Gresham at 378-4265 in Director of Utilities, Room 101, City Hall or Michael Padilla at 378-6802



Left to right: Anthony Sena – IT Analyst, Jonathan Gresham – Engineer III, and Michael Padilla – Traffic Field Superintendent

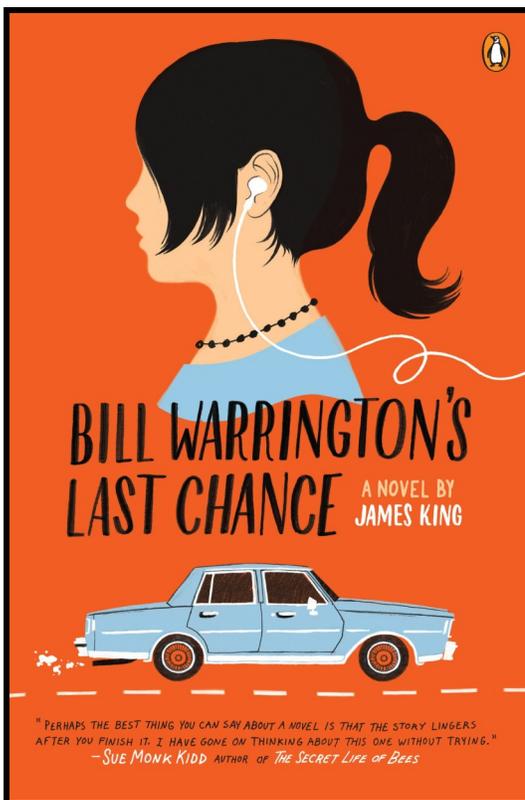
Novelist Comes to Town for AMARILLO READS

By: Stacy Clopton Yates, Library Public Relations Coordinator

Imagine knowing that your grasp on reality is slipping away, and there are a lot of things about your life you'd like to change before it's too late. That's the situation facing the title character of *Bill Warrington's Last Chance*, James King's debut novel that is the Spring selection for AMARILLO READS. Confronted with a medical diagnosis—Alzheimer's—that threatens his most cherished memories, Bill Warrington devises a crazy plan to force his three adult children to reconcile with him and with each other.

Bill plans to force his offspring to start talking to each other by taking off on a cross-country road trip with his 15-year-old granddaughter, April, and leaving clues for the kids to follow. But what started out for April as an escape from boredom becomes a frightening reality as Bill grows increasingly confused and starts rambling about the family's long-buried secrets.

Amarillo Public Library PR Coordinator Stacy Clopton Yates says the book was a good choice for Amarillo's Community Reading Program because of its intriguing premise and believable characters. "Bill Warrington is this incredibly stubborn ex-Marine. He's not immediately likable—and neither are his three children. That's part of what makes them so believable and ultimately sympathetic. You get glimpses of the people they could be and you start rooting for them."



The Amarillo Public Library will celebrate *Bill Warrington's Last Chance* with events that tie in to the book, culminating in a visit from author James King on May 1. The complete list of AMARILLO READS events for Spring includes:

A Conversation with James King

Tuesday, May 1 – 7 PM – Globe-News Center for the Performing Arts
Coffee and Book Signing to follow

Yates says bringing authors to Amarillo is one of the most exciting features of AMARILLO READS. "People are going to read this book and get to like these characters, and then they'll have a chance to meet the author. That's exciting for anyone who loves to read."

AMARILLO READS is a partnership between the Amarillo Public Library, Hastings Entertainment, Amarillo Globe-News and Friends of the Amarillo Public Library, with participation this Spring from Texas Tech Physicians, the Alzheimer's Association, Park Central and the Ambassador Hotel. All AMARILLO READS events are free and open to the public. For more information contact Stacy Clopton Yates at 378-3051 or email Stacy.Yates@amarillolibrary.org.



