



YOUR PUBLIC WORKS

Working For You



Message from the Director

Submitted by: Willie Nabong, P.E.

It is a great honor to be a part of the City of Plant City work force. The City employees, with special respect to the Public Works Department, consist of hard working and customer-oriented individuals. Our group's commitment to customer service helps to provide the City with a warm, hometown atmosphere. I have watched our employees ensure services are uninterrupted during the holidays – even when it means giving up their own holiday plans to be of support to our community. It is the same dedication and energy that they showed before (and after) the recent hurricanes, during which time they were heroes. It is without doubt that Public Works employee's tireless efforts

positively impact the lives of the citizens of Plant City. I want to take this opportunity to say good job to all of our workers - and let them know that this newsletter is dedicated to the work that they do, which continually improves the lives of those that reside in our community.



Stormwater members J.Dinovo and J. Spitzer pull shoulders on Airport Road.



One of three grabber trucks used by Sanitation.

Why Public Works?

Submitted by: Shawna Himelright

Did you know that it takes over 150 individuals to keep the basics of your City running? Or that at least 30% of those individuals work both day and night, during emergencies, holidays and weekends?

Public Works is a general

title applied to a grouping of divisions that are dedicated to making your City clean, convenient and livable.

This newsletter shall highlight the Sanitation, Stormwater, Utility Maintenance, Utility Operations, General

Services and Water Resource divisions. It is our goal to increase your awareness of your City by spotlighting the members of your government who are dedicated to keeping your community livable.

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Special points of interest:

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- Which department has members who are skilled in carpentry, plumbing, electrical and even LOCKSMITHING? See page 2!
- Want to learn about toads and worms composting? See page 4!
- How many sections are there in Utility Maintenance? See page 2!

Utility Maintenance... 757-9288

Submitted by: Bill Russell



The Utilities Maintenance Division was established in July of 1995. This was a merging of two departments, Water Pollution Control and the Water Department which formed Utilities Maintenance and Utilities Operations. This move established the following new responsibilities for Utilities Maintenance:

Water Line Maintenance: responsible for the maintenance and repairs of over 200 miles of water lines throughout the city's distribution system including hydrants, valves, water services and new installations.

Meter Reading: responsible for reading 12,000 meters monthly, replacing 1,200 meters annually, maintaining, testing and responding to all meter related concerns.



Utilities Maintenance crew inspecting and cleaning the sewer collection system.

Mechanical Electrical: responsible for the maintenance and repairs of 36 lift stations, 4 wells and tanks, the Wastewater Treatment Plant, the Water Reclamation Plant and De-chlorination Facility.

Sewer Line Maintenance: responsible for the maintenance and repairs of over 120 miles of sewer lines, including manholes and services.

Inventory and Warehousing: responsible for the ordering stocking and tracking

of all equipment and inventory needed to supply the Utilities Maintenance crews.

Belt Press Facility: responsible for the removal of liquids from sludge discharged from the Waste Water Plant and loading of trucks to remove product for land application.

Infiltration and Inflow: responsible for our sewer collection system which includes the cleaning, video inspection and chemical grouting of waste water lines and manholes to prolong life and decrease costly inflow into the collection system.

Sewer Replacement Crew: This is our most recent addition which was added in 2004. This area is responsible for replacing of over 1 mile of sanitary sewer line and services throughout the city annually.

Sanitation... 757-9208

Submitted by: Kent Weitz and Troy Martin

There are three sections within the Sanitation division: the residential, commercial and administrative.

The residential section consists of 12 solid waste routes, 6 yard debris routes and 5 recycling routes. The residential section has a total of 10 trucks and 21 personnel.

The commercial section is comprised of 3

commercial solid waste routes and 1 cardboard route. The 4 trucks handle approximately 1,000 dumpsters per week, may of which are dumped multiple times a week. There is also a downtown route that is handled by a special rear-load truck. To service the dumpsters (deodorization,

repair and replacement), there is a special commercial troubleshooter.

The administrative section handles all other special issues including education, training, budgeting and customer service. The division also owns two "grabber" trucks that lift heavy materials.



Gary Mays stands with one of the City's 8 rear-loader garbage trucks.

General Services... 757-9187

Submitted by: Bruce Schwartz

General Services was one of the first divisions to be developed within the City of Plant City, but is one of the newest to join the Public Works Department.

This division employs ten employees who deliver all that the word "general" implies. Those who make up the division are skilled in air conditioning, plumbing, carpentry, locksmithing and electrical work. They provide maintenance and

improvement to over 140 buildings within the City limits, saving residents thousands of tax dollars.

General Services can be called for anything ranging from changing a bulb in a downtown street light to arranging elaborate Christmas light displays for City Com-

mission special events. They are also pulled in for extreme circumstances such as hurricanes so that they may be activated in case of severe damage.

General Services also supervises FLEET Maintenance, which is responsible for servicing over 800 City vehicle units and other inventory.



Members of General Services install a new roof on a building at Mike Sansone Park.

Stormwater... 707-7200

Submitted by: Charlene Shiver

Have you ever wondered who patches those potholes, cleans graffiti from traffic signs, mows ditches, cleans canals or maintains the traffic lights? That would be us—the Streets, Stormwater and Traffic Operations Division. These are just a few of the tasks that our division undertakes every day.

