

CityScope



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'Spare Tires' Learn the True Meaning of Hard Work

By Nina Reich

Congratulations to the **City Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Affairs Department (PRNA) team, Spare Tires**, that successfully completed and won the Tallahassee 90-Day Community WellQuest Challenge! Team members **Leslie Adams, Lori DiGuglielmo, Cheri Howe** and **Joanne DeShazier** made numerous lifestyle changes during the challenge, which resulted in healthier living for all. Over the 90-day period, the Spare Tires team made the greatest improvement in body composition, weight, blood pressure, blood glucose and more.

The main goal of the WellQuest Challenge, sponsored by Working Well Tallahassee, was to help employees of local businesses and organizations shed pounds and learn how to lead a healthier lifestyle.

"I thought that becoming a part of this challenge would provide just the catalyst I needed to begin working out and eating healthier, and that's exactly what happened," DeShazier said.

Working Well Tallahassee paired each team with a local fitness facility. The gyms donated trainers, gym space and support for 90 days to see who could become Tallahassee's "Wellest Worker." The trainers designed exclusive workouts for the participants, and the training allowed the Spare Tires members to excel in their fitness level.

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Spare Tires team members are: (L-R) Leslie Adams, Lori DiGuglielmo, Cheri Howe and Joanne DeShazier.

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Not only did the personal trainers help inside the gym, they also took part in revamping the team members' daily diets and overall nutrition. From the first day of training, the personal trainers meant business.

"A trainer was coming over that day to look in our cupboards?" Adams remembered thinking. "Note to self... clean the house quick and hide the bad stuff!"

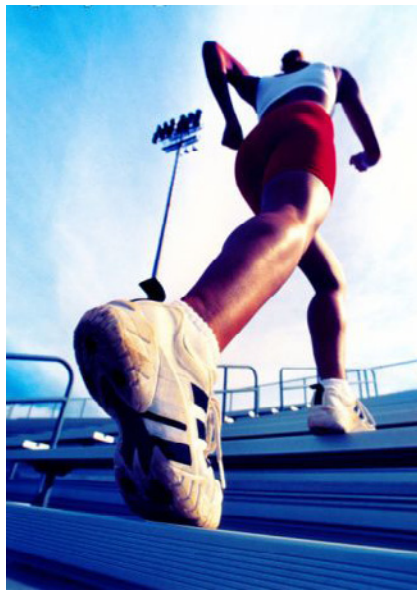
The dedication required of the challenge was more than many might think.

"We found out we'd be keeping a food journal, running stadiums and strength training at the gym," Adams said. "We were all glad to hear that there was a chance we'd be getting a day off every week."

In Adams' acceptance speech at the awards ceremony, she said, "[The trainers] each had different expertise to share, and we all learned so much from each of them. They took a personal interest in us, and through that, we have forged lifelong friendships."

When not in the gym, the Spare Tires took advantage of outdoor activities in their off work hours, such as taking a hiking trip to Torreya State Park, running up Doak Campbell Stadium steps, running on local trails and participating in the annual Springtime Tallahassee 5K run.

Taking advantage of Tallahassee's outdoor activities allowed the Spare Tires to add variety and excitement to their exercise, which kept them motivated and inspired in their quest for better health. The Spare Tires took a step in starting a healthier and happier life by being a part of the WellQuest Challenge.



"Participating in this challenge empowered me to move forward and not just wait around, hoping that things will change. I learned that I had to change. Nothing happens by remaining still," DeShazier said.

The results of the team's hard work was nothing but amazing. Adams' weight loss compromised 49.6 pounds of the team's 447-pound total weight loss during the 12-week period.

"This was one of the most unbelievable experiences of my life," Adams said.

Coming out of the challenge revitalized and rejuvenated, the PRNA team members are surely "Spare Tires" no more. Adams has given the team a new name. "The City of Tallahassee Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Affairs team, formerly known as the Spare Tires, will henceforth be known as the High Performance Tires!"

If you see any of the members of the now High Performance Tires team, be sure to give them applause for all their hard work and determination in completing and winning the WellQuest Challenge!

City Bits

Help ASC Win \$125K

The Tallahassee-Leon Community Animal Service Center (ASC) is one of only 50 animal shelters throughout the United States given the opportunity to compete in the ASPCA \$125K Challenge. The winner of the pet adoption challenge, sponsored by the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), will win \$100,000. An additional \$25,000 will be awarded to the animal shelter with the best community engagement throughout the contest. The City wants to "Reach for the Stars" and aims to win the entire \$125,000. Voting for the ASC begins October 15 at VotetoSaveLives.org. You can vote once a day, every day from then until the challenge deadline on October 31.

The ASC is trying to get 1,200 dogs and cats adopted from August 1 to October 31. We're off to a great start with 789 animals adopted by mid October. A variety of special adoption events will take place through the October 31 deadline. Check Talgov.com/animals, the ASC's official Facebook page or follow [@COTStars](https://twitter.com/COTStars) on Twitter for more information.

While the ASC's goal is to win the national competition, the ultimate winners will be the newly adopted animals and their new owners.



Training Gets Electric Employee “Charged”

By Rakan Shaker

Electric currents transfer energy from coast to coast and even around the world. Many, however, can also lose power over such long distances.

Tony Guillen, manager of System Reliability and Transmission Services for the City’s Electric Utility, does not.

In his spare time, Guillen runs marathons – all 26.2 miles of them. He began running about 22 years ago.

“I started in college and just never stopped,” he said.

He completed his first marathon, the Jacksonville Marathon, 10 years ago with a time of 4 hours, 9 minutes (4:09:00). At the recollection of this race, Guillen remarked, “I don’t remember my placing; I was just happy to finish.”

Five years later, he ran the Chicago Marathon with a time around 3:30:00. This was a huge improvement from his first race. However, for most of the race, Guillen kept a 3:00:00 pace. “But then I blew up, and I must have gotten passed by over 10,000 runners,” he said. “Literally, because Chicago hosts over 40,000 participants annually.”

