



News & Announcements



Blood Cancer Awareness Month

Blood Cancer Awareness Month is a global event helping to raise awareness of one of the world's most prevalent and dangerous cancers: blood cancer. **September** turns red each year as the spotlight is put firmly on blood cancer and the impact it has on our communities and the urgent need for more action. Raising awareness of blood cancer, its signs and symptoms and its impact, will help to improve early diagnosis, encourage policymakers to prioritize the disease, as well as help everyone with blood cancer feel connected and heard.

Blood Cancer Symptoms

While each type of blood cancer is different, they can share some common symptoms and signs. Some people with blood cancer may not have any symptoms until the disease has advanced or they may also mistake the symptoms for a severe cold or flu.

Some common **blood cancer symptoms** include:

- Coughing or chest pain
- Frequent infections
- Fever or chills
- Unexplained rash, bruising, or bleeding
- Loss of appetite or nausea.
- Persistent weakness and fatigue.



Labor Day is a U.S. federal holiday celebrated on the first Monday in *September* to honor the contributions of American workers and the labor movement. The holiday was inspired by growing efforts to improve working conditions, fair wages, and the eight-hour workday.

Safety Trivia Question...



What does the term “PPE” stand for in the context of workplace safety?

- a. Primary Prevention Exercises
- b. Protective Product Evaluation
- c. Personal Protective Equipment
- d. Prevention of Potential Emergency

See answer on HR page 4

CONGRATULATIONS are in order for those celebrating
Birthdays and Years of Service with the City!
 Keep up the **GREAT** work!



*****YEARS OF SERVICE *****
SEPTEMBER 2026

HAROLD HAYWOOD	33 Years
JASON LOCKLEAR	29 Years
TEDDY QUICK	24 Years
MITCHELL MISHUE	20 Years
DAVID HARDY	15 Years
RODNEY PARKER	9 Years
PATRICK LOCKLEAR	5 Years



HAIDEN EVANS	4 Years
JENNINGS WRIGHT IV	4 Years
ARNOLD THOMPSON, JR.	4 Years
MARIAN MANIS	2 Years
KENNETH LOCKLEAR	2 Years
JENNIFER MCGIRT	2 Years
LOCKLEAR, BRENT	1 Year
LOCKLEAR, ALESSA	1 Year



*****BIRTHDAYS*****

OCTOBER 2026

ANGELA TAYLOR	10-03
DENNIS BRYANT	10-06
CAMERON FIELDS	10-07
DONTRELL DAVIS	10-10
ANGELA FOSTER	10-12
ARNOLD THOMPSON, JR.	10-14
SIMMIE HATCHER	10-14
MELVIN FLEMING	10-20



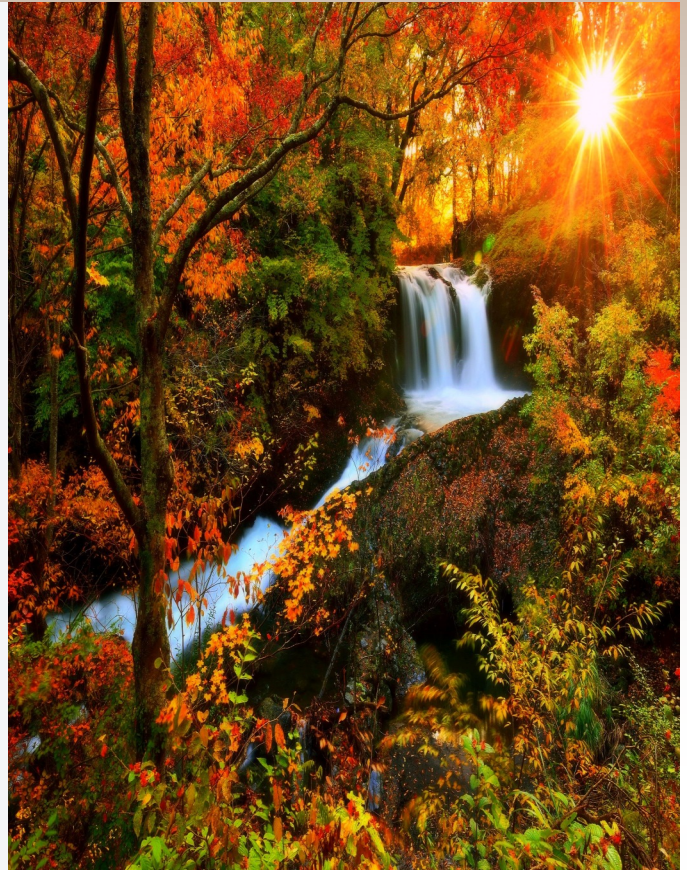
RANDY STRICKLAND	10-20
WILLIAM MCILWAIN	10-21
CHRISTOPHER STRICKLAND	10-22
CHARLES NICHOLS III	10-27
JENNIFER MCGIRT	10-27
TIMOTHY MAYNOR	10-28
BRENT LOCKLEAR	10-29



HR Reflection for the month...

Hello Autumn

A utumn is the season to
U nlock your potential and
T ake the leap of faith because
U nder the vibrant canopy of colors
M iracles will unfold when you
N avigate through uncertainty with hope



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Answer: C. Personal Protective Equipment

Wearing PPE can help protect employees from workplace hazards.