



**We Are Anniston...  
and We Are More.**

**CITY OF**  
**Anniston**  
*We Are More*



**"October is a symphony of  
permanence and change."**

**— Bonaro W. Overstreet**

Hello October! We are so excited to have cooler temperatures on the horizon here in Anniston. I'm sure our employees who spend a lot of their work days outside are grateful for the season to change as well.

October is the middle month of the fall season. And it is one of the most beautiful seasons of the year here in Anniston. Autumn brings about a stunning display of leaf color changes. The leaves transform into a kaleidoscope of new shades of red, orange and yellow hues. This is the time of the year I cherish the most for embarking on a drive along the 431 bypass and savoring the breathtaking scenery. If you have time, you should take a gander at our very own McClellan hiking trail and Coldwater Mountain Bike Trail. Or if you are up for a shorter adventure, take a quick trip over to Lake Yahou Park for a beautiful day of fishing or walking the half-mile trail around the lake.

## October Fun Facts

October is the 10th month of the Gregorian calendar. The name, however, predates the Gregorian calendar. It's name is derived from octo, Latin for "eight". In the early Roman calendar October was the 8th month. Despite the Romans adopting a 12 month calendar, the name "October" persisted even though it now represented the tenth month in the revised calendar.

Other fun October facts:

- Birthstones: Opals and tourmalines
- Zodiac signs: Libra and Scorpio
- Breast Cancer Awareness Month and National Pizza Month
- World Smile Day, October 6th
- Oktoberfest in Munich, Germany
- Indigenous Peoples Day, October 9th
- Canadian Thanksgiving, October 9th
- National Dessert Day, October 14th
- Global Handwashing Day, October 15th
- Global Cat Day, October 16th
- National Make a Difference Day, October 28th
- Halloween, October 31st



**STEVEN FOLKS**  
City Manager

## FROM THE DESK OF STEVEN FOLKS, CITY MANAGER

I continue to challenge each of you “Be passionate and proud of your service to others.” Spend more time looking to the hills and less time viewing social media. You are truly valued and appreciated!

“What you have done unto the least of Mine, you have done Unto Me...”

Stay Up and Stay Focused!!

Sincerely yours.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven D. Folks, Sr.".

Steven D. Folks, Sr.

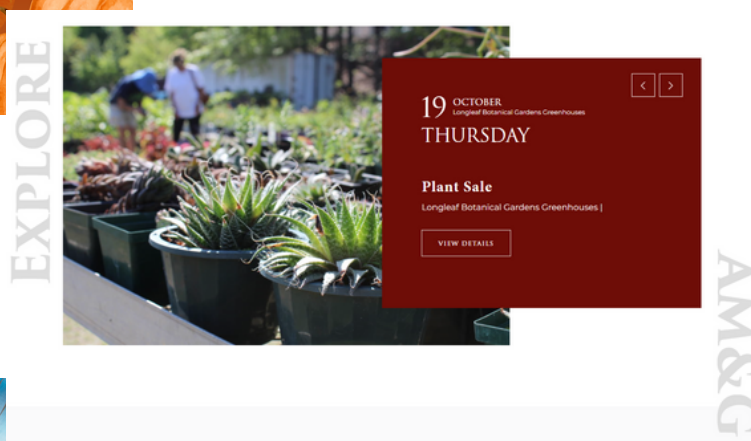
# October



ANNISTON MUSEUMS  
*and* GARDENS



Check out these amazing events and exhibits at the Anniston Museums and Gardens.





# October

126 West 11th Street  
Anniston, AL 36201

**Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**  
**ANNISTON CITY MARKET**  
October 5, 2023

[www.mainstreetanniston.com](http://www.mainstreetanniston.com)

**Event Agenda:**

- 9:00 AM - 9:05 AM  
• Welcome Address - Karla Eden, Main Street Anniston Executive Director
- 9:05 AM - 9:10 AM  
• About the Project - Bill Whittaker, City Market Architect
- 9:10 AM - 9:15 AM  
• The Market's New Home - Michelle Smith, Anniston Downtown Market Manager
- 9:15 AM - 9:20 AM  
• The Progress & Future of Downtown - Jack Draper, Anniston City Mayor
- 9:20 AM - 9:30 AM  
• Ribbon Cutting Ceremony - Calhoun County Area Chamber & Visitors Center

10/05/23 at 9:00 AM CT

Join us at the Anniston City Market on Thursday, October 5th for the ribbon cutting ceremony revealing the beautiful City Market officially to the community. Check the flyer above for details.