Last year, Guillen improved his time again. He finished the Tallahassee Marathon in 3:18:00.

The Tallahassee Marathon counted as a qualifier for the oldest marathon in America – the Boston Marathon. The minimum qualifying time is 3:20:00.

With two minutes to spare, Guillen had opened a golden ticket to take his place in marathon history.

The Boston Marathon was established in 1897 and welcomes about 20,000 qualifying runners each year. This monstrous race spans the official marathon distance of 26 miles, 385 yards. It crosses over six county lines and ends near the historic John Hancock Tower.

“I ran a personal best of 3:03:04. I could smell the sub 3-hour mark, which was my goal,” Guillen said. “I placed 1,650 out of 22,645 runners.”



Guillen decided to run the Boston Marathon for many reasons, including health. He runs to stay fit, and when asked whether or not his health affects his performance in the workplace, he said, “Yes, definitely. Not only do I believe it affects work performance, but it also impacts a person’s overall life balance.”

He runs four to five times a week, including a track workout on Tuesdays and a 15+ mile run on Sundays. Aside

from marathon training, he runs triathlons, so he swims, bikes and participates in pilates for strength training.

Guillen also runs to give back to his community. He is a member of a local running organization, the GulfWinds Track Club, which supports local running among all ages. Among its many activities, GulfWinds focuses on area youth with funds such as the Chenoweth Fund.

This fund, established in 1987, awards scholarships to two track and field athletes and two cross-country athletes a year, perpetuating the students’ athletic careers. The fund also pays entry fees for deserving students who wish to race at expensive meets but cannot afford to. Guillen contributes to the fund by representing the organization in races, and his membership fees financially support it as well.

The most admirable quality behind this hobby is not that Guillen has run in three competitive marathons across the United States (steadily decreasing his time in each), nor is it the charitable altruism attached to the GulfWinds Track Club. Tony Guillen’s efforts are admired because he has found an outlet he loves, through which he can continually challenge himself. You might say that he’s into it over the, ahem, long run!

Youth Employment Program Offers a Way to Beat the Heat

By Nina Reich

For many high school students, summer is a time to relax, hang out with friends and enjoy time off from school. This typical summer break, however, was not the case for the students involved in the City of Tallahassee summer youth employment programs. Instead of spending long days relaxing by the pool, these students took part in an experience that provided opportunities to learn and build skills that will be helpful for a lifetime.

Last year, a group of young men poured sidewalks on Macomb Street during a 6-week program through the Public Works Department. Thanks to the success of last year's efforts, the program was expanded for 2010 to include training with the Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Affairs Department (PRNA) and StarMetro. Expanding the program to other departments allowed the students to learn a wide variety of tasks and skills.

Arlecia Harris, with Public Works, has been involved in the project in the past and was part of the 2010 summer program.

"The program is designed to provide a mechanism through which youth can earn money, gain meaningful work experience, obtain exposure to construction careers, enhance basic academic and occupational skills necessary to obtain and maintain long-term employment and assist youth with making a smooth transition from school to career and/or higher education," Harris said.

Ten students worked within the Public Works department. Some were assigned to Street Operations crews who repaired sidewalk and took part

in construction projects. Students working with Drainage Operation crews learned how to repair drainage structures and construct ditches, berms and swales, while others working with the Urban Forestry and Beautification Units focused on planting trees and landscaping Tallahassee's roadways.

PRNA also took part in the 2010 program by incorporating seven young people into work with maintenance and construction crews.

Chris Lisenby, parks superintendent for PRNA, has personally benefited from the program. He participated in the 1984 City of Tallahassee Summer Youth Employment Program.

"The summer youth employees are learning skilled labor trades such as

carpentry, concrete, facility repair and irrigation repair. These newly acquired skills can be very useful to them as they become adults," Lisenby said. "This program is also rewarding to the crew leaders as this gives them an opportunity to make a positive impression and teach the students the value of a job that gives back to the community."

StarMetro's summer work program had a special focus. Incorporating the local community into the project, StarMetro recruited girls from Leon County Schools, Oasis Center for Women and Young Girls, Walker-Ford Community Center and The Agency for Workforce Innovation to be participants in its summer apprenticeship.

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“They are very hard workers, doing everything that we have asked of them,” said **Charles Whaley**, mechanics supervisor at StarMetro. “They have also taken the initiative to do jobs that they just saw needed to be done. We would lay the project out for them and then discuss possible problems and challenges that could come up, explaining how we could deal with them. We discussed using skills like teamwork, problem solving and communication to solve problems.”.

The StarMetro program allowed the young women to gain first-hand knowledge of transit careers and see what StarMetro has to offer for future employment opportunities. The students were given an opportunity to test out the City’s bus simulators, participate in hands-on mechanical repair training and learn paratransit skills, like how to operate City bus wheelchair lifts.

“A job is never just a job. These young people spend their summers working to learn about careers they never knew existed, meet adults with life experience to share and gain new inspiration to do well academically. They learn new job and goal setting skills essential for lifelong success. This is just such a great opportunity, especially for young adults just getting into the work force; to get real-life work experience,” said **Mary White**, one of the Project Coordinators for StarMetro.

The main goal of the program was to provide participants with a better understanding of transit maintenance, transit operations, transit administration and transit planning.

“We were very glad to have this opportunity to work with local youth and demonstrate the rapidly changing area of transit maintenance,” said **Ralph Wilder**, superintendent of Maintenance

for StarMetro and one of the program coordinators. “One of the greatest challenges facing the transit industry today is attracting young people to this increasingly vital service, and the Summer Youth Program is a superb vehicle to achieve this goal.”

The City of Tallahassee summer work programs reach out to the youth of Tallahassee, while also investing in the workforce of the future by providing helpful skill sets and unique job experiences that will allow for success in any future job or career.

In the Kitchen With Tallahassee’s Bravest

TFD shows they can turn up the heat by showcasing their tasty recipes.

