

# ACE NEWS

AMARILLO CITY EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER



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## Mark Your Calendars

### December 7

United Way City-Wide Potluck (bring a covered dish to share) 11:30 am — 1:30 pm Civic Center or Service Center \$3.00

### December 20

Employee Holiday Luncheon at the Civic Center (more information will be made available)

### December 24 & 25

### City Holidays!

Special points of Interest:

- Nixel Delivers News
- October Retirees

## Handheld Cell Phone Ban and YOU

Sonja Gross, Community Relations

As soon as the proper signage is up and the education campaign begins, the ordinance recently adopted by the Amarillo City Commission to ban the use of handheld cell phone or other wireless communication devices will go into effect. What does that mean to you, as a City employee?

For starters, it means that you should lead by example. Our livelihoods are dependent on the taxpayers we serve and they watch what we do. That will be particularly true once the ordinance goes into effect. So, remember, a driver is prohibited from using a **handheld** cell phone (or other wireless communication device) for calls, texts, and other apps or functions, while driving a motor vehicle on any public street, highway or alley. However, you are allowed to use:

- A speakerphone feature
- A voice-activated feature or device
- A hands-free accessory device like a Bluetooth®

A driver also may press the button(s) necessary to use/activate these features or devices. The handheld cell phone ban does not apply to a GPS unit that is **separate** from a cell phone.

There are some exceptions to the new ordinance. For example, if your car is lawfully parked, you may use your cell phone. This does not mean while stopped in traffic like at a red light or stop sign. Drivers may also call for fire, police and other response services in

case of a bona fide emergency. That means there must be imminent danger to your life or safety.

Another component of the ordinance that has gotten some attention is the fact that a government employee, first responder, or volunteer may use a cell phone, but only while acting in official capacity with an immediate need to give or receive necessary official information. If you have any questions about this, it's best to find a safe place to pull over and make your call from there if you don't have a hands-free accessory or device.

Finally, a HAM operator using his or her radio is exempted from the handheld cell phone ban as this is provided by federal law. The City is in the process of installing warning signs at the city limits and other locations around town. Once those signs are in place, there will be major media announcements of the actual effective date (most likely the first of the year). Police will then begin enforcement by issuing warnings to drivers during the first few weeks. Keep in mind, violating this new ordinance could cost you up to a \$200 fine plus court costs.

As a representative of the City, whether in a work vehicle or your personal vehicle, remember, it is up to us to lead the way in setting a good example for our fellow citizens. Our Commission felt this was an important safety issue for the City, so let's be the first to practice safety at all times, especially when we're behind the wheel of a car.

## Jeff Greenlee Named New Fire Chief

The City of Amarillo recently announced the promotion of Jeff Greenlee to the position of Fire Chief. He was appointed by City Manager Jarrett Atkinson after a nationwide search conducted by Strategic Government Resources, a consulting firm specializing in government recruitment. The field of candidates was narrowed down to three internal and one external candidate. Following a final interview process, Greenlee was selected to fill the position vacated by Steve Ross, who retired last year.

"Jeff's experience, education and determination will provide the necessary leadership in a continually growing and evolving department dedicated to serving every member of our community," says Jarrett Atkinson, city manager. "The Amarillo Fire Department is highly considered throughout the region and the state. The men and women of the department provide the highest level of protection and service to our community, and I look forward to this continuing under Chief Greenlee's leadership. Jeff Greenlee is highly respected among his peers and has my utmost confidence as our new fire chief."



Fire Chief Jeff Greenlee

Chief Greenlee has served the City in various capacities with the Amarillo Fire Department since 1993. He was valedictorian of the Amarillo Fire Academy Class of 1993 and rose through the ranks of the Amarillo Fire Department. In his most recent position as district chief, Greenlee served as director of the City's HazMat program and director of the Fire Department's communications program.

Join us in congratulating Jeff on his new role with the City.



