

# PUBLIC WORKS IN FEBRUARY

March 6, 2018

## Facilities & Landscape Maintenance

### Employee Memorial Rose Garden

With the passing of Jon Gail the current location of our Employee Memorial Rose Garden has exceeded its capacity and it is being moved to the southeast side of the driveway turn-around of City Hall. Construction has started with the placement of a large boulder, which will eventually hold the plaque currently mounted on the wall above the existing rose garden. Roses and memorial bricks will be moved and replanted along the circle as time and weather allows.



## Utilities ~ Water

### Mystery Solved

An uncertainty and mystery which has plagued the water crew for over 20 years has been solved through the persistent work of one of our newest employees. On a recent locate task for the east side of Holiday Inn, Utilities Maintenance Specialist Sam Kinnaman discovered several discrepancies and a missing valve as he attempted to find the water lines feeding the fire vault and water meter. In addition, the exact location of the water main, tee and isolation valve was uncertain. The crew had tried to locate the main several times in the past, but its exact location has been a mystery since at least the late 90's, when the culdesac at the east end of Commerce Circle was built.

Through his own research, exploratory digging and help from other crewmembers, Sam was finally able to confirm the exact location of the tee and valve on the water main. Once the crew dug down, they found that the valve had been buried under approximately three feet of fill, probably during construction of the road. Sam and Water Distribution Intern Rick Mapes proceeded to pull the old valve can out, which was in poor condition. They replaced it, and poured a concrete collar around it, along with three other valves which were in similar condition, found closer to Holiday Inn.

The main valve and tee is a critical isolation point for this area, so finding it was well worth the effort. Thanks to Sam, Rick and the others for being persistent enough to find these valves and repair them so they're ready to operate if needed.