Taco Ring

Recipe from **Sarah Cooksey**

Ingredients

- 3/4 lb lean ground beef
- 1 (1 1/4 ounce) package taco seasoning mix
- 1 cup (4 ounces) shredded cheddar cheese
- 2 tbsp water
- 2 (8 ounce) packages refrigerated crescent dinner rolls
- 1 medium bell pepper
- 1 cup salsa
- 3 cups lettuce shredded
- 1 medium tomato
- 1/4 cup onion chopped (optional)
- 1/2 cup pitted ripe black olives (optional)
- Sour cream (optional)

Directions

- Cook ground beef in large skillet over medium heat 7-9 minutes or until beef is no longer pink; drain.
- Remove pan from heat.
- Stir in taco seasoning mix, cheese and water.
- Preheat oven to 375°F.
- Unroll crescent dough; separate into triangles.
- Arrange triangles in a circle on Classic Round Pizza Stone with wide ends overlapping in center and points toward outside. There should be a 5-inch diameter opening in center. I use my Pampered Chef pizza stone, but any flat round pan should work – perhaps even a pizza sheet, but I'd spray it with Pam before adding the crescent rolls.
- Scoop meat mixture evenly onto widest end of each triangle up over filling and tuck under wide ends of dough at center of ring. (Filling will not be completely covered).
- Bake 20-25 minutes or until golden brown.
- Shred lettuce and chop tomato, onion, olives and bell pepper (if desired).
- If you want to do something fancy, scoop out a bell pepper and fill with salsa and put into center of ring.
- Add your toppings to top of ring and finish with more shredded cheese and sour cream.



Awards and Honors

Paula Burn, City Attorney's Office, recently won the Exemplary Service Achievement Award from the North Florida Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA). This was given as part of ASPA's 2010 Public Service Awards of Excellence – the organization's highest honors. ASPA had this to say about her.

"Paula exemplifies what a public servant is and how one is to interact with citizens. She is excellent at following up with customers and providing them with accurate information in response to their questions. When citizens and internal customers leave the City Attorney's Office after working with Paula, they most definitely feel they have received professional, quality and courteous help. Paula always has a smile, exuberance, enthusiasm and a willingness to help all customers."

The **Animal Service Center (ASC)** recently underwent a surprise inspection by the State of Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation to determine if it was in compliance with all the requirements necessary to maintain its Veterinary Hospital Permit. Not only did the ASC pass, but also out of the 64 items inspected, not a single one had any issues or needed follow-up action. The inspection went over the surgery suite and all other areas of the building, including the outside, signs, reception area and bathrooms. A huge congrats to the ASC for passing the inspection with flying colors!



Chris Lisenby has accepted the position of Parks Superintendent with Parks, Recreation & Neighborhood Affairs. Chris has worked in the department for 25 years in a variety of positions and brings a wealth of information, relationships and experience that will enable him to lead the Parks Division into the future. Congrats, Chris!

Jodie Cahoon was a finalist for this year's Public Servant of the Year from the Council of Neighborhood Associations (CONA).

What's a Girl To Do?

A Note about Kindness and Teamwork

By Carol Dixon, as told to Lizzy Kelley

I left the office at the end of the day. My car was parked in the dungeon of the Kleman Plaza parking garage (Level 2). The heat was thick. People were pouring out of office buildings, getting into their cars and hitting the road.

I got into my car and turned the key. Nothing. I tried again. Nothing. Immediately, I called my husband. No answer. I called my brother. No answer. I called my mother, brother-in-law and nephews. No one was answering.

Frustrated, I popped the hood. The car was new. It hadn't had any problems yet, and I had no idea where to look for things. Standing there in the heat in my dress clothes and heels, I thought to myself, "What's a girl to do?" No one was answering the phone, and no one was stopping. It was, after all, 5 o'clock, and people have things to do.

A familiar Jeep was heading out of the garage and quickly stopped.

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“What’s wrong? Car won’t start?” asked **Misi Tuttle**, a City employee.

She backed up into a spot, hopped out and came over.

“Try cranking it again,” she said.

The car made an odd noise.

“Sounds like it might be the battery or the alternator.”

“That’s what I thought it might be, too,” I replied. “But I don’t have any jumper cables.”

Unfortunately, Misi didn’t have cables either. It was a City Commission Wednesday though, and Misi knew who to call – someone who would

have cables and still be in the building because he works every Commission meeting, broadcasting it live on WCOT.

Within minutes, **Wade Bishop** was down in the dungeon with jumper cables. My car, however, was pulled into a space facing a wall with a car on either side. It was completely block in. Wade and Misi didn’t miss a beat, pushed my car out of its blocked spot and hooked up the cables. When I turned the key, the car started.

We at the City consider ourselves a team, and I was a teammate in trouble. Tons of people drove past me, heading home or to other commitments. No one stopped. No one asked what was wrong. Misi could have driven by, and Wade could have kept eating his dinner

during the Commission break. But they both took their time to help me. It was quitting time, the end of the day, and I had been stuck. These two good Samaritans from the Communications Department came to my rescue, and I am so grateful and appreciative that they did.

I made it home safely that night. I even made it on time to my 5:30 p.m. appointment. And, of course, as soon as I left the garage, my family started calling me back to see what was wrong. But by then, I was ok. Everything was good thanks to the kindness of my coworkers.

Well Done

The following are just a few of the kind words people shared about some of our outstanding City employees!

I left my cell phone behind at the airport. Like most people these days, I rely heavily on my phone and keep a significant amount of valuable information on it. When I called later that day, I had little hope it would be recovered. **Officer Michael Knudson**, Tallahassee Airport Police, offered to take a look where I left the phone and subsequently recovered it. In addition, he emailed me several times regarding the FedEx shipping I had arranged for its return, eventually hand carrying it to the FedEx office when they failed to pick up the phone in a timely manner. The service was greatly appreciated, and I will forever view Tallahassee as the friendliest city in Florida.

