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Employee Newsletter -
Public Works Department - Fairfield, CA

National Public Works Week May 15 - 21, 2022

APWA is proud to announce the theme "Ready & Resilient" for the 2022 National Public Works Week poster. Within every public works professional lies a superhero, which is dramatically represented in this year's poster. Public works professionals are always **READY** to serve their communities and **RESILIENT** as ever in their abilities to pick themselves up off the ground after encountering challenges.

The "Ready & Resilient" theme highlights the ability of these professionals to perform regular public works duties and be ready at a moment's notice to react as first responders during natural disasters and overcome trials seen in the field.

Public works superheroes help keep communities strong by providing an infrastructure of services in transportation, water, wastewater and stormwater treatment, public buildings and spaces, parks and grounds, emergency management and first response, solid waste, and right-of-way management. They are what make our communities great places to live and work. So join us in celebrating these superheroes!

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PROMOTIONS

JACOB LEW

January 2022

- GIOVANNI HERNANDEZ - Utility Worker II
- JASON FRINK - Water Plant Operator IV
- JOSH ANNON - Utility Worker II
- STEVEN BALES - Utility Worker II
- COREY BEAVERS - Management Analyst II

February 2022

- GARY SPONSLER - Landscape Maintenance Manager
- IGNACIO VILLASENOR - Utility Worker II

March 2022

- SARAH HIGGINS - Water Plant Operator IV
- MATTHEW SCHMIDT - Water Treatment Supervisor
- NICHOLAS SMITH - Water Distribution Operator II
- AUSTIN VIDLER - Instrumentation Tech Senior
- FRANCISCO RICO - Homeless Engagement Worker II
- PAVAN PRASAD - Junior Engineer
- JOHNNY DINH - Equipment Mechanic II

NEW HIRES

February 2022

- LASHUNE BECK - Custodian

April 2022

- JAKE-RYAN MUELLER-REYNOLDS - Building Maintenance Worker II
- BRIAN COY - Public Works Inspector II
- SEAN NORRIS - Public Works Inspector II

May 2022

- MELVIN AQUINO - Junior Engineer



Employee Spotlight

Meet Matthew Schmidt



Q: What is your role with Public Works and how long have you been with the City?

I started as a Utility Worker in the Water Distribution/Sewer Department in 2000, moved to Water Treatment as a Distribution System Water Quality Analyst in 2005, became a Water Treatment Operator in 2012, and just recently became Water Treatment Supervisor at the Waterman Treatment Plant.

Q: What do you find most rewarding about your position with the City?

Fairfield is known for its excellent water system so anything I can do to continue optimizing a well-functioning system is rewarding. Knowing that all the work the Water Treatment and Distribution Division do each day in providing safe water to over 115,000 residents is a satisfying feeling.

Q: What is your favorite local activity?

Golfing at either Paradise Valley or Rancho Solano. I don't get to play much but do enjoy the local courses when I can.

Q: What are you most proud of?

Being married to my beautiful wife and best friend for 22 years.

Q: What is one thing left on your bucket list?

I've always wanted to do an Alaskan fishing trip with my dad and brother. It's something we've talked about over the years but haven't had the opportunity to do.

Q: Where do you see yourself in 5 years?

Hopefully becoming a better resource for everyone I work with. We have several big projects planned in Water Treatment so it's going to be a busy five years.

Q: What energizes you at work?

Trying to understand the "whys" of what we do in Water Treatment. The who, what, when, where, and how are all important but answering the why question is the most fulfilling to me. Why do we use certain chemicals? Why do we fill out specific forms? Why do we move water around the city the way we do? When we find the answers to the why questions sometimes, we find out we are doing things the best possible way and sometimes we find ways to improve.



Answers are on the last page.



2021 By the Numbers

412,097	●	●	Grant dollars received from Federal, State, and Regional sources.
57,000,000	●	●	Gallons of fuel used by PW Ops.
16,000,000	●	●	Square feet of pavement removed and repaired.
270,827	●	●	Gallons of water delivered to the City per day.

Match the number to the Public Works job.