Chili Cookoff Winner,  
Kathleen Collins, Planning

## 2nd Annual Chili Throwdown

On Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, we found out who makes the best chili in the City at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Chili Throwdown benefiting United Way of Amarillo and Canyon. Thank you to all the chili cooks and all who came out to support the City's United Way campaign. The weather was great, the crowd was fabulous, the music was awesome, the facility was perfect and chili was hot!! Without further ado, the winners are...

### Chili with beans:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place – Kathleen Collins – Planning
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Hot & Chili – Human Resources
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place – JD Lopez – Traffic Field Operations

### Chili without beans:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place – Stacy Yates – Library
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Low Bid Chili – The Purchettes - Purchasing
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Karen's Texas Chili – Karen Shipley – Civic Center

### People's Choice

- 1<sup>st</sup> place – Kathleen Collins
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Low Bid Chili
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Stacy Yates

A special thank you to Transit for use of the facility, to Dean Yates and Mary Lyn Halley of Insufficient Funds for the wonderful music, and to our judges, Scott Bentley – 2012 United Way Campaign Co-Chair, Jarrett Atkinson – City Manager and Lilia Escajeda – City Commissioner.

# 2012 MAYORS HALF MARATHON

Sherylene Morris, Administrative Technician



The Parks and Recreations Athletic Department would like to say "thank you" to the 204 runners who ran in the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Mayor's Half Marathon that was held on Saturday, September 22, 2012. Each year the event offers a 2 mile run, a 5 mile run and a half marathon (13.1 miles) for men and women of all age groups. This year's participant's age ranged from 8 years to 72 years of age. Medals were given to the top 3 finishers in each age group/division. An overall winner was also crowned in the men's and women's divisions for each race.

The Parks and Recreation Athletic Department would like

to thank the Park Maintenance Department for all the work they did in helping with the race, the event sponsor, Xcel Energy for the monetary gift they gave to help offset the cost of the race plus their volunteers and employees who participated as well as the Amarillo West Rotary Club for the 25 volunteers that helped with the race itself. These volunteers, as they have for the past few years, were out on the course directing runners and helping with the distribution of fruit and drinks. The race would not have been possible without the direction of the Lone Star Runners Club who provided the electronic timing for the event and United Supermarkets who provided fruit

for this year's event, which, with over 200 runners, is a lot of fruit.

Since, this event is called the Mayors Half Marathon, the Honorable Mayor Paul Harpole ran in the 2 mile race and finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in his age group, which I will not mention. This is the first time a mayor has run in this race. Mayor Harpole said he enjoyed the event and plans to run again next year, hopefully in the 5 mile race. Thank you to the Mayor for his continued support and participation.

Everyone needs to start training now for next year's 2013 Mayors Half Marathon.



## PRO INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Lori James, HR Director

Over 200 high school Seniors listened attentively to Charlie Sanchez, City of Amarillo's Safety Manager, as he covered safety basics in an interactive format last month. This year marks the City of Amarillo's 6<sup>th</sup> year in a partnership with AISD's PRO Internship program. The PRO program, which stands for Pursuing Real Opportunities, is available to High School Seniors. Students spend an hour of their school day 3 days a week working for the mentoring organization and they are placed with various companies all over town. This year's participating City departments are WIC, Municipal Court, Engineering, Human Resources, Public Health, Transit Garage, Fire Fleet, Amarillo Fire Department, Finance, and the Zoo. In total, we have 21 interns.

Students spend time learning about how to get a job through the application and interview process, how to dress and act professionally, and how to build professional relationships. A number of youth who have participated in the program have gone on to be hired into full time positions with the City.

Many thanks to City employees who take time to mentor our youth!



Charlie Sanchez and an Intern demonstrating a safety harness

# Tri Regional Texas Recreation and Parks Society (TRAPS) Equipment Rodeo

Clint Stoddard, Parks Superintendent



### Amarillo Wins!

Amarillo went to San Angelo to bring the trophy home! The City of Amarillo Park Maintenance Department competed in the Tri Regional Texas Recreation and Parks Society (TRAPS) Equipment Rodeo on October 11, 2012. Out of seven different teams,

Amarillo placed first overall. The winning team competed against teams from Lubbock, San Angelo, Midland, Odessa, and Abilene.

