



ROCK BEATS

MONTHLY EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER



YOUR MONTHLY PULSE ON
WHAT'S HAPPENING
AT THE CITY OF ROUND ROCK

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ON THE COVER

Torie Henderson and **Janiqua Mabry** (Human Resources) enjoy the 2026 Employee Benefits and Wellness Fair on Friday, April 17.

Police Foundation Night at Dell Diamond

The Round Rock Express hosted Round Rock Police Foundation Night at Dell Diamond on Saturday, April 18, with a portion of each ticket supporting the Foundation.



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TEXAS WATER CONFERENCE AWARDS

The City of Round Rock was honored with two awards at the Texas Water Conference.

City Water Conservation Coordinator **Jessica Woods** of Utilities and Environmental Services in Public Works won the Mike Howe Outstanding Service to Texas – American Water Works Association Award. This award recognizes those who have had a significant positive impact on the Texas section of the American Water Works Association. The department's **Water Conservation Newsletter** won a Watermark Award for Communication Excellence. This award recognizes utilities that have produced top-quality communications.



THE HR HUB

▶ **Therapy dog on wellness tour**

City employees can take a few minutes to recharge with Ivy during the “Paws for a Break” wellness tour. Ivy, a comfort canine placed with the Round Rock Fire Department through Hearts 4 Heroes USA, is visiting City departments to provide supportive, stress-relieving interactions as part of the Fire Department’s peer support and wellness efforts.

Departments should contact sdhar@roundrocktexas.gov with their interest, date, time and location.

▶ **Mental health counseling available through AllOne Health**

Your employee assistance program counseling benefit gives you quick, flexible access to licensed mental health professionals in confidential sessions that are free to use. Support is available for any emotional, personal or work-related concern impacting your well-being.

Call AllOne Health at **1-800-451-1834** or visit allonehealth.com/portal.

▶ **Benefits Reminders:**

- The **Employee Wellness Center** is open daily from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. at 901 Round Rock Ave. Each employee may bring one guest (an immediate family member, age 16 and above, only). Access the center using your City ID badge.
- Employees may obtain **free library cards** at the Round Rock Public Library. Apply in-person at the library, 200 E. Liberty Ave., with your City ID badge and state-issued ID (current address needed).

INNOVATION AT ITS FINEST

The Round Rock Public Library has been honored with a Branding Iron Award from the Texas Library Association for its **Discovery Pass Program**, recognizing the library’s outstanding marketing and community engagement efforts. Learn more about the program at roundrocktexas.gov/library.

Round Rock Public Library wins

TLA* 2026

BRANDING IRON AWARD

for Discovery Pass program



Round Rock Celebrates Health and Wellness

City of Round Rock Human Resources invited employees to celebrate health and wellness like a fiesta on Friday, April 17 at Sharon Prete Plaza. Employees enjoyed food, a performance by the C.D. Fulkes Middle School Mariachi and other activities, and visited with invited vendors who provided information on City health programs and other benefits.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

EMPLOYEE WEBINARS

Find more employee events:
rrtx.info/wellness

Wednesday, May 13

- **Mental Health 101: Understanding the Basics webinar** – 1 p.m. | In this presentation, CareATC covers mental health challenges and ways to support your well-being and that of others. [Click to register](#)

Tuesday, May 26

- **Start With the End in Mind: Making Proactive Wellbeing a Business Strategy** – 11 a.m. to noon | The session focuses on practical ways leaders can embed wellbeing into how work actually gets done. | [Click to register](#)
- **Caregiver Stress: Tips for Self Care** – 3-4 p.m. | Recognize common caregiver stressors and learn tips to recharge. | [Click to join in](#)

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Wednesdays

- **Music on Main** – 7-9 p.m. | Prete Plaza, 221 E. Main St.

Tuesdays and Thursdays

- **Hometown Parklet Shows** – 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. | Downtown Round Rock

Thursday, May 7

- **Baca Center Presents “An Evening Under the Stars”** – 7-10 p.m. | Centennial Plaza, 301 W. Bagdad Ave. | Enjoy an evening of dancing, food and drinks. | For ages 50 plus (Baca Center membership not required) | \$20 | Call 512-218-5499.