WORK HIGHLIGHTS 2021

5,561 work orders answered by Public Works Operations staff in 2021 (about 15 a day)

607 Streetlight repairs

649 trees trimmed and **196** hazardous trees removed

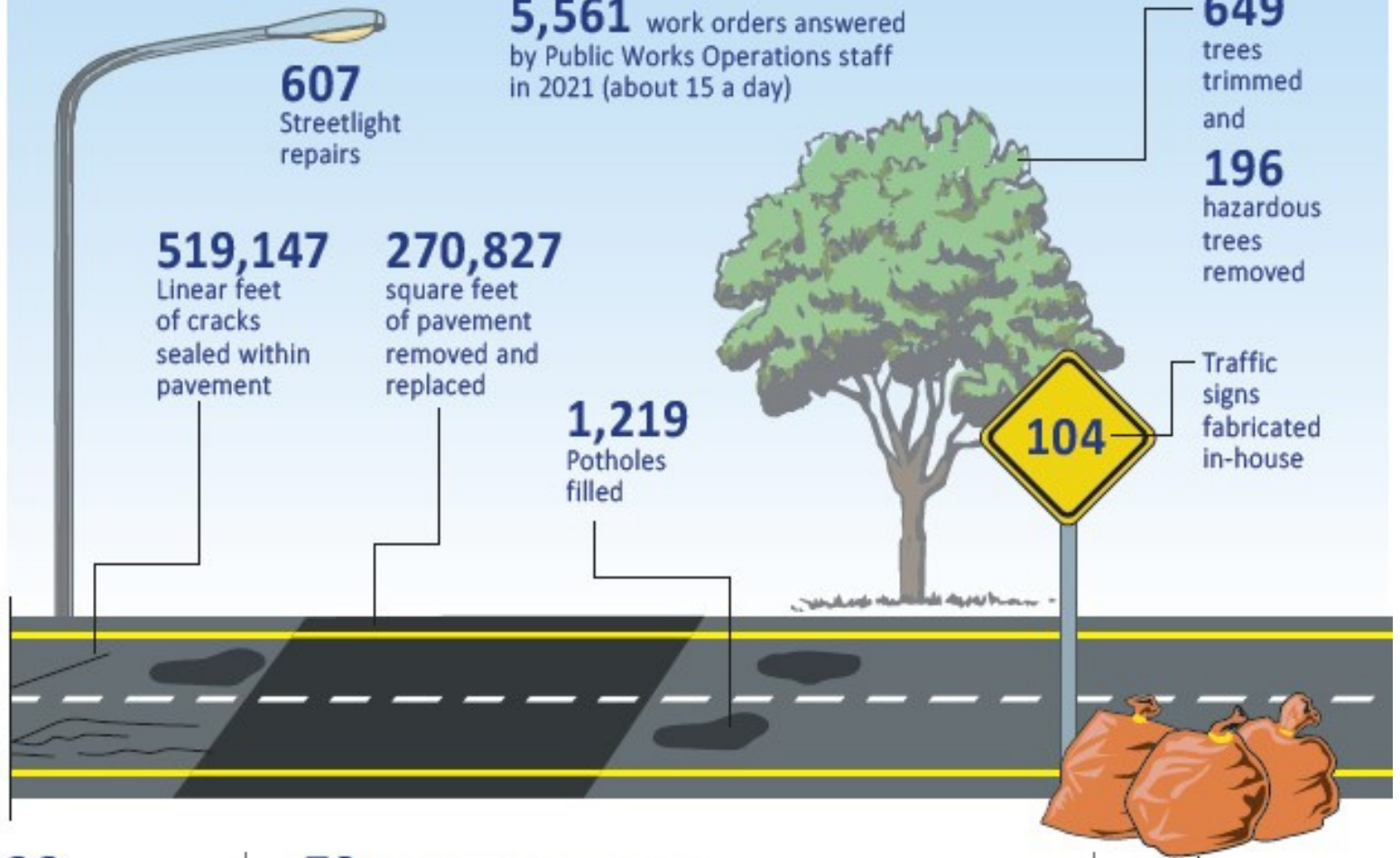
519,147 Linear feet of cracks sealed within pavement

270,827 square feet of pavement removed and replaced

1,219 Potholes filled

104

Traffic signs fabricated in-house



26 City Sponsored, Special Events supported

31 fire hydrants repaired



70 failed service lines replaced



699 backflow prevention devices repaired

38 faulty curb stops replaced



3853 water meters repaired (residential, commercial, irrigation, and fire meters)

1,188 bags of trash retrieved from Adopt-a-Street and Adopt-a-Creek groups

238 acres mowed

33,485 square feet of graffiti removed



107,581 feet of sewer laterals cleaned

445,255 feet of sewer mains cleaned

2,667 cubic yards of roadside debris collected

2,896 cubic yards of debris removed due to homeless camps

Public Works at Night

Public Works staff are ready and resilient, working 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Just like superheroes, we have staff on the job all the time.



