

IN THE WORKS

Employee Newsletter -
Public Works Department - Fairfield, CA



Shawn Christianson was recently awarded the 2021 Manager of the Year through the American Public Works Association (APWA) Northern California Chapter. For the last 15 years he has been a Public Works Supervisor in the Fleet Management Division. When the City consolidated the Police, Fire, and Public Works fleets into one division, Shawn accepted the challenge of becoming the first supervisor from Public Works to oversee a repair shop for Police and Fire.

This included creating a new parts department dedicated to public safety vehicles and streamlining their existing operations. He stepped up to learn fire trucks and police interceptors so that he could effectively lead a team of technicians diagnosing and repairing the 300+ public safety vehicles. Shawn gained recognition from the PW Director, Fire Chief, Police Chief, and City Manager for his innovative strategies to increase vehicle uptime and decrease costs.

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NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

Corey Beavers
Marisa Cumpian
Lydia Park
Ria Sherman
Valerie Standfill
Lynette Syme

PROMOTIONS



ALVIN LEI
Senior Civil Engineer (May)



SOMMAY PAYANOUVONG
Utility Worker II (May)



LYNETTE SYME
Senior Transportation Tech. (May)



MICHAEL VOLEK
Utility Worker II (May)



DAVID VONG
Senior Civil Engineer (May)



MIKE LAUZIERE
Water Distribution Operator II (June)



DAVID MEDINA
Water Distribution Operator II (June)



CONRAD GALINDEZ
Senior Utility Worker (July)



CHRIS LEWIS
Management Analyst II (July)

NEW HIRE



BARRY MENGES,
Senior Utility Worker (July)



RON BREMER
Public Works Assistant - FTC (July)



JOHN BORGES
Water Service Representative II
Retired September 2nd - 17 Years of Service

RETIREMENT

Employee Spotlight



Anita Horwath

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

I have been with the City of Fairfield for 26 years! I started in the Planning division, then moved to the Economic Development division, however my job was eliminated with the removal of redevelopment funds. I was fortunate to come to North Bay Regional (NBR). I'm currently an Office Specialist and work for the best managers!

Q: What energizes you at work?

New projects that come up that are challenging and fun. Working with some of the best coworkers and managers can make such a difference!

Q: What are you most proud of?

My family - husband Ray, son Patrick (he works in Building Maintenance), daughter Drea, parents, and the rest of my family. Giving back to others when I can - taking care of my 92-year-old mom who is doing really well.

I love being creative and I'm proud of whatever I make. Whether it is thru my art, gardening, woodwork, graphic art, or by hand - crocheting, sewing, holding events, or my current favorite - baking (cinnamon rolls have been the current test recipe)! My co-workers have been great guinea pigs.

Q: What is your favorite local activity?

Catching a Giants or Warriors game and watching college basketball (in person or on TV); hanging out with my crazy dogs and cats, volunteering, animal rescue. I have too many hobbies to list!

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

Going back to Japan to visit my mom's side of the family and to see where I was born and used to live.



Sal Aguiniga

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

I'm the Senior Equipment Mechanic on night shift. I have been serving Fairfield for 6 years.

Q: What is your typical day?

Awesome! I come in and check with the morning shift and then assign my team with jobs. Then, I start running around trying to fix everything. Things can get hectic, but it keeps me busy and in shape. Take that wellness!

Q: What is your professional background?

I am former military (Army). I started working at a truck shop where I became a partner, but I left to join the City of Fairfield. I also studied Water & Wastewater Technology as a backup, why not!

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

My position is fast paced, and I get involved in a lot of things. I am always learning something new. The team I work with is great, even though sometimes I want to throw a wrench at them! j/k

Q: What is one of the biggest challenges in your role?

Trying to keep up with technology is a big challenge, its changing fast.

Q: Tell us about your family.

I have two girls (9 & 12) and one boy (6) who like to beat me up! **Help!** No, really, they are awesome. I have been married 16 years but I took two years off when I got deployed, lol!