Saturday, May 9

- **Donut Dash 5K** – 7-11 a.m. | Prete Plaza, 221 E. Main St. | Participate in Challenger, Casual or Zero K divisions. | [Click to register](#)

Saturday, May 16

- **Mainly Art** – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. | Downtown Round Rock

Find more community events:

roundrocktexas.gov/events

ON THE ROAD TO EXCELLENCE

The City of Round Rock Fleet Services division was ranked **fourth overall** in the 2026 National Association of Fleet Administrators' 100 Best Fleets in the Americas list. The recognition marked the City's **sixth consecutive year** on the list and its **first time in the top five finishers**, reviewed from a field of over 38,000 fleets. The recognition came at the 2026 NAFA Institute and Expo April 13-15 in Cleveland.

The Round Rock Fleet Services team also received individual awards and certifications, including the **NAFA National Technician of the Year** and **Firehouse Technician of the Year** runner-up awards and a letter of commendation from CalFire. Two employees achieved NAFA certification as automotive fleet managers.

Also, American Public Works Association and Government Fleet Magazine announced the 2025 Leading Fleets award winners at the Government Fleet Expo and Conference in Charlotte, N.C. last June. Round Rock was listed in the top 20, finishing 11th overall. Award organizers reviewed over 38,000 fleets in determining the 50 selected for the list.



EMPLOYEES ON THE MOVE

NEW HIRES



COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING

KIRSTEN ROGNEY

PARKS AND RECREATION

PAUL DIAZ
ROBERTO ROSENZWEIG

PUBLIC WORKS

ERICA TUNCHEZ
HENRY CABRIALES
MARC GAUNA
JOSE CAMPOS

GENERAL SERVICES

BRAYDEN BENSON

PROMOTIONS



POLICE

KIMBERLY RENDON – PROMOTED TO DIVISION MANAGER - POLICE SUPPORT
SYLVIA MONCIVAIS – PROMOTED TO MANAGER - EVIDENCE & CRIME SCENE

PUBLIC WORKS

ANDREW BAUGHMAN – PROMOTED TO SUPERVISOR - UTILITY SERVICES

RETIREMENTS



POLICE

DARIN BAYLES (28)

PUBLIC WORKS

CHRISTOPHER SPENCER (28)
MATTHEW BUSHAK (7)

▶ **Have a recognition to submit for our next edition?**

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ADMINISTRATION

KAITLYN IPPOLITO (1)

COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

CHRISTOPHER DAILEY (4)

FINANCE

BREE'ANNA MILTON (2)

ALAN MCGRAW (7)

TROY VOELKER (7)

LUCAS WILSON (7)

IBIS ESTRADA (19)

SHERRI CRONE (21)

FIRE

KYLE SHEARFIELD (4)

NELSON POLICARPIO (4)

CHAD HARTMAN (4)

ABRAHAM PALOMAREZ (4)

KEVIN VEGA (4)

CALYSSA LUECHTEFELD (4)

KENNETH SCHMIDT (11)

DAN ADDANTE (11)

JON BROWNELL (21)

WILLIAM CLIFTON (21)

JEREMY HOBRATSCH (21)

TROY HIRSCH (21)

MICHAEL LINDSEY (21)

JOSHUA BONNEY (21)

JAMES GOSSARD (29)

JOHNNY DAVIDSON (31)

GENERAL SERVICES

JUAN GUILLEN (2)

JOSE SALAZAR (3)

JEREMIAH RENFROW (3)

RICHARD WILL (12)

HENRY LEFEBVRE (13)

INFORMATION

TECHNOLOGY

GABRIEL APODACA (19)

LIBRARY

HOLLY MCDOUGLE (13)

PARKS AND

RECREATION

MARK-ANTHONY AMICHIA (1)

REUBEN MENDOZA (2)

ALEXANDER FUTUJMA (3)

ANITA OUELLETTE (14)

MICHAEL THORNTON (14)

ROYCE BRYANT (14)

MANUEL CORONA (18)

KELLY HENSLEY (19)

PLANNING AND

DEVELOPMENT

SERVICES

VERONICA DEVANEY (3)

WALTER HOLBERT (3)

DALTON DUEITT (4)

JENNIFER ESPARZA (7)

POLICE

JOHN MINTER (1)

MATTHEW FERRARA (2)

SETH DUQUE (2)

JONECE JEANS (2)

ELDER GUEVARA (3)

SHAWN ENGERT (3)

RICHARD JEZEK (4)

SHELBY MAREK (6)

GABRIEL INIGUEZ (7)

TAYLOR ROBERSON (8)