- To meet Fairfield's water demands, both North Bay Regional (NBR) and Waterman Water Treatment Plants (WTP) have licensed treatment plant operators working through the night. Maintenance mechanics and instrument technicians are called out regularly on days off and after shift (after 5pm) to maintain a functioning water system. The Water Treatment Division has two WTPs, 15 pump stations, 12 reservoirs and about 15 remote valve vaults with mechanical, electric, instrumentation and communications equipment that must be operated and maintained 24/7.



- Fleet has four mechanics who work until 12:30 am and beyond in order to ensure the City is ready for morning bus routes, while servicing, repairing, and maintaining the City's fleet of vehicles which are operated during the day. Moreover, the mechanics also get called on Saturdays and holidays when Transit is in operation.

- Building Maintenance has 3.5 employees who maintain City Hall and the Police Department. This crew empties trash, cleans floors, cleans and sanitizes all restrooms, refills dispensers, and sanitizes all high touch points in the building. During Covid, the staff used electro-static disinfecting machines to make sure our City staff had a safe environment to work in.



- Operations responds to a multitude of call-outs no matter the day or time, including wind, rain, car accidents, hit fire hydrants, Open Space emergencies, and large storms.

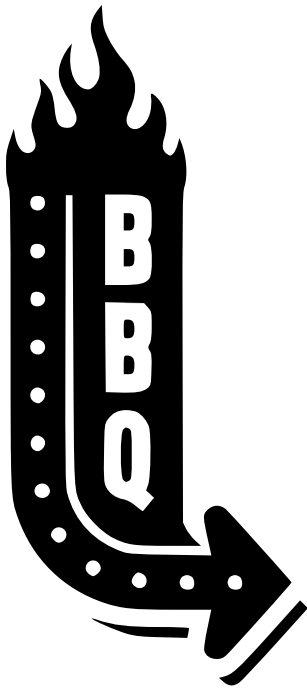
- All divisions have staff that consistently present at evening City Council and Planning Commission meetings. Staff members also attend evening and weekend and district meetings, as needed.

- Construction Inspectors are on site when projects are in progress, even through the night.



No matter the task, City of Fairfield Public Works is Ready and Resilient!

NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK



The Public Works Employee Meeting (PWEM) has returned!

After a long break, due to the pandemic, we are excited to host a BBQ luncheon for Public Works staff.

Date: Wednesday, May 18

Time: 11:00 AM

Location: Corporation Yard

*Photos from PWEM 2016



SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR
OPERATIONS STAFF FOR PLANNING
THIS EVENT, AND THE 2022 GRILL
MASTER, DANIEL CAMARA!



We hope to see you all there!

CITY OF FAIRFIELD EVENTS

PACIFIC COAST FARMERS' MARKET ASSOCIATION PCFMA

FAIRFIELD

May 5 - Sept 29

Fairfield FARMERS' MARKET

THURSDAYS 3PM - 7PM

DOWNTOWN FAIRFIELD WEBSTER ST. & TEXAS ST.

Farmer's Market has Begun!

Be sure to swing by and show Corey Beavers some support! He will be there each week with a Solid Waste/Recycling booth.

Volunteers are welcome! If interested, please contact Corey at cbeavers@fairfield.ca.gov or 707-428-7528

Friendly reminder of this program offered by HR.

HABITS OF MINDFULNESS CHALLENGE

Registration Dates: Starts Now to May 27
Challenge Dates: May 17 to June 6

TAKE HEALTHY STEPS THIS MONTH!

No matter what your job is, work can be stressful. Daily life can be stressful. Practicing mindfulness can help relieve your stress and help you enjoy work and handle life better. Focusing on one mindfulness habit each day and creating a stress-free environment, you can greatly improve your overall well being.

TO BEGIN THE CHALLENGE

1. Log on to PreventionCloud.com
2. Click on "Challenges"
3. Join "Challenges"
4. Start the Mindfulness Challenge

INCENTIVE

- ◆ 6 points towards your \$300 medical premium discount.
- ◆ 6 points towards your high point monthly raffle (valued up to \$50).
- ◆ 3 challenge raffle winners will receive a \$50 gift card!

To be eligible for the raffle each participant must complete a minimum of 15 tasks for the challenge period.





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ANSWERS!