Amarillo earned a total of 56 points, Odessa placed second with 38 points, and Lubbock placed third with 37 points. The teams competed in seven events: Truck and Trailer, Backhoe Operations, Backpack Blower, Mower Obstacle Course, Nail Driving, Irrigation Assembly, and Plant and Weed Identification. Amarillo placed first in 4 of these events: Irrigation Assembly, Plant and Weed Identification, Mower Obstacle Course, and Backhoe Operations. Those that placed first qualified to go to the state competition that will be held in March in Lubbock.

Every year the Rodeo tests the abilities of the competitor's technical skills used in everyday work. This is a fun way to keep the employees striving to further their technical skills.

Congratulations to the following on their achievements this year:

- Brent Beam and Marc Straubing – Truck and Trailer
- Bill Williams – Backhoe Operations
- Tony Kellum – Mower Obstacle and Backpack Blower
- Mike Asbill – Nail Driving
- Marc Straubing and James Hanes – Irrigation Assembly
- Jered Mills – Plant and Weed Identification



Tony Kellum, Park Technician II, is operating the backpack blower.



Bill Williams, Park Foreperson I, is the person operating the equipment.



James Hanes, Park Plumber I, competing at the Rodeo.



## FROM THE PANTRY

BY: MARGARET PAYTON, MBA, RD



### Turkey Tetrazzini

- 8 ounces thin spaghetti, broken into 3-inch lengths, cooked, rinsed, and drained
- 1½ cups shredded Cheddar cheese, divided
- ¼ cup Parmesan cheese, divided
- 2 to 3 cups diced cooked turkey
- 2 tablespoons diced pimientos, if desired
- 1 tablespoon butter or canola oil
- 4 ounces sliced mushrooms
- ¼ cup onions, diced
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- ½ cup chicken broth
- Salt and pepper, to taste

Combine spaghetti with 1-cup Cheddar cheese and half of the Parmesan cheese. Add turkey and pimientos. In a skillet, melt butter or canola oil and sauté mushrooms and onions just until tender; add turkey mixture along with remaining ingredients. Gently stir to combine ingredients; place in greased casserole and sprinkle with remaining cheese. Cover with lid or foil and bake at 350° F. for about 45 minutes or until hot and bubbly. Serves 6 to 8.





# VICKI COVEY RECIPIENT OF THE GOODWIN REGIONAL PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR AWARD

Rebecca Rusk, Panhandle Regional Planning Commission



Vicki Covey, Assistant City Manager Public Services, received the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission's (PRPC) Goodwin Regional Public Administrator Award. The award was given at the organization's annual meeting and banquet held on Thursday, October 4, 2012, at the Amarillo Civic Center Grand Plaza.

The award was established 20 years ago by the PRPC to recognize a Panhandle area public servant for his or her contributions to our region. The award is named in memory of the late Beelee K. Goodwin, former City Manager of the City of Friona. Mr. Goodwin provided regional leadership in the public administration field for a number of years and was a fine example of a dedicated public servant.

More than 200 area local elected officials were present at the banquet where Spearman Mayor Brian Gillispie presented Covey the award and informed the audience of her accomplishments. Gillispie said, "This year's recipient is from Amarillo and is a graduate of Caprock High School where she was inducted into the school's Hall of Fame in 2010. She is a 1972 graduate of West Texas State University with a degree in political science. Her early professional career included stops at the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission in the mid 1970's where she served as a Plan Development Specialist for the Panhandle Health System's Agency and later at the City of Lubbock in the Community Development Department."



"Our honoree returned to her hometown to serve the City of Amarillo as Community Development Administrator and later as the City's Director of Community Services. While in the community development arena, she served as president of the National Community Development Association and two terms as president of the Southwest Regional Community Development Association.

"Our recipient completed Texas Tech University's certified public managers program in 2003 and is currently Amarillo's Assistant City Manager for Public Services. She heads two divisions consisting of 11 departments with more than 375 employees."