– Neil

I wanted to let you know what great experiences I have consistently had with employees of the City. The City had scheduled construction on our road to repair sewer problems. I contacted **Hank Stringer** (with

Underground Utilities) because I have tons of landscaping that extends into the City ROW, so I wanted the chance to move it if it was at risk. Bottom line – he looked into it, called me back and promised to update me if anything changed. I know some would say this is expected service, but it doesn’t always happen, public or private sector. I had similar experiences about six years ago when the road and all of our yards were torn up for a drainage project, contacts I’ve made to Code Enforcement, interaction with staff of the TAPP program, interactions with Solid Waste staff and the occasional exchange with TPD. I worked, too, with **Ronnie Spooner** through our separate representation of the Building Officials. He is wonderful, and I am always impressed with the reception we receive from his staff. Having worked many years in the public sector, I place great value on the importance of customer service. Not all institutions – especially organizations as big as city

government – get it or succeed in institutionalizing a consistent focus on service and quality. But, in my experience, the City of Tallahassee has.

– Karen

On June 10, I lost my way out of Capital City County Club. Not knowing which way to turn, I made a wrong turn and couldn’t find my way out of the club area. After driving around not knowing where I was, I stopped my car and got out and, luckily for me, a **firefighter** came by to see if I needed help. I told him I was trying to reach North Monroe Street, and he told me how to get there, but I asked if it was possible for him to lead me out of the area so I would know where I was. I was so grateful and so busy thanking

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him profusely that I went on my way toward home and neglected to get the name of my shining knight in the red truck. I was flustered and frightened, but the kindness he showed me just lets me know our "men in red" are not only firefighters, but also will help a lady in distress.

– Shirley

I want to take a moment to honor and thank the Tallahassee-Leon Community Animal Service Center on Easterwood Drive for its exceptional care of animals. Recently, I was in search of a cat for our family. I was pleased from the moment I walked in the door. The reception area was very friendly and **Frances Glenn**, in particular, was very helpful with directing me to the cat ward to select a pet and in filling out the forms to complete an adoption. I was also impressed with the cleanliness and sanitation of the space that housed the felines. I thought the adoption price was very modest given the quality of veterinary care provided by **Dr. Rachel Reeves and staff**, which includes the neuter, first round of vaccines, leukemia test, behavioral assessment and micro chipping. The type of care that is provided by the Animal Service Center is the reason we have such a healthy new addition to our family.

– Luke H. Blanton, DVM

My children and I moved to Tallahassee from Michigan this summer, and I was concerned about being able to experience your festivities in such a large community compared with what we are used to. Well, **Celebrate America** was beyond incredible! The **Tallahassee Police Department** did an excellent job keeping traffic and pedestrians safe. It was smooth and organized. And the park – what a beautiful area and setup! The vendors and the music were very impressive and enjoyable.

The fireworks left us speechless. What a breathtaking show you put on for the community. This city offers so much, and that's one of the many reasons we chose to make it our home.

– Kim

I was victim of crimes investigated by **TPD Investigator Robert Grasso**. Although the total amount of theft was relatively small, Investigator Grasso gave a tremendous amount of effort and intelligence to the case. I appreciate his efforts and that he kept me informed by phone and email. He also listened to my concerns and anxieties and took all my comments seriously. Thank you, Investigator Grasso, for a terrific job and working hard for our safety.

– BethAnne

I wanted to compliment **TPD Officer Mike Hubbard** on his professionalism in handling my vehicular burglary complaint. Officer Hubbard was courteous, professional and understanding. He seemed genuinely concerned. My experience with TPD was a positive as possible. Thank you Officer Hubbard!

– Brian

I had the pleasure of meeting and

receiving assistance from **TPD Officer Alvin Anderson** at the Tallahassee Airport. Someone had picked up my jacket by mistake at airport security, and Officer Anderson went above and beyond the call of duty to locate and return my jacket to me. I highly commend Officer Anderson and feel that he deserves recognition for his efforts, especially in these times when so much negativity is reported rather than the positive.

– Joseph

TPD – Thank you for saving my little Chewy (small black dog) from getting run over on Tharpe Street. Whoever you are, you're the best!

– Jessica

Officer Christopher Guerrero was one of the most helpful police officers I have ever worked with. I called TPD to file a report, and Officer Guerrero was dispatched on the call. Long story short, I feel without Officer Guerrero, this situation wouldn't have been so successful.

– Stephen



Shining Stars of Service



Mike Etheridge located a catch basin that was buried under several inches of soil on hole 3 at Jake Gaither Golf Course. That hole has had drainage problems causing inconvenience for the golfers and additional maintenance work for some time. No one knew the drain was there, but Mike found it. It was under a lot of soil and grass had grown over it, but that didn't stop Mike. He cleaned it, and it's now draining properly. I'd like to recognize Mike for his dedication and hard work. Mike is always willing to do whatever is asked of him and more at both Hilaman and Jake Gaither golf courses. We are proud to have Mike as a part of the Golf Program!

– Jan

In these economic times, it has been hard for many of us. I wanted to let you know about the excellent service **Willie Fagg** (with UBCS) has done. I called today after my service was turned off. He was very sincere and understanding as I explained to him that I get paid at the end of the month. I had scheduled a payment on the 31st, and my service was shut off before. I wasn't exactly sure why because it seems like this happens every month. He went above and beyond and checked with his supervisor to see if we can avoid this happening next month. What a great experience! I want to make sure he is recognized for a job well done.

– Maya

Bruce Cooksey went way beyond my expectations. His crew was working on Miccosukee, and it somehow caused an issue in my yard. He checked to see what we were talking about and patiently corrected the issue. He had no idea that my wife and I worked for the City. He was just concerned about us as a customer. Great employee and great customer service!

– David

There were many other employees recognized as **Shining Stars of Service**. Thank you to each one for their dedicated, professional and customer-oriented service.