**NEEWOLLAH ON NOBLE**  
Saturday, October 21, 2023  
4 PM to 9PM

**MAIN STREET ANNISTON**  
Live Music • Food • Kid Zone  
Costume Contest • Candy

**NEEWOLLAH ON NOBLE**  
Costume Contest Schedule

Pets: 4:15 pm  
Ages 0-1: 4:45 pm  
Ages 2-4: 5:30pm  
Ages 5-8: 6pm  
Ages 9-12: 6:30pm  
Ages 13-17: 7pm  
Ages 18+: 7:30pm

**MAIN STREET ANNISTON**

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CITY OF ANNISTON?



Join us in downtown Anniston for Jazz and Art Festival on October 19-21, 2023. Times are as follows: Thursday and Friday from 5 PM to 9 PM and Saturday, 4 PM to 9 PM.

This event is FREE, but **VIP** tickets are available for purchase through Main Street Anniston.

**\*VIP tickets MUST** be purchased in advanced.





## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CITY OF ANNISTON?



**Calhoun County Landfill**  
3625 Morrisville Road  
Anniston, AL 36201  
FOR QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL:  
256-236-2481

### 2023 Free Dump Day:

**Saturday's- 7:00AM-12:00PM**  
**January 21, 2023**  
**April 15, 2023**  
**July 15, 2023**  
**October 21, 2023**

**Free Disposal For:**

- Appliances
- Yard Waste
- Shingles
- Scrap Metal
- Carpet
- Remodeling Waste

Sponsored by Your Calhoun County Commissioners





### Carver Community Center



**PLEASE CALL 256.231.7630  
BEFORE ARRIVING!**

**DAYS & TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE  
TO RENTALS  
OR CITY OF ANNISTON EVENTS!**

**MON-THURS : 1PM-6PM  
FRIDAY: NO FREE PLAY**



**IF YOU HAVE NOT  
BEEN VACINATED,  
WE ENCOURAGE YOU  
TO WEAR A MASK!**



# Employee Spotlight



## Jacob Gann

Assistant Street Superintendent 18 Years

**Q: What are your hobbies or things you like to do in your spare time?**

**A:** "I love to spend time with my family."

**Q: What do you enjoy most about your job?**

**A:** "The things I like about my job are the people I get to work with and the projects we get to do."



## Chad Blizzard

Light Equipment/Tools Servicer 16 years

**Q: What are your hobbies or things you like to do in your spare time?**

**A:** "During my off time, I enjoy spending time with my family and being outdoors. I enjoy camping, fishing, hunting, and fixing things."

**Q: What do you enjoy most about your job?**

**A:** "What I enjoy most about my job is being able to repair the equipment to keep the City of Anniston an enjoyable place for everyone who lives here and visits."

# Employee Spotlight



## Sterling Fiering

Senior Adult Recreation Leader 7 Years

**Q: What are your hobbies or things you like to do in your spare time?**

**A:** "In my off time I enjoy travel, being outdoors, and trying new restaurants."

**Q: What do you enjoy most about your job?**

**A:** "I enjoy having a daily opportunity to serve our participants at the Senior Therapeutic Center by providing a fun social atmosphere, engaging activities, and education/outreach catered to our demographic. I also enjoy the community relationships I've been given an opportunity to build, and being part of a dedicated team that supports me."



## Charles Bush

AAFC Recreation Leader 28 years

**Q: What are your hobbies or things you like to do in your spare time?**

**A:** "I am an avid sports fan. Go Canes! I also enjoy fishing and casino gaming."

**Q: What do you enjoy most about your job?**

**A:** "I enjoy helping people."



# Employee Spotlight



**Shirlena Fluker**

Account Payable Clerk

4 years

**Q: What are your hobbies or things you like to do in your spare time?**

**A:** "I enjoy spending my off time with my family and friends."

**Q: What do you enjoy most about your job?**

**A:** "I have learned so much in the past 4 years. New task and challenges present themselves every day, so that no day is ever the same. This job always keeps me interested and motivated to continue learning and developing new skills. Its has been a joy to work in such a collaborative environment of talented and passionate people."



**Ashley Garcia**

Graphics and Marketing Coordinator

1 year

**Q: What are your hobbies or things you like to do in your spare time?**

**A:**"During my off time, I love to read and draw. I'm always starting new art projects, and working towards improving with each piece."

