



MURPHY MONTHLY

Official Citywide Employee Newsletter for the City of Murphy

MURF SPOTLIGHT

What's up with the Yeti? Since the unveiling of the new Core Values, we've gotten a lot of questions about where the Murf came from.

Murf was created by the Parks & Recreation Department a few years ago, for a fun and unique way to engage with the community. He's made appearances in businesses promoting The Corridor, at events, and even at council meetings!

We thought he was so COOL, we wanted to expand his impact in Murphy!



WELLNESS EVENTS



10/16 - Wellness Wednesday

Pre-Shift Warm-Up @ PW Parking Lot

- 7:30a.m. - 8:00a.m.

Wellness Walk @ City Hall Front Entrance

- 9:00a.m. - 9:30a.m.

Lunch & Learn @ City Hall Fishbowl

- 12:00p.m. - 1:00p.m.

Reminder: Activity participation earns credit toward your wellness program scorecard! Complete your scorecard by 8/31/25 to earn a monthly wellness rebate of up to \$30. Visit www.murphytx.org/915 for more info.

CITY EVENTS



10/12 - Clean and Green

9:00a.m.-12:00p.m. - Murphy Municipal Complex

10/12 - Fire Dept. Open House

10:00a.m.-2:00p.m. - Fire House Bay

10/16 - Afternoon Budget Video Social

2:30p.m.-3:00p.m. - Council Chambers

10/25 - Moonlight Movies: Skele-Bration

6:00p.m.-9:00p.m. - City Hall Complex

10/26 - Drug Take Back

10:00a.m.-2:00p.m. - Murphy Police Station

10/31 - Halloween Potluck, Secret Pumpkin, Costume Contest

11:30a.m.-1:00p.m. - Community Room

Return your Secret Pumpkin registration forms to dcollings@murphytx.org by 10/11!

NEW HIRES

Welcome to the Murphy team!



Dustin Huddleston
Police Officer
PD

Officer Huddleston used to work as a Police Officer for the City of Plano before applying to Murphy. He enjoys trail hiking, watching the Big Bang Theory, and would like to travel in Europe. The desire to learn new skills is what motivates Dustin. He is most proud of having his dream job!



Connor LaBaron
Police Officer
PD

Officer LaBaron used to work as a Police Officer for the City of McKinney before coming to Murphy. He enjoys playing golf and hockey, watching The Office, and watching the Dallas Stars! Making a difference motivates Connor, and he is most proud of being a homeowner.

JOB OPENINGS



- Court Bailiff
- Firefighter/Paramedic
- Irrigation Technician
- Parks Crew Leader
- Recreation Programmer
- School Crossing Guard
- Telecommunications Officer

MILESTONES



- Anisha Sabu** - 1 Yr of Service
- Jared Conoly** - 2 Yrs of Service
- Danny Do** - 2 Yrs of Service
- Israel Rodriguez** - 4 Yrs of Service
- Shannon Long** - 18 Yrs of Service

Thank you for your continued service to making Murphy the incredible place that it is. Because of your hard work and dedication, Murphy continues to improve for our staff and residents.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Enjoy your special day!



- Kendall DeLand - 10/1
- Timothy Rogers - 10/1
- Shahrzad Rizvi - 10/8
- David Foster - 10/12
- Roberta Reyes - 10/12
- Alicia Munoz - 10/15

- Laura Evans - 10/18
- Melvin Capers - 10/21
- Roger Camp - 10/25
- John Burton - 10/28
- Jennifer Chaco-Case - 10/29
- Ezequiel Martinez - 10/29

MONTH IN REVIEW

New Hire and Birthday Social

The Culture Committee hosted the Quarterly New Hire & Birthday Social on 9/26. We celebrated all the new employees who were hired in the third quarter, and those who celebrated their birthdays in July-September by having cake and ice-cream! We're excited to host the next one on December 19th!

Employee Town Hall

Thanks to all who attended the Employee Town Hall on October 3rd in which our new core values (Murphy C.O.O.L) were announced in the FY25 Budget Presentation by City Manager Aretha Adams. We sincerely hope you enjoyed the food, fun, and laughter!