FROM THE PANTRY

BY: MARGARET PAYTON, MBA, RD

Orange Gelatin Pretzel Dessert

Prep: 30 minutes + chilling

2 cups crushed pretzels
3 teaspoons plus ¾ cup sugar, divided
¾ cup butter, melted
2 packages (3 oz. each) diet orange gelatin
2 cups boiling water
2 cans (8 oz. each) crushed pineapple, drained
1 can (11 oz.) mandarin oranges, drained
1 package (8 oz.) fat free cream cheese or Neufchatel cheese, softened
2 cups whipped topping

Additional whipped topping, optional.

In a small bowl, combine pretzels and 3 teaspoons sugar; stir in butter. Press into ungreased 13 x 9 x 2-inch baking dish. Bake at 350° F. for 10 minutes. Cool on a wire rack.

In a large bowl, dissolve gelatin in boiling water. Add pineapple and oranges. Chill until partially set, about 30 minutes.

In a small mixing bowl, beat cream cheese and remaining sugar until smooth. Fold in whipped topping. Spread over crust. Gently spoon gelatin mixture over cream cheese layer. Cover and refrigerate for 2-4 hours or until firm.

Cut into squares. Garnish with additional whipped topping if desired.

Yield: 15 servings.



WALK ACROSS TEXAS

Hope everyone has joined a team (see some of our creative team names below) or registered individually on the WAT website and are well on your way to Claude by now! Remember you earn 10 points for each week you walk 13 miles. Pedometers are still available in the Benefits office.

Keep Moving!



Sole Sisters, Aviators, Still Crawling,
A Step Ahead, Just Book It



PARKS & RECREATION

Area Splash Pads Open For Summer!

All splash pad locations open for the summer on **Saturday, May 26th**. These splash pad sites are open **11:00am – 8:00pm daily until September 3rd**. Sites include Benton, Bones Hooks (closed Mondays), El Alamo, Forest Hill, Hamlet, Memorial, San Jacinto, and Southlawn Parks.



City of Amarillo to Host Graffiti Clean-Up Day

By: Blair Harris, Management Analyst

On May 19 volunteers from every area in Amarillo will work together to clean up the graffiti in our town.

This project began almost a year ago with a committee of concerned citizens led by Mayor Paul Harpole. Our goal was to research the problem of graffiti and find a solution that would not only remove the graffiti, but prevent reoccurrence. Each time the committee met, the number of volunteers grew.

Today, with more than 50 volunteers, the committee is ready to tackle the graffiti problem in our town. On Saturday, May 19 we are encouraging every citizen in Amarillo to **Take Back the Wall**. Start with your wall, and then help your neighbor. Together we can clean up our neighborhoods, our parks and our businesses. When you take back your wall, you take back your community.

Graffiti sends a message that the community is no longer concerned with appearances, and can give residents the feeling that they are not safe. Graffiti also is expensive for the property owner to clean.

You can take control of your neighborhood by quickly removing graffiti when it occurs.

Prompt removal reduces the chance of graffiti reappearing and helps maintain a safe, secure and clean environment.

Graffiti is not art. It is a crime punishable by jail time and/or fines.

Volunteers are welcome on May 19th. For more information or to report graffiti, visit TakeBackTheWall.com. You may also report graffiti by calling 806-378-3038.

TAKE BACK THE WALL

CITYWIDE GRAFFITI CLEANUP DAY
SATURDAY, MAY 19

When you take back the WALL, you take back YOUR COMMUNITY.

Help make YOUR community a better place to live and work! Visit TakeBackTheWall.com to learn more about how you, your church group, civic organization, or business can **Take Back the Wall** in your neighborhood.

REPORT GRAFFITI BY CALLING 806.378.3038.

VOLUNTEERS WELCOMED MAY 19TH - VISIT TAKEBACKTHEWALL.COM FOR DETAILS!