**Q: What do you enjoy most about your job?**

**A:** "The thing I most enjoy about my job is the wide variety of projects I have the opportunity to work on. There's always something new and fun waiting around the corner."

# Employee Spotlight



**Brett Lloyd**

Police Lieutenant

14 years

**Q: What are your hobbies or things you like to do in your spare time?**

**A:** "My wife and I have a camper and enjoy taking trips in it to different places. We also spend a lot of time at events for our youth students. I'm the youth pastor at our church, and we love going to their games, band concerts, and other extracurricular activities. Lastly, I love outdoor sports. Any day I can be in a tree stand or on the water is a good day. "

**Q: What do you enjoy most about your job?**

**A:** "All the tough moments and times are worth it when you see that you have made a positive impact on someone. That may be on a call with one of the citizens we serve or inside the four walls of the police department. I have been blessed during my career to have many people that have impacted me positively, and I try to do the same for those I encounter daily. "



**Dylan Grubbs**

Firefighter

5 years

**Q: What are your hobbies or things you like to do in your spare time?**

**A:** "I enjoy mountain biking at Coldwater Mountain and Ft. McClellan. I also enjoy spending time with my family."

**Q: What do you enjoy most about your job?**

**A:** "What I enjoy most is helping the people in the community I grew up in. I also enjoy teaching technical classes and Recruit Schools at the Anniston Regional Training Center."

# Employee Spotlight



**Josh Barkley**

Technical Inspector

2 Years

**Q: What are your hobbies or things you like to do in your spare time?**

**A:** "Spending time with my family. I also like to hunt and fish at the farm and on just about every Sunday for the past 23 years I have had the opportunity to tell anyone that will listen about the only thing that really matters. Between all that there is not much time off."

**Q: What do you enjoy most about your job?**

**A:** "Helping people find solutions to their problems that they may run across in the building process of their homes or businesses.."

# THANK YOU!

## FROM THE HUMAN RESOURCES TEAM

Many thanks to the September Employee Spotlight participants. We appreciate you taking the time to complete this process with us and look forward to including other employees in the future. Thank you for representing your departments well and being a valuable member of the City of Anniston team.

**Bersheba Austin, HR Director**

**Shelby Shiflett, HR Clerk**

**Gemini Sigler, HR Specialist**



## HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATES

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### October Birthdays

Millie Harris  
Shawn Morehead  
Cameron Smith  
Devin Barksdale  
Keith Brown  
Jackson Henry  
Jessica Leonard  
Ashley Talley  
Canyon Mickler  
Chantz Anders  
Tylor Cornwell  
Billy Curvin  
David Scheer  
Chase Heindl  
Keaonta Hines  
Dakota Morehead  
Timothy Suits  
Charles Bush

Kevin Emerson  
Thomas O'Connor  
Nick Bowles  
Jonathan Cox  
Leland Viena  
Sarah Woolmaker  
Wiley Boggs  
Demarcus Fomby  
Reed Hill  
Cody Murray  
Rex Newton  
Brandon Connell  
Jasmine Elston  
Dustin Walker  
Paul Wade  
Logan Johnson  
Brian Brockman  
Tyrone McGhee

## HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATES



### October Anniversaries

David Rollins	25 Years	Stephen Graham	5 Years
Brandon Connell	20 Years	Calvin Prince	5 Years
Ricky Day	20 Years	Shirlena Fluker	4 Years
David Thompson	20 Years	Owen Smith	4 Years
Brenton McCurry	17 Years	Matthew Jerome	3 Years
Bruce Barnes	16 Years	Chris Cardwell	2 Years
Toby Bennington	16 Years	Ray Jones	2 Years
Jason Hawkins	13 Years	Gemini Sigler	1 Year
Roger Hammock	11 Years	Shelby Shiflett	1 Year
Patrick Lackey	11 Years	Deborah Horvath	1 Year
Alan Robison	8 Years	Destini Elston	1 Year
Larry Crotzer	7 Years	Jasmine Smith	1 Year
Ben Brown	6 Years	Clinton Pangburn	1 Year
Mitchell Bonds	6 Years	Darlene Berta	1 Year
Terry Hinkemeyer	6 Years	Dalton Moses	1 Year
Matthew McAllister	6 Years	Demetrious Gaston	1 Year
Dylan Grubbs	5 Years		