- Jim Abbott
- Ilene Akers
- Prashant Amin
- Alex Arbona
- Sal Arnaldo
- Theodus Baker
- Lana Bartosz
- Felicia Bittle
- Leroy Bittle
- Pat Brown
- Kyle Butler
- Jef Clark
- Tony Clayton
- Delano Cobran
- Paul Cook
- Franklin Cooksey
- Tommy Crady
- Steven Cromartie
- Chris Crum
- Debra Davis
- Sharifah DeWindt
- Warren Dickens
- Evans Edwards
- Steve Franey
- Mark Fuller
- Matt Ginn
- Bobby Goodson
- Dwayne Graham
- Don Guilford
- Taccario Harrison
- Alvin Henry
- Reggie Hill
- Kenn Hochstelter
- Will Holey
- Rodney Hubbard
- Patrick Hunter
- Patricia Jimenez-McCray
- Jay Johansen
- Lee Jones
- Jason Kinsey
- Troy Kinsey
- Kirk Lavine
- Nathan Lee
- Tracy Lee
- Tasheka Lewis
- Norman McCallister
- Troy McLanahan
- Elvis McMillian
- Vicki O'Neil
- Leroy Peter
- Tim Potter
- Lonnie Rackley
- Aldena Randolph
- Rhonda Reaves-Smith
- Dewayne Roberts
- Artie Sellars
- Robert Sharman
- Frank Simmons
- Gwen Sloan
- Cedric Smith
- Javon Smith
- June Smith
- Patrice Smith
- Ronnie Smith
- Samantha Springfield
- Keith Starbuck
- Sue Stephens
- Jeff Strubble
- Tracy Studdard
- Veronica Towels
- Bruce Tribue
- Connie Williams
- Salt Williams
- Shirley Wilson

Anniversaries

5 Years

- Aziz Abdullah – ISS
- Yvonne Adams – Treasurer-Clerk
- James Allen III – Fire
- Sherri Baker – Economic & Community Development
- Felicia Bittle – UBCS
- Barry Bonnett – UBCS
- Steven Box – Fire
- Isaac Boykin – Police
- Catherine Branch – City Commission
- Jeremiah Bullock – Public Works
- Michael Butler – Fire
- Matthew Chason – PRNA
- Joseph Cheatham – Underground Utilities
- Michael Childs – Aviation
- Delano Cobran – UBCS
- Eugene Crawford Jr. – PRNA
- Reginald Cromartie - Solid Waste
- Dee Crumpler – PRNA
- Paul Davis – Public Works
- Hetal Desai - Legal
- Ronald Dickey Jr. – Underground Utilities
- Gerrett Dickey – Solid Waste
- Michael Dilliard – Electric
- Gerald Dowdell – Electric
- Dwayne Fiene – StarMetro
- Christopher Cody Fouraker – Underground Utilities
- Nicholas Frisco – Public Works
- Cassandra Gant - ISS
- Mykale Gardner – UBCS
- Ron Garrison – StarMetro
- Jason Gay – Electric
- David Geathers – PRNA
- Bobby George – Public Works
- Shannon Gerry – Police
- Edward Guerra Jr. – Police
- Kevin Guimaraes – Police
- Michael Hanrahan – Underground Utilities
- Janet Hawkins – DMA
- Derek Hawthorne – Police
- Jody Henderson – Police
- Billy Hendrix – Legal
- Adrian Henry – Solid Waste
- Thomas Hillebrandt – PRNA
- Joseph Hoffman – Electric
- Shawn Holland – Electric
- William Holley III – Underground Utilities
- Larry Hudson – UBCS
- Jamel Jackson – Underground Utilities
- Tammy Jimenez – Growth Management
- Brian Johnson – Police
- Justin Johnson – Underground Utilities
- Michael Johnson – StarMetro
- Terry Johnson – Solid Waste
- Richard Johnston – Underground Utilities
- Michael Jones – Public Works
- Walter Kirkland Jr. - StarMetro
- Emanuel Koonce – Underground Utilities
- Harrison Lively – Underground Utilities
- Matthew Lutz – Treasurer-Clerk
- Roxanne Manning – CRA
- Troy Marks – Fire
- Angela Marrero – UBCS
- Brandon McCranie – Public Works
- Matthew McLeod – Underground Utilities
- Michael McLeod – Police
- Jessica Miller – Underground Utilities
- Corliss Morange – UBCS
- Bradley Morris – Fire
- Henry Murphy III – Underground Utilities
- Garfield Murphy – Solid Waste
- Mark Murray – EPER
- Heather Nielson – Growth Management
- Reginald Ofuani – Solid Waste
- Micha Pace – Underground Utilities
- Christopher Papy – Police
- Nancy Paul – StarMetro
- Richard Peters – Underground Utilities
- Cory Peterson – Aviation
- Michael Petroszczyk – Police
- Simmie Phillips – Growth Management
- Donald Poppe – Police
- Richard Pulido – Police
- Bill Reed - ISS
- Bennodus Richardson – Public Works
- Kathryn Rowan – Police
- Joshua Ruehle – Police
- Kyor Sanders – Fire
- Roy Sanford – StarMetro
- Brian Scott – Underground Utilities
- Courtney Scott – Police
- Chad Smith – Fire
- Richard Smith – Electric
- Robert Sparrow – PRNA
- Kimberly Speight – PRNA
- Fred Spivey – Aviation
- Antwan G. Stevens – Aviation
- Richard Summers – Solid Waste
- David J. Thomas – Economic & Community Development
- Kimberly Thomas – UBCS

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- Darrell Thompson Jr. – Treasurer-Clerk
- Joshua Triplett – Solid Waste
- James VanRiper – ISS
- Michael Vaughan Jr. – Fleet
- Lesa Vause – Economic & Community Development
- William Waddell – Underground Utilities
- Kevin Washington – Fire
- Alvin Williams – Electric
- Connie Yvonne Williams – UBCS
- Oscar Winston – UBCS
- Edward Young Jr. – Planning