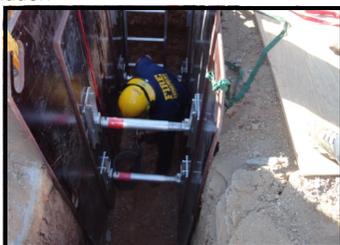
"Our honoree served the Panhandle for many years as secretary/treasurer of Texas Municipal League Region 2 and on the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of the United Way of Amarillo. She received the United Way's President's Significant Achievement Award in 1996. In 1997, she chaired the *Community Report*, a United Way community based planning effort. Our recipient is a member of Amarillo Executive Women and received the Amarillo Women's Network Career Achievement Award in 1995 and again in 2005."

"She was the first woman inducted into Rotary Club in Amarillo and is past president of the Amarillo East Club where she has been recognized as the Outstanding Rotarian in 1990 and 2000."

Left to right: Gary Pitner, PRPC and Vicki Covey



Fire Fighter Tim Gabel from Station #9 conducting excavation rescue training. Captain Thornhill with arms crossed in foreground also from Station #9 is observing Tim Gabel descending on the ladder.



## Nixle Delivers News Sonja Gross, Community Relations Coordinator



Have you signed up for the latest news and information from the Amarillo Police Department yet? The Amarillo Police Department uses a community information service provider called Nixle, which is designed exclusively to provide secure, trustworthy and reliable communications. Its authenticated service connects the Amarillo Police Department and other agencies with the community they serve – all in real time. Nixle's system allows our police department to communicate with all subscribers at once, or just to residents of geographically targeted areas or neighborhoods.

Nixle subscribers can receive information in the form of text message via a cell phone, by e-mail, and online. It is easy to use and subscribers can decide what levels of information they want to receive. Nixle defines those levels as follows: Alert (urgent, time sensitive messages), Advisory (important, time sensitive, need-to-know messages), and Community (general information, not urgent, includes traffic accidents/ temporary road hazard information).

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## BOO at the Zoo!

Rod Tweet, Interim Parks Director



Over 4,500 guests braved the chilly temperatures to attend the Zoo's annual BOO at the ZOO event. This year's event was held on October 26th and 27th and from noon to 5pm on October 28<sup>th</sup>. Over 20 costumed Zoo animal characters lined the walkways to pass out candy to children as families explored the Zoo. In addition to the treat stations, visitors also enjoyed a costume contest, live music, crafts and a whole array of ghoulish games. Along with all the fun, kids learned about animal anatomy at the Bone Yard and discovered extinct animals at the Extinction Graveyard. For the brave there was Camp Gonagitcha where kids could see a giant toad, flesh-eating beetles, hairy tarantulas and other creepy crawly critters. Over 260 community volunteers from Xcel Energy, WTAMU, Amarillo College, Palo Duro High School, Ascension Academy, Junior League of Amarillo and others pitched in to make this event a huge success!



## Pirates of The Canyon at John Stiff Memorial Park

Pam Cognasi, Recreation Supervisor



The wind wasn't the only thing flying around last month; October 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> was also the Pirates of The Canyon at John Stiff Memorial Park. The balloon festival kicked off the three day event with a launch from Palo Duro Canyon State Park on October 26<sup>th</sup> at dawn. Balloons rose high above the canyon in spectacular fashion for this press only event. That afternoon the balloonists were at the park to greet visitors and enthusiasts for an evening Balloon Glow. The glow was a beautiful demonstration of the balloons inflated with their burners ignited for the enjoyment of the crowd.

On October 27th before dawn the balloonists were out again at the park. This time Mother Nature was not as cooperative and unfortunately cancelled both scheduled balloon launches for the day. However the Parks and Recreation Department had several scheduled activities including The Big Game Truck, Remote Kontrol Planes, and The Flying Dutchmen Boat Club to keep everyone entertained. Later in the day there was a stage and two live band performances including the Velvet Funk Band. Several food vendors were on hand to keep the spectators happy, including Country Barn, Burrito Stop and Momma Lu's.

On Sunday the balloons returned to Palo Duro Canyon for another launch at dawn. The weather was beautiful and the canyon was full of devoted spectators. Twenty-three balloons were registered to attend the three days of festivities, and several hundred spectators attended over the course of the three day event.