Downtown Update
Police Department/Municipal Courts Buildings Demolition

The demolition has started at the former Police Department/Municipal Courts Buildings. The contract was awarded on March 20, 2012 to Empire Environmental Group, LLC at a cost of \$162,586.70.

The contract is to demolish and remove the former Police Department, Municipal Court, and Police Garage buildings located on the block bounded

by Buchanan St., 6th Avenue,



Fillmore St., and 7th Avenue.

The contract includes the full demolition of these structures,

removal of the debris, and restoration of the site to a level surface.

This site will be used for construction activities associated with the future Downtown Convention Center Hotel and will also be the site of the Downtown Parking Garage.

Parks & Recreation



Mother's Day
Saturday, May 12, 2012
9:30am -3:00pm

Moms will go **WILD** for free admission on Saturday, May 12, 2012. All Moms accompanied by a child will get into the zoo free and receive a free flower seed packet (while supplies last). Live music, brunch (extra fee applies) and children's crafts will make this a great way to spend mom's day.



Asian Pacific Festival

Saturday, May 19, 2012
9:30am – 3:00pm

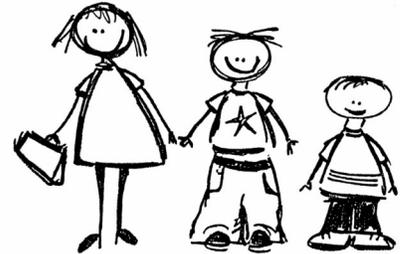
The Zoo celebrates Asian Pacific month with a day filled with the sights, sounds and tastes of the people, culture and animals of the Asian continent. Dancers from Eastridge Elementary School will demonstrate Lao, Vietnamese, Dragon, Burmese, Karen and Karenni dances. Visitors can have their name written in Thai



language and get up close to a 12-foot albino Burmese python. Sample some edible insects like chocolate dipped mealworms or crispy fried crickets; watch a demonstration of iaijutus (samurai swords) and bukiyutsu (ancient weapons) by Lee Gray and his students from the Amarillo Martial Arts Center. Enjoy a presentation about our Bengal Tigers and make sure the kids can make a special take home craft.



If I Drew the ZOO



Saturday, June 9, 2012
9:30am – Noon

Take the kids and discover your creative side with all the sights and sounds at the Amarillo Zoo. Let the animals inspire your artistic side and create beautiful art pieces to your heart's content. Local artists and volunteers will be on hand to demonstrate various art styles and techniques and even give you an opportunity to try your hand at sketching, watercolors, clay, sidewalk chalk art, murals and others! A variety of artists and art groups from the community will be present to provide instruction and demonstrations.



How do you ZOO?
www.amarillozoo.org

After Hours Medical Facilities

If you need medical treatment and are unable to use the City Care Clinic, these facilities offer services that are generally faster and less expensive than a visit to the Emergency Room



Care Today Urgent Health
3440 Bell Ste. 122, Amarillo TX 79109
379-9225
8 AM to 8 PM Monday – Saturday
Walk-Ins Welcome — Payroll Deduction Available

Care Today Urgent Health
3000 I-40 East Ste 400, Amarillo TX 79103
379-8552
8 AM to 5 PM Monday – Friday
Walk-Ins Welcome — Payroll Deduction Available

Immediate Care Clinic
1500 S Coulter Ste 6, Amarillo TX 79106
467-9777
8 AM to 5 PM Monday – Friday
Appointments Preferred — Payroll Deduction Available

BENEFITS CORNER

CareExpress
2701 S Georgia, Amarillo TX 79109
350-3000
8 AM – 8 PM Monday – Friday
9 AM – 5 PM Saturday
10 AM – 5 PM Sunday
Walk-Ins Available

Family Medicine Center of Canyon
911 23rd Street, Canyon TX 79015
655-2104
Open 24 hours 7 days a week
Walk-Ins Welcome — Payroll Deduction Available



Ticket Prices: \$15 Opens Memorial Weekend, Official Opening Saturday June 2, 2012