10 Years

- Cindy Atteberry – Police
- Robert Bass – Electric
- Shawn Beaty – Electric
- Michael Bellamy – Fire
- Michael Bradley – Treasurer-Clerk
- Catherine Bray – Underground Utilities
- Charles Brown – ISS
- Philip Burgess – Treasurer-Clerk
- Greg Carter – UBCS
- Jesse Carter – Fire
- Curtis Castner – Treasurer-Clerk
- Paul Clark – Electric
- Anthony Carlos Clayton – Underground Utilities
- Toni Clinton – DMA
- Terry Cobb - Electric
- Mochael Coe - Fire
- Desi Conway - Police
- Carol Dixon – Legal
- Charles Drymon – Electric
- James Durwin – Aviation
- Jeff Fleming – Fire
- Bert Fletcher – Auditing
- Mark Fuller – Underground Utilities
- Alan Gale - Electric
- Hilda Gilchrist – Public Works
- Reese Goad – UBCS
- Sidney Hall - Fire
- Pamela Hammer – Economic & Community Development
- Tony Harper – Underground Utilities
- Delmus Harrison – Solid Waste
- Andy Heath - Electric
- Alvin Henry – Underground Utilities
- Anitra Highland - Police
- Michael Hubbard - Police
- Douglas Humphrey - ISS
- M’Lisa Ingram – Office of the Mayor
- Michael Jackson - Fleet
- Monica Jackson – Public Works
- D’Juan Johnson – Underground Utilities
- Eliphaz Knight – Electric
- Larisa Keleshova – Underground Utilities
- Donald Lairsey – Public Works
- Michael Laury – Underground Utilities
- Ulysses Lawrence – Building Services
- Michael London - PRNA
- Jim Martin – Public Works
- Martha Martinez – StarMetro
- Robert Mauck – Public Works
- Stephen Mayfield – Underground Utilities
- Sam McCall – Auditing
- Robert McCormick – PRNA
- Terrance McPherson – Solid Waste
- Maria Mercurio – Police
- Howard Middleton – Underground Utilities
- Rodrick Murray – PRNA
- Michael Norden – Underground Utilities
- Todd Notley – Fire
- William C. Nowell – Electric
- Mark Piland – Energy Services
- Tim Potter – Underground Utilities
- Brenda Pratt – PRNA
- Lorin Pratt – UBCS
- Melanie Pretti – Police
- Gwendolyn Rasmussen - Legal
- Geneva Redding – UBCS
- Preston Rice – PRNA
- Jacqueline Riggins-Coates – Economic & Community Development
- Bea Robinson-Harris – Treasurer-Clerk
- Anna Ross – Police
- Lee Rutledge – Fire
- Roger Salmonsens – Police
- David Scarano – DMA
- John William-Arthur Sellars – Underground Utilities
- Robert Shaffer – Fire
- Catherine Sheffield – Police
- Greg Shierling – Electric
- Freddie Simmons – Building Services
- Philip Standish – Growth Management
- Janson Sullivan – Fire
- Dennis Sutton – Auditing
- Stephen Taber – Growth Management
- Robert Todd – Police
- Fred Varn – Growth Management

Anniversaries

10 Years continued

- Leann Watts Williams – City Manager’s Office
- Dorothy Worrell – Police
- Thomas Wright Jr. – Fire
- Sean Wyman – Police
- Curtis Zanders – Underground Utilities

15 Years

- Ronald Alborn - Electric
- Sandra Manning – UBCS
- Stevie Allen – Public Works
- Elizabeth Bascom – Police
- Robert Bechtol – DMA
- Michael Bellamy – Public Works
- Charles Brockman – Public Works
- Jimmy Brown – StarMetro
- Virginia Cartwright – Police
- Kimberly Cobb – Treasurer-Clerk
- Rebecca Cook-Wilson – Police
- Chester Cooper – Public Works
- Jeffery Culp – StarMetro
- Walter Cummings – Solid Waste
- Susan Czechorowski – Police
- Jimmy Dispennette – Public Works
- April Doubrava – Police
- Martha Eide – StarMetro
- Harry Farrar – Public Works
- Gwendolyn Forehand – Police
- William Ganoudis – Energy Services
- Brian Gerold – Fire
- Candace Gilbert – ISS
- Freddie Glover – Underground Utilities
- Robert Grasso – Police
- Tina Haddon – Police
- Matt Haghghi – Public Works
- Leo Hartsfield – Underground Utilities
- Timothy Henderson – Electric
- Paul Holley – Aviation
- Martha Hoover – StarMetro
- Walter Hunter – Public Works
- Herman James – PRNA
- Dave Jett – Planning
- Charles Johnson – Fleet
- Allen Jones – Energy Services
- Derek Kidd – Police
- Kimberley Kilgore – Treasurer-Clerk
- William Kornegay – Police

- Freddie Lawrence – PRNA
- Jean Lemaire – Police
- Kathy McGhin – Police
- Danny McKenzie – Underground Utilities
- Todd McLanahan – Fire
- Mary Barkley Myers – DMA
- Sean Nichols – Public Works
- Perry Odom – Electric
- Alan Otley – Public Works
- Robert Rohrbacher – Police
- Sabari Kathy – Electric
- Barron Sampson – Public Works
- Ronnie Smith – Energy Services
- Michael Terhune – Fire
- Jan Tucker – StarMetro
- Clinton Tyler Jr. – Public Works
- Shane Eric Vause – Underground Utilities
- Ronny Walker – Fire
- Gary Watson – Police
- Herbert Wester Jr. – Police
- Angela Williams – UBCS
- James Willis – ISS

20 Years

- Michael Abbey – Police
- James Akins – Public Works
- Thomas Armistead – PRNA
- Bernard Barrington – Fire
- Clarence Baxter – Electric
- Mark Beaudoin – Property Management
- Diane Blanton – Electric
- Barbara Boatwright – DMA
- Elizabeth Borges – Police
- Samuel Bouie – Solid Waste
- Scottie Brockman – Public Works
- Annie Brown – PRNA
- Danny Brown – Underground Utilities
- Roger Bynum – Fire
- Patsy Capps – Aviation
- Iris Carter – Fire
- Marsha Chase – Police
- Buford Chason – Electric
- Kenneth Cole – PRNA
- Kimberly Connell – Treasurer-Clerk
- Richard Cuyler – Underground Utilities
- Susan Denny – Planning
- Charles Dery – Fire
- Deborah Donaldson – Police
- Quintus Douglas – StarMetro