Q: What are your hobbies?

I enjoy gardening, woodworking, and pretty much fixing anything that breaks when time allows! But the best hobby is having fun grilling with the family.



Volunteer Opportunities

Ever been interested in volunteering here in Fairfield?
Check out opportunities to get engaged below!

Adopt-A-Street

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Public Works Engineering Division joined the Adopt-A-Street Program in 2018 and have recently begun group clean-up events during lunch. The goal of Adopt-A-Street is to remove litter on City streets to promote civic responsibility and pride. Contact Megan Keller-Lundberg if you wish to participate!



Rockville Trail Crew

TERI LUCHINI
PHONE: (707) 249-3613

The Rockville Trail Crew meets the third Saturday of every month from 9AM - 12PM. Trail Crew volunteers provide technical assistance with trail maintenance and construction activities on the trails. Duties include clearing trees, brush, repairing walkways and general clean-up. Volunteers are awarded with a celebratory pizza afterwards! Contact Teri Luchini for more information.

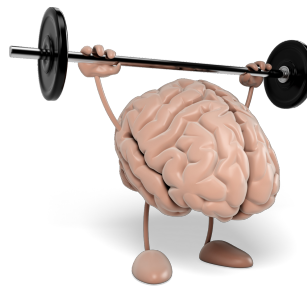


Word Search Brain Teaser

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Find the word in the puzzle.
Words can go in any direction
and also share letters!

Answer key on last page.

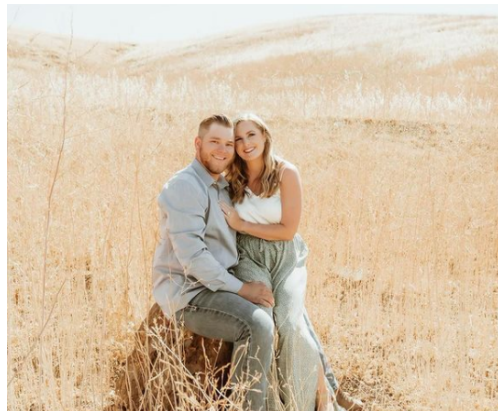


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- waste
- water

TEAM HIGHLIGHTS



Jon Short and Shelby have an upcoming wedding in October 2021.



Barry Menges & Kellie are newly engaged!



Corey Beavers and Esther Wan (CMO) recently tied the knot at Dunnel Nature Park.



Ria Sherman's dog Maybe enjoying the new Allen Witt Dog park. She is a 8.5 year old St. Bernard.



Paul Kaushal and family visiting Crater Lake National Park.



David Vong's Australian Shepherd, Sherlock ready for summer adventures. He's a puppy here and recently turned 1.



After close to 4 years serving PW, Angie Reuter is moving on to a promotion in Parks & Recreation effective August 27th, Congrats!



Mike O'Connell and his daughter Meghan, who graduated with her BS in Criminal Justice and recently started her career with the City of Fairfield PD as a Community Services Officer!



Valerie Standfill's son was born on August 22nd. Welcome baby Owen!

TEAM FAIRFIELD IN ACTION



David Renschler facilitating training on Fleet Management. The well attended class was offered to internal public works employees and external neighboring agencies.



Ryan Panganiban and **David Vong** representing Public Works and handing out swag on National Night Out.



Corey Beavers talking trash on a recent episode of Words with Way, the City of Fairfield's podcast. You can listen in by searching for the City of Fairfield on Apple podcasts.



Keith Packer tackling electrical and communication upgrades associated with the City Hall 3rd floor remodel.

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2021 Employee Awards Winners



In addition, Shawn has set up user group meetings with public safety customers and has built an outstanding working relationship with our Police and Fire customers. He meets with Fire battalion chiefs daily and with the Police lieutenant in charge of all motor vehicles regularly, often attending shift briefings to meet officers, so they know who to contact when their vehicle has a problem. For all these efforts and many more, Congratulations Shawn on the well deserved recognition!





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