Discounted Tickets for City Employees are now available at City Hall, Accounting Room 301



Ticket Prices: \$13 — 1/2 day or \$18 — all day



SAFETY CORNER

BY: CHARLIE SANCHEZ, SAFETY MANAGER



As we head into the warmer months of the year, we get the itch to start or resume projects we have put on hold for one reason or another. As we inventory our hand tools, powered hand tools, extensions cords, and other tools, we sometimes overlook one versatile tool, our portable ladders. When choosing the correct ladder for the job, important factors to consider include the type of ladder, the length, and the material from which the ladder is made.

Selecting the appropriate ladder for the job is essential. Oftentimes, accidents are the results of not using the correct ladder. For example, it is obvious we would not use a metal ladder when working around or near energized circuits. Using fiberglass ladders for working near electrical sources is recommended.

Duty ratings are assigned to ladders by the manufactures based on maximum weight that can be safely supported. The weight of the worker and the weight of

any tools or materials carried onto the ladder must be less than the duty rating. Some examples of duty ratings are:

Special Duty (IAA)	375 lbs.
Extra Heavy Duty (IA)	300 lbs.
Heavy Duty (I)	250 lbs
Light Duty (III)	200 lbs.

A thorough ladder inspection should be made before each use and before it is put into service. Grease, dirt, and other contaminants that could cause slips or falls, along with excess paint or stickers, could hide possible defects in the ladder. Check for loose steps, rungs, cracked rails, locking arms on step ladders, and damaged or worn bases. To prevent sliding of portable ladders, set up the ladder at an angle of approximately 75 degrees. This is accomplished by using the 4-to-1-ratio. For every 4 foot of rail elevation, the base should be 1 foot from the structure.

By practicing ladder safety we can perform our jobs at work and at home with

a keener awareness of what this valuable tool is capable of and its limitations.



Tim Gallagher Building Mechanic III (25-year employee)

Safety questions, ideas or concerns can be submitted to Charlie Sanchez, Safety Manager at: charles.sanchez@amarillo.gov.

WELCOME...

Name	Title	Department
Sonja Gross	Community Relations Coordinator	City Secretary
Robert Ren	Building Attendant 1	Civic Center
Andy Cobb	Accountant 1	Accounting
Aaron Ince	Utility Worker	Street
Nicholus Graves	Utility Worker	Street
Jesse Martinez	Utility Worker	Street
Gerald Galan	Utility Worker	Street
Alvin Ortiz	Utility Worker	Street
Ranulfo Montenegro	Utility Worker	Street
Pamela Meckley	Residential Equipment Operator	Solid Waste Collection
Jered Mills	Park Plumber II	Park Maintenance
Christopher Akins	Utility Worker	Hollywood Road WWT Plant
Richard Olsen	Chemist 1	Laboratory Administration
Trenton Reeves	Mechanic Apprentice	Municipal Garage
Dudley Mason	Mechanic Apprentice	Municipal Garage
Douglas Grimm	IT Analyst	Information Technology
Mikel Vargas	IT Analyst	Information Technology
Kaurie Jones	Administrative Assistant-hourly	Library
Erika Dawn-Lona	Administrative Assistant-hourly	Library
Karen Zetta	Administrative Assistant-hourly	Library
Bethany Monroe	Administrative Assistant-hourly	Library
Andre Harris	Utility Worker-hourly	Street
Frank Gin	Utility Worker-hourly	Street
Paul Herron	Utility Worker-hourly	Solid Waste Collection
Jessie Donald	Transfer Station Operator-hourly	Solid Waste Disposal
Richard Kinikin	Transfer Truck Driver-hourly	Solid Waste Disposal
Lou Ann Brown	Administrative Assistant-hourly	Police Civilian Personnel
Austin Burns	Utility Worker-hourly	Traffic Field Operations
Richard Burns	Utility Worker-hourly	Traffic Field Operations
Patrick Gibson	Utility Worker-hourly	Comanche Trail Golf Course
Timothy Stahl	Utility Worker-hourly	Comanche Trail Golf Course
Warren Slaton	Utility Worker-hourly	Park Maintenance
Robbie Kindle	Utility Worker-hourly	Park Maintenance
Andy Barker	Utility Worker-hourly	Park Maintenance
Clifton Reid	Utility Worker-hourly	Park Maintenance
Demetrius Justice	Utility Worker-hourly	Park Maintenance