Anniversaries

20 Years continued

- Harold Eastman – Fire
- James Fairfield – Police
- Anita Favors Thompson – City Manager's Office
- Dave Franklin – Public Works
- Darrin French – Solid Waste
- Darrell Furuseth – Police
- Raymond Garcia – Police
- Jo Gardner – Police
- Christina Garrison – Police
- Melchor Gaston – Police
- John Gatlin – Fire
- Steven Goodson – Police
- Clinton Grimes – PRNA
- Brad Hamilton – DMA
- Aurora Hansen – PRNA
- Ronnie Harrington – Underground Utilities
- Regina Harris – DMA
- Sandra Harrison – Police
- Dena Hartman – Police
- Jerry Hauversburk – Electric
- Leola Hayes – Police
- Keith Helle – Public Works
- Doyal Hester – Police
- Michael Hogan – Public Works
- Antonio Jackson – UBCS
- Berry Jackson – Electric
- Terence Jenkins – StarMetro
- Derrick Jerger – PRNA
- Anthony Johnson – Public Works
- Theodis Jordan – Electric
- Peter King – Fire
- Gordon Klein – ISS
- Michael Lee – Electric
- Michael Lewis – Underground Utilities
- Robert Malchow – Growth Management
- William Malloy – ISS
- James Maxwell – Public Works
- Cindy McAdams – UBCS
- Ted Mcphaul – Aviation
- David Morgan – Public Works
- Clint Pleas – Underground Utilities
- Michael Porter – Police
- James Redmon – Fleet
- Kelly Rentz – Police
- Dennis Roberts – Fire
- Wesley Roberts – Fire
- Vicki Satterwhite – Fire
- Scott Sears – PRNA
- Joe Sims – Police
- Joe Spivey – ISS
- Joy Strickland – Public Works
- Ronald Strickland – PRNA
- Susan Tanski – PRNA
- Tommy Tennison – Police
- Sandra Thomas – StarMetro
- Christopher Tinter – Electric
- Veronica Towels – Energy Services
- Jim Traweek – Electric
- Richard Wade – Fire
- Thomas Watson – Public Works
- Byron Whitaker – Fire
- Brian Williams – Traffic
- Michael Worthington – Underground Utilities
- Roderick Young – Police

25 Years

- Charles Adkins Jr. – Fire
- Sam Amantia – Public Works
- Anita Anderson – Police
- Joseph Ashcraft – Fire
- Eddie Atkins – Underground Utilities
- Ed Ayers – Solid Waste
- William Bell – Public Works
- Vernon Blount – Electric
- Randy Bond – Underground Utilities
- David Bright – BluePrint 2000
- Dorris Brown Jr. – Underground Utilities
- Aaron Brown – Underground Utilities
- LeRosa Browne – DMA
- Jerry Coe – Fire
- Johnny Craig – Electric
- Zeb Daniels – Fire
- Glen Davis – Underground Utilities
- Don DeLoach – ISS
- Francis Doolan IV – Police
- James English – Legal
- Donald Golay – Fire
- Gregory Golden – Fire
- Jeff Granger – Building Services
- Kenneth Gray – Fire
- Ed Greynolds – Fire
- Emanuel Hairston – Underground Utilities
- Edith Harrison – Growth Management
- Steven Helm – Fire
- Russel Hollingsworth – Fire
- Conway Kelly – Electric
- Michael Lanigan – Fire
- Tim Laramore – Fire

Anniversaries

25 Years continued

- Terrance Lee – Fire
- Bobby Lloyd – Underground Utilities
- Jim Lyle – Fire
- Joyce Mathews – Economic & Community Development
- Jan McCall – Energy Services
- David Moore Jr. – StarMetro
- Ervin Moore – Public Works
- Carless Nathan – Aviation
- Katakylie Osei – Fire
- Lisa Pritchard – ISS
- Vanessa Rollings – Solid Waste
- Jackie Rush – UBCS
- Patrick Ryon – Fire
- Sandra Smiley – StarMetro
- Robert Stevens – Public Works
- Terry Lee Strubble – Underground Utilities
- Dennis Vickers – Fire
- Donald Vickers – Electric
- Belinda Washington – UBCS
- Charles Whaley – StarMetro

30 Years

- Jim Abbott – Underground Utilities
- Alphonso Ash – Solid Waste
- Philip Barnett – DMA
- Phyllis Bush – PRNA
- Earnestine Cooper – UBCS
- John Daniels – Underground Utilities
- Debra Davis – UBCS
- Freddie Edwards – Electric
- Lee Holliday – Growth Management
- Tim Jefferson – UBCS
- Arthur Johnson – Public Works
- Harold Knight – Public Works
- Al Menendez – StarMetro
- Mark Penny – PRNA
- Sharon Polite – DMA
- Deborah Pullen – PRNA
- Rodney Register – ISS
- Marcus Robinson – ISS
- Gary Sellars – Underground Utilities
- Gary Sleeth – Solid Waste
- Allan Smith – Police
- Billy Tyson – Electric
- Willie Tyson – Solid Waste
- Sharon Walker-Starling – Police
- Sharon White – Underground Utilities

30+ Years

- Samuel Akins – Solid Waste
- Stephen Ashmore – Electric
- Kenneth Austin – Aviation
- Steven Baczewski – Underground Utilities
- James Bailey II – Public Works
- Katrinka Ball – Police
- Arthur Brown – StarMetro
- Harold Cheeseborough Jr. – DMA
- Freddie Clayton – Underground Utilities
- Floyd DeMontmollin – Electric
- Ronald Dickey – PRNA
- Freddie Dowdell – Public Works
- Vettye Gibbs – Electric
- Brenda Hall – DMA
- Stephanie Hammelman – UBCS
- Jimmy Hammelman – Treasurer-Clerk
- J.P. Harrell – Public Works
- Ambrose Holley – Underground Utilities
- Daniel Johnson – Underground Utilities
- Rhonda Johnson – Underground Utilities
- Helen Johnston – PRNA
- Lance King – Underground Utilities
- James Langston – Electric
- Billie Mack – DMA
- Varna Mitchell – DMA
- Ozair Mohammad – Electric
- Donald Moore – Underground Utilities
- Gerald Norman – Electric
- Sharon Ofuani – EWD
- Tom Printy – Underground Utilities
- Freddie Pye – StarMetro
- Larry Register – Electric
- Michael Rutherford – UBCS
- Kathleen Schoff – Police
- Triveni Singh – Electric
- Leroy Smith – Electric
- Kenneth Strong – Electric
- Rob Swearingen – DMA
- Joe Thomas – PRNA
- Samuel Tucker – Solid Waste
- Mike Ward – Public Works
- Margaret Ward – Underground Utilities
- Ken Will Jr. – Underground Utilities
- Shirley Wilson – UBCS

