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CITY OF SANTA MARIA EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER



A few words from your City Manager

Rick Haydon



Febuary is a month in which we celebrate some great events – the Super Bowl, two of our greatest President’s birthdays, and Valentine’s Day. February also marks Black History Month, Great American Pie Month, Ground Hog Day (the 2nd), and Random Acts of Kindness Day (the 17th).

We also honor our fellow City employees that celebrated some significant milestones this past year, by hosting our 54th Annual Employee Service Awards Dinner. This year, the dinner will be held on Thursday, February 16th at the Veterans’ Memorial Center.

To all employees and retirees being recognized, I say thank you. Thank you for all your hard work, dedication, and commitment to the City and its residents and businesses. You are what makes this City, this organization, a great place!

I hope to see many of you at the Employee Service Awards Dinner to support your colleagues who are being honored. I know it would be very meaningful to them to have their co-workers there to show support. As a team, we come to rely on each other, so it follows that we should get together to celebrate our wins and recognize our fellow co-workers, and this is one of those occasions.

Steve Jobs said: “Your work is going to fill a large part of your life, and the only way to be truly satisfied is to do what you believe is great work. And the only way to do great work is to love what you do.”

I know many of our employees love what they do and this year we’re celebrating 55 employees that have provided our residents and businesses with over 890 years of combined dedicated public service to this

community. That is over 1.8 million hours of work. Wow! I mean, come on, neither The Simpsons or Oprah lasted that long!

Also, we will be recognizing a number of long-term City employees that retired this past year, as well as our “Going the Extra Mile” (GEM) Award recipients from 2016.

Each of those who are being recognized (a list of whom can be found on page 3) have made an impact on their respective Departments, on our organization, and on the community. Their contributions, creativity, dedication, productivity, and understanding that local government makes an important difference in people’s lives, all helped to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of our community. In a very real way, also, to attract and retain residents and businesses.

Their attitude and actions represented the City – and contributed to how we are perceived by our customers. I believe that people who cultivate a positive mind-set perform better in the face of challenges. Those who retired this past year were engaged and stimulated by their work. I’m talking about employees at all levels of our organization as each one of you matter.

We should all be thankful that we have so many experienced, dedicated and hard-working employees to work with, and alongside, as we deliver municipal services to the public.

What we do every day has a direct impact on the quality of life in Santa Maria. And on behalf of all of the residents and businesses in the City, I thank you for all of your dedicated service.

Rick