Employee Milestones

Name	Department	Years
Scott McDonald	Building Safety	5
Joe Mata Jr.	Comanche Trail	5
Beatrice Loya	IMM/Locals	5
Constance Lomeli	Library	5
Billy Blaylock	Surface Water Treatment	5
Marquita Ricks	Animal Control	10
Todd Oliver	Municipal Court	10
Gonzalo Ballin	Traffic Field Operations	10
Christopher Chacon	Facilities Maintenance	15
Dale Henderson	Fire Operations	15
Harold C. Phipps	Fire Operations	15
Joseph H. Ward	Fire Support	15
Jaime Arredondo	Solid Waste Collection	15
April King	Street Department	15
Russell M. Eckels	Street Department	20
Isaac Edminster	Water Transmission	30



Jackie Dunlap
February Retiree

Left to right : Curtis
Bainum, Jackie
Dunlap, Herb Sanders

Pierce Browder	Utility Worker-hourly	Park Maintenance
Dakota Dawson	Utility Worker-hourly	Park Maintenance
Cody Keys	Utility Worker-hourly	Park Maintenance
Jason Miller	Utility Worker-hourly	Park Maintenance
Manuel Hinojos	Utility Worker-hourly	Park Maintenance
Johnathan Long	Utility Worker-hourly	Park Maintenance
Luis Lora	Utility Worker-hourly	Park Maintenance
Chelsea Diehl	Gate Attendant-hourly	Zoo
Joe Duran	Messenger-hourly	Fire Civilian Personnel
Isabel Chand	WIC Tech -hourly	WIC

Promotions/Transfers

OLD			NEW		
Name	Title	Department	Name	Title	Department
Misty Mendez	Collection Clerk-hourly	Accounting	Collections Clerk		Accounting
Thomas Cox	Transfer Station Operator-hourly	Solid Waste Disposal	Residential Equipment Operator		Solid Waste Collection
Tommy Tesillo	Utility Worker-hourly	Solid Waste Disposal	Residential Equipment Operator		Solid Waste Collection
Raymundo Montoya	Utility Worker-hourly	Ross Rogers Golf Course	Greenskeeper 1		Ross Rogers Golf Course
Courtney Inman	Administrative Assistant 1-hourly	Library	Administrative Assistant II		Director of Utilities
Michael Brown	Equipment Operator II-hourly	Hollywood Road WWT Plant	Equipment Operator II		Hollywood Road WWT Plant
Johnny Jimenez	Custodian-hourly	Municipal Garage	Mechanic Apprentice		Municipal Garage
Donna Tollett	Administrative Assistant 1-hourly	Library	Library Assistant		Library
Jake Medrano	Court Operations Manager	Municipal Court	Deputy Court Clerk/Asst Administrator		Municipal Court
Carol Higby	Administrative Assistant 1	Purchasing	Administrative Assistant II		Accounting
Shelton Bollinger	Utility Worker-hourly	Street	Utility Worker		Street
Pete Flores	Utility Worker	Street	Equipment Operator II		Street
Jasper Divina	Residential Equipment Operator	Solid Waste Collection	Commercial Equipment Operator		Solid Waste Collection
Tina Savage	Residential Equipment Operator	Solid Waste Collection	Commercial Equipment Operator		Solid Waste Collection
Roy Beeson	Assistant Landfill Supervisor	Solid Waste Disposal	Landfill Supervisor		Solid Waste Disposal
Cory Jones	Corporal	Police Dept	Sergeant		Police Dept
Jeremy Rios	Police Officer	Police Dept	Corporal		Police Dept
Rickie McAlpine	Utility Worker-hourly	Comanche Trail Golf Course	Greenskeeper 1		Comanche Trail Golf Course
Enrique Ruiz	Park Plumber 1	Park Maintenance	Park Plumber II		Park Maintenance
Elton Butcher	Fire Driver	Fire	Lieutenant		Fire
Jeffrey Kimbrell	Lieutenant	Fire	Captain		Fire
James Kinard	Firefighter	Fire	Fire Driver		Fire
Andrew Mettham	Firefighter	Fire	Fire Driver		Fire
Michael Perdue	Fire Driver	Fire	Lieutenant		Fire
Phillip Thomas	Lieutenant	Fire	Captain		Fire
Jeffrey Tucker	Firefighter	Fire	Fire Driver		Fire
Joseph Jones	Utility Worker	Wastewater Collection	Utility Operator		Wastewater Collection
Amy Hedgecoke	Administrative Assistant II	Director of Utilities	Bacteriology Technician		Laboratory Administration