HOKULANI KAULULAAU (10)

KACY MALISH (14)

JESSICA TURNER (15)

POLICE (continued)

JOSEPH CLAYPOOL (20)

IVONNE GUTIERREZ (22)

SHANNON SAFFEL (22)

EDGAR DELAROSA (22)

JASON HUF (22)

JUSTIN CARMICHAEL (25)

REY RODRIGUEZ (25)

MARTIN FLORES (25)

PUBLIC WORKS

JACQUELINE CARBAJAL (1)

ISMAEL TERREZ ESTRADA (1)

DAVID KOEHNE (2)

DALTON GIBBS (2)

NOAH NANCE (2)

RICHARD APARICIO (3)

GREGORY CIACCIO (3)

JORGE SOLIS-RUIZ (3)

EMILY MORALES (5)

TRAVIS CORTEZ (8)

JULIO VEGA (8)

ASHLEY TUCKER (8)

TONYA ROBSON (9)

ASHLEY MEDEL (9)

MATTHEW SILVA (9)

TYLER LANGE (10)

CHRISTOPHER PERKINS (11)

MARK EDWARDS (14)

LATON CARR (17)

ROLANDO GARCIA (23)

MARK HURD (27)

CURTIS JONES (27)

ROBERT GRACIA (27)

SPORTS MANAGEMENT AND TOURISM

SIMEON FORMWALT (1)

ZACHARY STILWELL (1)

JACOB DELLIPOALI (3)

GENA NELSON (5)

Celebrating Round Rock's Professionals

The City of Round Rock celebrated **National Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week** from April 12-18, and **Administrative Professionals Day** on April 22.





MEET YOUR COWORKER



Curtis Jones



Crew Leader - Utility Services



With CORR since: 27 years with the City

Job Responsibilities: I lead crews in maintaining the City drainage infrastructure. I also ensure safety and compliance with operational efficiency.

Favorite Hobbies: I enjoy playing basketball, riding four-wheelers and riding horses.

Favorite Movies/TV Shows: My favorite TV shows are “Gunsmoke,” “Yellowstone” and “Tombstone.”

Favorite Food: I prefer meatloaf, chicken wings and tacos.

Tell us something interesting about yourself: I love God and church and I love encouraging people and giving them hope in the midst of any situation.

EMPLOYEE AMBASSADORS

City of Round Rock Human Resources joined forces with Utilities and Environmental Services at the Austin Career Expo in April.

Senior Utility Services worker **Julian Angon** provided job seekers with insight on the Round Rock Public Works Department, particularly in Utilities and Transportation.

Angon joined the City in 2022 after attending a career fair himself. He was able to aid job seekers in gaining a firsthand look at career opportunities within his department, and his participation highlighted the importance of City employees as ambassadors.



Julian Angon



Human Resources



PETS of the MONTH

Want to submit your pet to be featured?

Email mguajardo@roundrocktexas.gov or use the QR code on the back page!

Name: Olivia

Owner: Shiane Ybarra, Finance

Age: 4

Breed: Medium-haired orange tabby

Meet Olivia, a soft bundle of sunshine wrapped in orange fur. From the moment you see her, it's hard not to notice her warm, vibrant color – it matches her personality perfectly. Olivia is the definition of cuddly; she has a special talent for curling up right beside you (or directly on you) and turning any moment into a cozy one. Her fur is unbelievably soft, the kind you can't help but keep petting long after you meant to stop. Whether she's stretched out in a sunny spot or tucked into a blanket, Olivia brings a calm, comforting presence wherever she goes. Of course, Olivia also proudly carries a touch of that classic "orange cat syndrome." That means she's a little quirky, a bit unpredictable, and often hilariously mischievous. One moment she's gazing at you like a wise old soul, and the next she's zooming across the room for no obvious reason at all. It's all part of her charm. She loves to play fetch like a dog. At the end of the day, Olivia isn't just a cat – she's a companion, a source of warmth, and a daily dose of joy wrapped in orange fluff.



Name: Ari

Owner: Meghann Nowak, Human Resources

Age: 14

Breed: Australian Shepherd

She was found on the side of a rural Arizona road when she was just a year old, and she's been our fur baby ever since. She'll turn 15 in July and is the friendliest, laziest and smartest Aussie you'll ever meet. She's even figured out how to open doors and escape from her kennels. We trained her in agility for several years, and she once modeled for the Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport Authority's Pet Volunteer program.

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