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Michelle Christin (Executive) - 2005
Aris McClellan (Public Works) - 2004
Joel Turner (YPD) - 2003
Grant Beck (CDD) - 2002
Tobie Stevens (Public Works) - 2002
John Ivey (Public Works) - 2001
Ted Johnson (Public Works) - 2001
Tami Merriman (CDD) - 2001

Ryan Edwards (Public Works) - 1999
Jared Geray (YPD) - 1999
Matt Rompa (YPD) - 1996
Stacy Fields (YPD) - 1995
Bill DeVore (YPD) - 1995
Todd Stancil (YPD) - 1995
John Edwards (Public Works) - 1994
Donna McCann (YPD) - 1991

PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the Public Works Employee of the Month, Jeremy Campeau!

"Jeremy's leadership and management style are one of the primary reasons the sewer department is so successful. Without his guidance and influence, the department wouldn't be where it is today." - Bill VanBuskirk.
Thank you for all your hard work, Jeremy!



WELCOME TO THE TEAM

The Public Works Department has added a new Park Maintenance Worker to their team. Welcome Emily Menefee! She starts February 1st, 2020 and will be taking over maintenance for Cochrane Park.



BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY

Derek McCoy
Mike Baker

FEBRUARY

Ashlee Sund
Aris McClelland
Dan Rozier
Tillman Atkins
Kim Rachor
John Edwards
Michael Malek
Ted Johnson



DEPARTMENT UPDATES

PUBLIC WORKS

The Public Works Department is already off to an incredibly productive year. They have completed the following goals:

- Installed a light at the City Hall flag pole
- Transitioned to Dude Solutions for reporting problems to the City
- Turned over animal control to Joint Animal Services
- Each member of the Public Works staff completed flagger training



HUMAN RESOURCES

Congratulations to Kim Rachor on being the Wellness Challenge Winner!

Karen Bennett, Kim Rachor and Michael Malek took part in a competition through Castlight and competed against all the other AWC members. Kim had the highest number of steps for the City of Yelm and won a Fitbit. Castlight makes participating in these competitions extremely easy and you have the chance to win some pretty cool prizes! If you haven't already, take a few minutes to login, complete your health assessment and receive a \$35 gift card. They have competitions all the time so we encourage you to take advantage of these!

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Police Department has completed their interviews for the Capital Metro Independent Investigation Team (CMIIT) as a part of an interlocal agreement with the cities of Olympia, Lacey and Tumwater. The agreement stems from the requirements of Initiative 940 that was passed in 2018. This team of volunteers will investigate any incidents that involve any significant use of force.

IN THE NEWS

To read the entire article, please visit www.thurstontalk.com

City of Yelm's Longest-Term Employees Love Their Work

By Heidi Smith

The City has 17 long-term staff members that have worked here for 15 years or more. Their expertise and experiences have shaped the work culture into what it is today and goes to show how great it is to work with the Yelm community.



Yelm Community Unites to Tackle Hunger During Holidays and All Year Round

By Heidi Smith

No matter what comes our way, the one thing we can all count on is our community coming together to support one another. Thank you to all the businesses, nonprofits and individuals who helped provide meals to hundreds of Yelm citizens in the last year.



UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- COVID-19 Testing - February 1 & 15
- City Council Study Session - February 2
- Blood Drive @ YCC - February 5 & 6
- City Council Meeting - February 9 & 23