



# VENICE CITY SCENE

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## Roger Clark selected Employee of the Year

You are invited to attend the Venice City Council meeting on Feb. 10 at 9 a.m. to see Planner Roger Clark receive the Employee of the Year Award.

Clark, who has worked for the city for 12 years, was nominated by Community Development Director Jeff Shrum.

Clark volunteered to take on the duties of coordinating special events with event holders and city departments when the department lost a position a few years ago. Since then, he has streamlined some processes and developed a new application form that provides more detail for both the event holder and the city, and makes sure the actual set up is in the approved design.

“Roger is a good ambassador for the city, providing outstanding service working with event holders to ensure a smooth operation,” Shrum said.

“Roger works with the development community to ensure the aesthetics of each develop-

ment exceeds the minimum requirements of the city,” Shrum said.

By working with applicants in a responsive manner and helping them to achieve their goals in a timely way, Clark inspires developers to want to present their best work for the city.

Clark is known for taking extra steps to help his customers, even walking them to another department when they must see another city employee.

Clark, who grew up in Venice, has a passion for his city and the greater community. That is part of the reason why many customers in the Community Development Services Department ask for him at the counter.

Words like ethical, compassionate, cooperative, supportive and patient are just a few of the virtues that other employees agree describe Clark in his work for the city.



Planner Roger Clark was selected Employee of the Year. He receives his recognition at the Feb. 10 city council meeting.

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## BUS Tokens



The following employees received BUS tokens :

**Nancy Carello**, Cashier’s Office  
**Kathie Smith**, Administrative Services  
**Roger Clark**, Development Services  
**Scott Pickett**, Development Services  
**Greg Schneider**, Development Services

*Five bus tokens equals \$50. Turn them in to Administrative Services Department to receive the award.*

## Welcome to the City Team

The following employees recently started working for the city:

Firemedic **Colton Schuchert**, Fire Department, Jan. 5.

Field Operations Technician **Paul Knowles**, Utilities Department, Field Operations Division, Feb. 2

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## Take a Bow

### Police Department

Sgt. **Ron Perisho** and Officer **Rob Henderson** were appreciated for the call they made to a local pastor when one of his church members passed away.

“The widow was extremely distraught. Officer Henderson handled things kindly and professionally,” the pastor wrote.

Officer **Dan Schuler** won admiration from a resident in the Capri Isles area by reassuring that speeding along the road was under control.

“My thanks to Officer Schuler and all your fine personnel,” the resident wrote.

Officer **Robert Palmieri** earned praise for the presentation made to Girl Scout Troop 250.

The scout leader thanked Specialist **Cheryl Prevatte** for helping her with safety equipment while Prevatte was on her lunch break and providing fun age-appropriate materials for the troop.

She went on to say she saw Detective **Robert Goodson** present another program to a boy scout troop. He also provided course materials for the girl scouts.

### Public Works Department

**Tim Rounds**, **Andy Spafford** and **Steven Soult** were praised by the residents and businesses in the Venice Centre Mall for the great job they did trimming the nearby palm trees.

### Airport Department

A t-hangar lessee thanked the airport maintenance staff for handling the cleaning of his t-hangar on short notice to accommodate the relocation of his airplane.

“If not for Maintenance Technician I **Al Schudel**, I would not have a spot for my aircraft and would have had to go elsewhere,” the customer said.

### Fire Department

Venice Sands condominium board of directors wrote to Chief Jim Warman thanking the **Fire Department** for a swift response Jan. 13 when one of their residents was found motionless on the floor of the garage. “The emergency crew represented your department with extrememefficiency and professionalism,” the board members wrote about **Ryan Behling**, **Matthew Pettit**, and **Chad Meyers**.

## Promotion

Heavy Equipment Operator **Tim Rounds**, from municipal service worker II, Public Works Department, Parks Division, on Jan. 26.



# Happy Birthday!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1  Louis White, <i>PD</i>	2  Heather Taylor, <i>CC</i> Mark Woodford, <i>PW</i>	3  Rick Napoli, <i>PD</i>	4	5  Cory Baker <i>IT</i> Steve Roberts, <i>FD</i>	6  Heather LeDuc, <i>APT</i>	7  Damon Barrantes, <i>Util</i> John Veneziano, <i>PW</i>
8	9	10  Colleen Winkler, <i>Util</i>	11	12	13	14
15  JoAnne Lounsbury, <i>Fin</i> Teresa McDonald, <i>FD</i>	16  Matthew Tomer, <i>FD</i>	17	18  Demitri Serianni, <i>PD</i>	19  Adrian Rivera, <i>Util</i>	20  Troy Crepeau, <i>PD</i>	21
22	23	24  Wayne Hill, <i>Util</i>	25  Kathleen Weeden, <i>Eng</i>	26  Cathy Dubre, <i>Eng</i>	27	28  Roger Clark, <i>DS</i> Eric Hill, <i>PD</i> Brett Wasserman, <i>FD</i>
					DS - Development Services Fin - Finance IT - Information Technology Services PD - Police Department	PW - Public Works Util - Utilities Department FD - Fire Department Eng - Engineering CC - City Clerk



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1	2	3 Tim Merritt, Util	4 Tawnie Murdock, PD	5 Steve Scurek, PD Linda Senne, Fin	6	7
8 Sharon Middleton, PD	9	10	11 Ron Carter, Util	12	13 Brian Bettenhausen, Util	14
15	16 Bill Linn, Util Kit McKeon, CC	17 Vadim Bugayev, Util	18 Rob Henderson, PD	19	20	21 Paul Joyce, PD
22	23 Joan Moudy, DS	24 Ed Lavallee, CMO	25	26	27 Mike Denewith, IT	28
29 Kristin Pyne, CDS	30	31			ASD-Administrative Services CCO - City Clerk Fin - Finance IIT - Information Technology Services PD - Police Department PW - Public Works Department	APT - Airport CMO - City Manager's Office CCO - City Clerk's Office CDS - Community Development Services CC - City Council