## Evening of Leadership and Legacy Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Underwood Law Firm

Beth Duke, Center City



Mayor Harpole, from left, former Mayor Jerry Hodge; former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani; Former Mayor Debra McCartt; and former Mayor and State Sen. Kel Seliger posed for this historic photo at an Evening of Leadership and Legacy celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Underwood Law Firm on October 16 at the Amarillo Civic Center. The evening raised more than \$200,000 for Center City of Amarillo and Amarillo College, which were the charitable beneficiaries of the event.

Photo by Ralph Duke

## BENEFITS CORNER

**Attention everyone:** This is the one time of year you are allowed to make changes to your health coverage! Remember November 30 is the deadline for health, dental and vision changes. Also, if you intend to take advantage of flexible spending you must turn in a form to Benefits by November 30.



## SAFETY CORNER

CHARLIE SANCHEZ, SAFETY MANAGER



According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), working in cold environments places workers at risk for hazards such as hypothermia, immersion hypothermia, frostbite, trench foot and chilblains. Some of these terms you may or may not know, so let's define each one of them.

Hypothermia is a condition in which core temperature drops below the required temperature for normal metabolism and body functions which is defined as 95.0 °F. Body temperature is usually maintained near a constant level of 98–100 °F through biologic thermoregulation. If exposed to cold and the internal mechanisms are unable to replenish the heat that is being lost, a drop in core temperature occurs. As body temperature decreases, characteristic symptoms occur such as shivering and mental confusion.

Immersion Hypothermia occurs when the body is immersed or covered with water and the body core temperature falls below 95.0 °F. This is a life threatening condition due to the fact the body core temperature drops at a faster rate.

Frostbite involves the freezing and destruction

of tissue. Trench foot or immersion foot is due to repetitive exposure to wet, non-freezing temperatures. Chilblains are superficial ulcers of the skin that occur when a predisposed individual is repeatedly exposed to cold.

Such conditions can result in permanent tissue damage, sever injury, and even death. Low temperatures, brisk winds and wet clothing are all factors that contribute to the risk of cold-related injuries and illnesses. When possible, workers should try to avoid exposure to extremely cold temperatures. However, when cold environments and temperatures cannot be avoided, the CDC recommends ways to help prevent cold-related injuries and illnesses:

- Recognize the environment and workplace conditions that lead to potential cold-related illnesses and injuries.
- Drink warm beverages and sports-type drinks, avoid drinks with caffeine (coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and alcohol).
- Eat warm, high-calorie foods like pasta dishes.
- Wear several layers of loose clothing. Layering provides better insulation. Tight clothing reduces blood circulation. Warm blood needs to be circulated to the extremities.

- Make sure to protect your ears, face, hands and feet in extremely cold weather.
- Wear a hat; it will keep your whole body warmer. Hats reduce the amount of body heat that escapes from your head.

Proper Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) is the key, the right clothing is vital in cold environments. Clothing that provides the right level of insulation will keep you protected and comfortable and can have a positive impact on endurance and your safety.



David Boatman, Water Meter Rep. I, Water Distribution wearing his jacket.