Missed the Employee Town Hall? No worries, a recording will soon be available on the Employee Intranet!

Leadership Development

On October 10th, Cohort 1 of Murphy employees learned all about making the most of various personalities in the workplace in their 4th training session of the Murphy Way Leadership Academy.

Maize Days

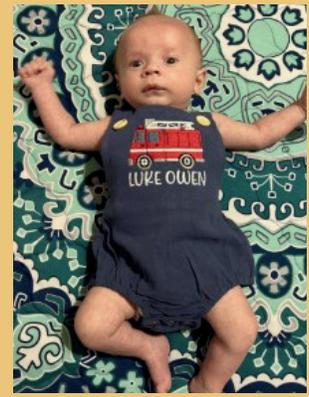
A huge shout out to our Parks & Recreation department staff, who pulled off the most incredible Maize Days event yet this past Saturday, October 5th!



A PERSONAL TOUCH



Detective **Jennifer Chacon-Chase** welcomed a new addition to her family on September 13th, 2024. Her new grandson, Jack Avery LaRue, was born at 30 weeks and has been making fantastic progress (shown to the right). Her son Dillon LaRue and daughter-in-law Georgia Young are the proud parents of this cutie while attending their last year at Texas Tech University. What a lovely family!



Fire Chief **Del Albright** welcomed a new addition to his family on June 20th, 2024. His new granddaughter, Guinevere, was 8lbs, 3.6 ounces, and 21 inches long. Congratulations and best wishes.

Fire Services Coordinator **Dawnelle Collings** also welcomed a grandchild. Her new grandson, Luke Owen, was born on April 23rd, 2024 and was 6lbs, 6 ounces, and 19 1/4 inches long. Congrats to you and your family!

If you have any recent personal milestones or accomplishments you'd like to be shared in the newsletter, email NArledge@murphytx.org and be sure to include photos, if possible.

RECOGNITION WALL



CAUSE FOR APPLAUSE

The Utility Customer Service department received a customer report of a missing stop sign in Murphy Market Place on October 2. Teresa consulted Public Works and Code Enforcement for a resolution to the safety hazard voiced by the resident. When told that the City does not have any responsibility over the private property, **Teresa** and **Sammi** went above and beyond their regular duties to research a contact that could inform the property management of the issue. A big thank you to Teresa and Sammi for their commitment to putting the safety of all Murphy residents first.



CAUSE FOR APPLAUSE

On August 21, Ofc. **Daniel Moszak** encountered an elderly woman walking barefoot on FM 544. He checked out on a self-initiated welfare concern and it was determined the female wanted to be transported to the hospital. During his contact with the individual, Ofc. Moszak observed that the woman's feet were sore. Ofc. Moszak took the initiative to go to Walmart and purchase shoes and socks for her. His actions, which involved taking extra time and personal expense, demonstrate exceptional compassion and a commitment to service well beyond the call of duty.

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION



For the month of October, HR is happy to recognize & celebrate

National Custodian's Day, Community Planning Month, and Fire Prevention Week

- thank you for all that you do! See the photos to the right of our AMAZING staff.



CAREER ACHIEVEMENTS

Kris Riebschlager, Jennifer Chacon-Case, and Angela Hughes achieved **promotions to CID Corporal**, while Travis Morgan, Collin Miller, Daniel Moszak, and Brandon Myers achieved **promotions to Patrol Corporal**.

Ashley Hudson achieved a promotion to **Special Events Manager**, while Melvin Capers achieved a promotion to **Recreation Center Supervisor**.

Congrats on your well-deserved career advancements. We look forward to seeing you achieve great heights in your new roles!

CONTINUING EDUCATION SHOUT-OUT



Congratulations to **Leandra Magness-Weimer** (Customer Service) for obtaining her Level I Permit Technician Certification and **Tim Rogers II** (Police Telecommunications) for obtaining his Intermediate level Telecommunicators License! We are so proud of you for continuing your education and expanding your skill set, and thank you for enriching the City with new knowledge, skills, and abilities.