Send your comments,
suggestions and ideas to:

City Secretary's Office
City Hall
509 Southeast 7th Avenue,
Room 303
Phone:
(806) 378-3014
Fax:
(806) 378-9394
Email:
frances.hibbs@amarillo.gov

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www.amarillo.gov

Send us your email
address to save on
printing and postage

Need Help With Child Care?

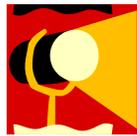
Funding is available
See if you are eligible for
assistance by calling:
372-2836 ext. 1703 or
www.wspanhandle.com
for additional information
Child Care Services
1206 West 7th Avenue
P. O. Box 1682
Amarillo TX 79105

WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS
PANHANDLE

**Congratulations
March Retirees**

John Griffin —
Accounting — 13 yrs
Bonnie King —
Custodial Services — 15 yrs
Jack Bell —
Fire Department — 20 yrs
Michael Sandorskey —
Environmental Lab — 27 yrs
Dennis Eaves —
Fire Department — 30 yrs
Michael Rhoads —
Fire Department — 36 yrs

CITY OF AMARILLO
P. O. Box 1971
Amarillo, TX 79105-1971



ACE ON THE SPOT—

Pamela J. Denholm

Assistant City Attorney/Municipal Court Prosecutor

Pam grew up in Akron, Ohio where she attended Miami University and she graduated cum laude with a Bachelors of Art in History from University of Akron. She lived in Back Bay Boston, Mass. for several years while working in the magazine advertising offices of a major publishing house. Pam also lived in San Diego for more than 22 years where she was the website manager of a national pet retailer.

Her mother suffered a stroke, so Pam moved back to Akron a few years ago to care for her. Sadly, her mother passed away unexpectedly. As a result of taking care of her mother's affairs, Pam became interested in elder law. So, mid-career, she gave law school a try and graduated from Thomas M. Cooley Law School — the largest in the country — in Lansing, Michigan. During her last semester she interned in the Virginia Attorney General's office in Richmond. After

graduation, Pam moved to San Antonio in November 2009 to be near family. While there, she took the Texas Bar Exam and passed first time in February 2010.

She has been employed by the City of Amarillo since September 2010. When she's away from her duties as a municipal court prosecutor, Pam likes to swim, travel, read

mysteries and frequent antique stores and yard sales in the area looking for treasures. Her two dogs — a soft-coated wheaten terrier and a schnoodle - enjoy walking in the various parks in Amarillo. While she was surprised by the wind and snow we receive in Amarillo, she has been nothing but pleasantly surprised by the people of Amarillo. She says, "They are terrific, friendly and fun!"



She describes her job as fast-paced, interesting, and different every day, and says she works with a great team at Municipal Court.