Images From Across the City

In this edition of CityScope, we decided to turn back the hands of time and get a blast from the past. See if you can spot your fellow employees in any of these old school pics!

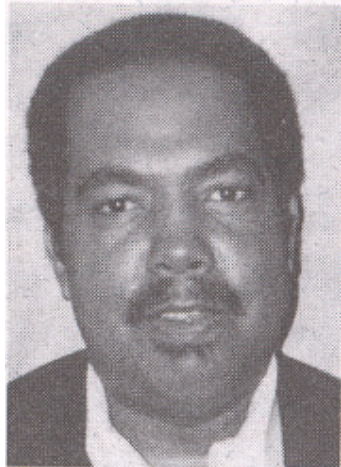


Gail Saxon and **Glenda Myers** were featured in the February 1997 edition of CityScope as part of a story about the ISS Administrative Services Team.



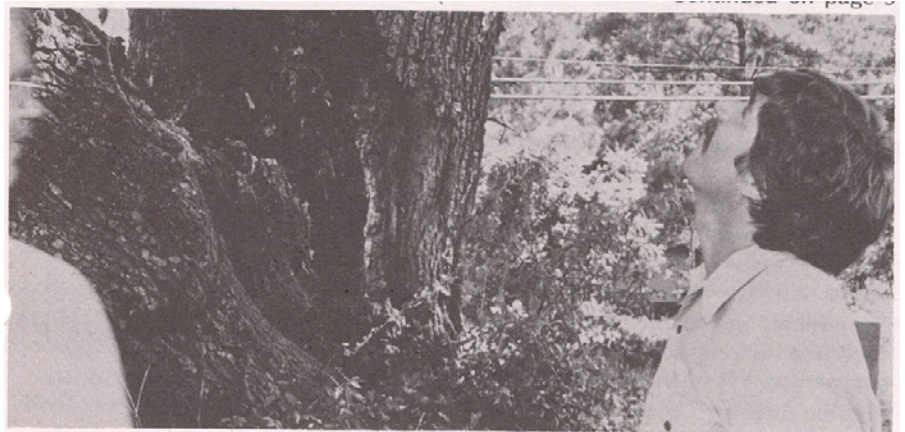
Water & Sewer Department employees Jeff Connell and Tim Robinson recently received commendation from a citizen for their excellent work.

Jeff Connell (L), Underground Utilities, appeared in the September 1989 edition of CityScope when he and Tim Robinson were recognized in the Well Done section by a citizen for their “efficient and courteous work.”



Menendez

Al Menendez, StarMetro, appeared in the January 1995 edition of CityScope. He was recognized for being selected “Boss of the Year” by the Tallahassee Charter Chapter of the American Business Women’s Association.



Goodheart looks for signs of disease in aged Live Oak.

Chuck Goodheart, PRNA, was featured in the August 1984 edition of The City Highlighter when he was hired to cultivate the Urban Forestry Program. He was the City’s first Urban Forester.

Images From Across the City



Firefighter Lance Revell participates in one of the less romanticized tasks of a firefighter - cleaning the station. Firefighters on each shift share the housekeeping chores in addition to washing the fire engines.

Lance Revell was featured in the April 1993 edition of *CityScope* in the former "Life on the Outside" column. The article discussed a day in the life of TFD firefighters as they balance battling blazes and maintaining household chores at the stations.



Leo Hartsfield, Underground Utilities, appeared in the June 1981 edition of *The City Highlighter*. He was pictured while presenting a service award a retiring employee.



TPD Officer Melanie Pretti, Eugina Bing and Terri Carson (left to right).

Melanie Pretti was featured on the cover of the December 2001 edition of *CityScope*. She was a new member of TPD at the time and was written in as an "unsung hero" for the assistance and love she brought to an elderly citizen's life after responding to a routine call.



Mary Huntley of the Treasurer-Clerk's Office sells a Florida Lottery ticket to Ted Kinsey of the Finance Department at City Hall.

Mary Huntley, DMA, appeared in the February 1988 edition of *CityScope* next to a story about lottery ticket sales at City facilities. She was selling a ticket to Ted Kinsey of the then Finance Department.

Images From Across the City



Nita Kirkpatrick before



Nita Kirkpatrick after

Nita Kirkpatrick, City Attorney's Office, was featured on the cover of the December 2002 edition of CityScope. She had cut her hair and donated it to Locks of Love, a charity that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children with medical hair loss.



Rusty Roberts, Fire, was featured on the cover of the May/June 2006 edition of CityScope in an article about his involvement with Camp Amigo, a special camp for children ages 7-17 who are burn victims.

Recently Mr. Rob Swearingen, Chief Accountant in the Accounting Division of the Finance Department, received notification that he has passed the Uniform Certified Public Accountants Examination which was given in May, 1978. This exam is given only twice a year to applicants from all over the United States and of which only 15% eventually pass.



Rob has been employed with the City for 7 years and now plans to work toward his Master's Degree in Accounting at FSU in order to complete the requirements to become a Licensed Certified Public Accountant. Our congratulations go to Rob for this very fine accomplishment and our hopes for his continued success in pursuit of his career goals.

Rob Swearingen, DMA, appeared in the September 1978 edition of The City Highlighter. He was recognized for passing the Uniform Certified Public Accountants Examination.