Streets, Stormwater and Traffic Operations employs 49 people who are committed to our City. Our mission statement says it all:

To enhance the quality of life in Plant City by providing safe roadways, sidewalks, roadway beautification and environmental protection/flood control through stormwater management.



Derek Youngblood and Shaun Huppe fill a pothole.

The next time you have a street, signage, striping, traffic light, stormwater or right of way mowing concern, please contact us. We are located at 1304 W. Spencer Street. Our hours are Monday-Friday 7:00am to 3:30pm.

We are an emergency response division and someone is always available on call. We can be reached by phone or via email at cshiver@plantcitygov.com. We will be pleased to assist you!

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“We could learn a lot from crayons: Some are sharp, some are pretty... Some are dull, some have weird names, and all are different colors... but they all exist very nicely in the same box.”
-Unknown



Utility Operations... 757-9191

Submitted by: Steve Saffels

The Utility Operations division is responsible for the operation of the City’s drinking water system and water reclamation facility. All personnel responsible for the operation of these systems are required by federal regulation to become certified in the operation of these systems, and the City requires the Op staff to become certified in BOTH water and wastewater operations.

The City’s drinking water system is supplied by ground water from the Floridan Aquifer. We currently have 4 wells which maintain the water supply that are drilled to depths ranging from 730-1,203 feet. A 5th well is currently being developed.



Kelvin Fulger analyzes wastewater samples in the City’s lab.

All wastewater entering the water reclamation facility is treated to meet standards for public access reclaimed water, which is used for industrial use, irrigation of orange groves, nursery and lawn irrigation. The facility is currently under design for expansion beginning 1/2006.

Water Resource Management... 757-9289

Submitted by: Al Miller

The Water Resource Management division was established in 1992 to meet continuing requirements mandated by the state and federal government for the development and implementation of regulatory programs related to water, wastewater and stormwater. Today, this division consists of five sections that address sensitive environmental issues. The following is a brief outline of each section’s responsibilities:

Cross Connection Control—protection of the public drinking water supply.

Industrial Pretreatment—protection of the City’s sanitary sewer collection system and water reclamation facility.

Water Conservation—insures the City’s potable and reclaimed water resources are utilized in a conscientious and efficient manner.

Environmental Education—raises community and municipal awareness of environmental issues.

NPDES Stormwater Permit Compliance—protection of surface waters.



DRAINS TO POND: Al Miller and Rob Evans install a storm drain marker.





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Have questions you'd like answered by one of our divisions in an upcoming issue? Write us!

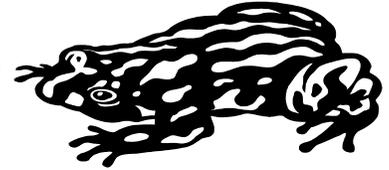
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PlantCityGov.com**

Upcoming Events...

11 January—*Worm Composting class taught by Lisa Strange. Learn how to create a worm bin and use red wiggler composting worms to convert household organic waste into valuable fertilizer. Class is FREE. Please call 757-9289 x 249 to register or for more information.*

Each attendee will receive a free pound of composting worms (\$20.00 value!)

21 February—*Toadhouse Building taught by the Water Resource Management division.. Class attendees will make a toad house out of clay and learn about establishing a suitable environment for toads, which are valuable creatures for insect control. Class and all materials are FREE. Please call 757-9289 x 249 to register for more information.*



Landscape, mulching, fertilizing information and more are provided complimentary by the City! Visit Utility Billing at City Hall.

"A four year old prayed: "And forgive us our trash baskets... as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets." - Unknown

Credit Where It's Due...

Congratulations to the following:

- **William Brannan, Timothy Bryant, Joe Hagan, Shawna Himelright, Calvin Holloway, Shaun Huppe, Nick Knight, Kenneth McGirr, Michael Morien, Kyle Priest, Reginald Ragins, Donald Ray, Kurt Stuckemeyer, Ken Ulin, James West and Derek Youngblood** for obtaining their Stormwater "C" Operators license.
- **Jason Wright, Tanya Turner, David Stevens, Al Miller, Robert Evans, Wayne Longhurst, Billie Garcia, and David Worrell** for completing a Wastewater Microbiology course, earning CEUs.
- **PCPD** for completing "Basic Spill Response," a class taught by the Water Resource division that emphasizes helping the environment and saving tax dollars through proper spill containment and clean-up.

- **Jimmy Harrell**, who was promoted from Equipment Operator IV to Foreman I in the Sanitation division.
- **Rodney Jerkins**, Sanitation employee of the month.
- **David Stevens**, Utility Operations, promoted from Plant Op III to Op IV (Shift Leader).
- **Bobby Wilmer**, Utility Operations, promoted from Plant Op II to Plant Op III after successful completion of FDEP WW "C" exam, then promoted to Op IV (Shift Leader).
- Utility Operations new hires: **Kelvin Fulger**, Op III, and **Debbie Tice**, Op I.

- **Utility Maintenance** for rehabilitating a mile of sewer line in the MLK/Spencer/Ohio Street area in a nine month time span, completing the job in three months less time than projected.

~*~ All elements of whimsy located and contributed by Sharon Garrison, Utility Operations. ~*~



Public Works Phone Number Reference

General Services.....	757-9187
Sanitation.....	757-9208
Stormwater.....	707-7200
Utility Maintenance.....	757-9288
Utility Operations.....	757-9172
Water Resource Mgmt	757-9289
24 Hour Emergency Service.....	757-9191