# WELCOME...

## Employee Milestones

Name	Title	Department
Kaitlin Jones	Events Supervisor	Civic Center
Jordan Eckels	Admin Assistant II	Street
Lonnie Thrower Jr	Equipment Operator 1	Street
Mark Young	Equipment Operator 1	Street
George Barnes	Utility Worker	Street
Jana Caranta	Admin Assistant 1	Police Civilian Personnel
Michelle Diaz	Admin Assistant 1	Police Civilian Personnel
Jordan Ramirez	Admin Assistant 1	Police Civilian Personnel
Rebecca Woods	Planner 1	Planning
Elania Burks	Permit Technician	Building Safety
Jason M Williams	Sanitarian 1	Environmental Health
Bryan VanMeter	Bus Driver	Transit
Elaine Smith	Admin Assistant III	Community Development
Kathryn Foster	Program Coordinator	Community Development
Stephanie Bustos	Admin Assistant IV	Community Development
Matthew Villarreal	Meter Reader 1	Utility Billing
Jeffery Burroughs	Utility Worker	Water Distribution
Landry Cunningham	Utility Worker	Wastewater Collection
Michael Fuentes	Utility Worker	Wastewater Collection
Charlie Campbell	Utility Worker	Wastewater Collection
Justin Thigpen	Treatment Plant Oper. 1	Hollywood Road WWT Plant
Anthony Minetti	Utility Worker	Dept of Aviation
Robert Tuck	Mechanic Apprentice	Municipal Garage
Christopher Joffrion	Mechanic Apprentice	Municipal Garage
Robert Barnes	Mechanic Apprentice	Municipal Garage
Stanley Sprague	Mechanic Apprentice	Municipal Garage
Gilberto Arroyos	Mechanic Apprentice	Municipal Garage
Andrew Cochran	Mechanic Apprentice	Municipal Garage
Melody Padilla	Admin. Assistant -hourly	Library
Kirk Walvoord	Admin. Assistant -hourly	Library
Alexandria Thomas	Messenger- hourly	Purchasing/Central Stores
Kenneth Blackwell	Ranger Officer- hourly	Police Civilian Personnel
Daniel Aguirre	Civilian ID Tech- hourly	Police Civilian Personnel
David Reeves	School Crossing Guard	Traffic Administration
Lauriano Alvarado Jr	School Crossing Guard	Traffic Administration

ALDRICH DANIEL W	5	BUILDING SAFETY
MCWILLIAMS BRYAN	5	LEGAL
OJEDA ARMANDO	5	WATER DISTRIBUTION
STARBUCK KEVIN	5	EMERGENCY MGMT SERVICES
WALLAR ROY	5	SOLID WASTE COLLECTION
WILLIAMS JOSEPH	5	SOLID WASTE COLLECTION
GALLEGOS MARTIN S	10	CUSTODIAL SERVICES
JUSTUS JEFFREY	10	FIRE OPERATIONS
KELLUM TONY A	10	PARK MAINTENANCE
MOORE PATRICIA ANN	10	CIVILIAN PERSONNEL
SAVAGE DONNA SUE	10	FINANCE
ALCANTARA PEDRO A	15	ROSS ROGERS
TERRY WALTER A	15	TRANSIT DEMAND RESPONSE
JOHNSON DENNIS W	20	SURFACE WATER TREATMENT
KREIG BENJAMIN R	20	COMANCHE TRAIL
REYNOLDS BRADLEY A	20	LIBRARY
RINEHART DONNIE L	20	WATER DISTRIBUTION
TEAGUE ALAN RAY	25	FIRE OPERATIONS
HORTON SHARALYNN	30	UTILITIES OFFICE

## October Retirees



Beverly Hays	20 years	Community Development
Robert Groman	28 years	Library
Donna DeRight	32 years	City Secretary
Mark Ward	31 years	Fire Department

## Congratulations!

Zachary Blankinship	Cart Attendant- hourly	Ross Rogers Golf Course
Whitney Spencer	Admin. Assistant -hourly	Community Development
Larry Rodriguez	WIC Technician- hourly	WIC Administration
Eric Reaves	IT Technician- hourly	IT
Tara Fike	Print Ship Tech- hourly	IT

## Promotions/Transfers

Name	OLD Title	Department	NEW Title	Department
Jerry Taylor	Building Attendant 1	Civic Center	Building Attendant II	Civic Center
Clara Grabber	Custodian -hourly	Facilities	Custodian 1	Facilities
Mia West	Custodian -hourly	Facilities	Custodian 1	Facilities
Cassundra Meza	Custodian -hourly	Facilities	Custodian 1	Facilities
John Sena	Custodian 1	Facilities	Custodian II	Facilities
Cindi Wynia	Librarian II	Library	Librarian III	Library
Heather Wingert	Admin Assistant III	Municipal Court	Admin Assistant IV	Municipal Court
Laura Hastings	Budget Analyst- hourly	Accounting	Accountant III	Accounting
Alfredo Aguilar	Utility Worker	Street	Equipment Operator III	Street
Bruce Champlin Jr	Utility Worker- hourly	Street	Utility Worker	Street
Frank Gin	Utility Worker- hourly	Street	Utility Worker	Street
Reganeld Johnson	Utility Worker- hourly	Street	Utility Worker	Street
David Baber	Transfer Truck Driver- hourly	Solid Waste Disposal	Transfer Truck Driver	Solid Waste Disposal
Victor DelFierro	Officer	Police	Corporal	Police
Paul Hagler Jr	Corporal	Police	Sergeant	Police
Gabriel Luna	Corporal	Police	Sergeant	Police
Richard Ray	Corporal	Police	Sergeant	Police
Darrell Roberts	Officer	Police	Corporal	Police
Charles Williams	Officer	Police	Corporal	Police
Lonnie Barclay	Athletic Specialist- hourly	Athletic Admin.	Golf Equipment Mechanic 1	Ross Rogers Golf Course
David Kouba	Driver	Fire	Lieutenant	Fire
Michael Linch	Lieutenant	Fire	Captain	Fire
Christopher Taylor	Firefighter	Fire	Driver	Fire
Candy Martinez	Admin Assistant 1	Community Development	Admin Assistant IV	Community Development
Debra Parker	Admin Assistant 1	Utility Billing	Admin Assistant 1	Water Distribution
Anthony Brashears	Utility Worker	Wastewater Collection	Lift Station Maint Mechanic	Wastewater Collection
Michael Jesse	Utility Maint Mechanic II	River Road WWT Plant	Operations Control Supv.	River Road WWT Plant
Carolyn Casey	Chemist II	Environmental Laboratory	Chemist III	Environmental Laboratory
Nicholus Graves	Utility Worker	Drainage Utility	Equipment Operator I	Drainage Utility
Trenton Reeves	Mechanic Apprentice	Municipal Garage	Mechanic 1	Municipal Garage

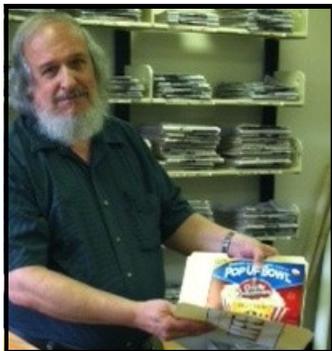
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**Congratulations** October Retirees — Above: Rob Groman; Below: Beverly Hays



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## ACE on the Spot— City Secretary Retires After Distinguished Career

Sonja Gross, Community Relations

Amarillo's longtime City Secretary Donna DeRight, served seven different mayors, four city managers and a whole host of commissioners – many of whom attended a retirement celebration in her honor Oct. 30.

Donna began with the City in the tax office her senior year of high school as a vocational education student. After that, she worked off and on for the City in various capacities before being promoted to the position of city secretary in 1986.

In an interview with the Amarillo Globe-News, Donna said "... I realized in February I'd been in this office 30 years. Actually, when you add it all up, it's been about 36 years with the City. I'm young enough to do something else."

What that "something else" is remains to be seen, as Donna plans to keep her options open and, in the meantime, spend as much time with family as possible.

While she takes with her a wealth of information and experience, Donna also forged friendships and fond memories throughout the years. One of those friendships actually started when a citizen called to complain about the commission's decision to place a limit on potbelly pigs. In the end, a friendship emerged and Donna would get pictures of "Gertie" – the potbelly pig.

During her last commission meeting, Donna was praised by City Manager Jarrett Atkinson as well as all four commissioners and Mayor Paul Harpole. One citizen who attends meetings regularly also took the opportunity to speak during the public comment of the portion, objecting to Donna's retirement.

The city secretary is an appointed position and following in Donna's footsteps is Frances Hibbs, who most recently served as assistant city secretary. Please join in sending warm wishes for a wonderful

retirement to Donna as well as deserved congratulations to Frances in her new role.



Above: Jerry Hodge, Trent Sisemore, John Ward, Debra McCartt, Donna DeRight, Paul Harpole

Below: Donna, her parents Gerry and Barbara Brown, daughter, Kristen DeRight

