Check out the great things the employees of Public Works have been doing!
You can also read these stories at www.denvergov.org/WayToGo

“March Madness”—Not The Bracket...But A Blizzard!

You know it’s spring in Colorado when a blizzard is in the forecast! Forecasters said over a month’s worth of snow dropped on Denver on March 23. The National Weather Service reported snow falling at two inches per hour and measured Denver’s snow total at about 19.5 inches! Street Maintenance crews were ready as soon as the first flakes hit and were out in full force on Denver’s main streets. Their efforts didn’t go unnoticed on Twitter:

Photo Courtesy of @ChrisCBS4: 
“#Denver snow plows hard at work in Stapleton. #COwx #4wx”

From @teamcolfax: “Just saw a plow headed down the street. Thanks to @DenPublicWorks for the hard work on days like today.”

Solid Waste Management recycling crews also got a shout out for braving the elements!

Photo Courtesy of @j_esquibel85: “Thanks to Denver Recycles for working in this weather!!!”

Mayor Also Shows Appreciation...

Mayor Michael B. Hancock sent kind words, too, after our spring blizzard. “I wanted to take this time to sincerely thank our teams—and all of you—for your hard work during and following the blizzard. Thanks to you, we kept our streets safe and city operations running,” the Mayor wrote. “To the staff at Public Works who deployed plows efficiently and effectively, thank you. It makes me very proud to see firsthand your commitment to serving the people of Denver. It is, after all, what allows all of us to live in the best city in the U.S. Thank you. “Great job, everyone!
Love Note From a Bike Commuter

District 7 Council Aide Maggie Thompson is also a bike commuter, and she's sending her love to Street Maintenance and Right of Way Enforcement for their snow removal efforts on Denver’s bike lanes after a big snow storm hit Denver in early February. "The protected bike lanes downtown and the neighborhood streets on my bike ride home were in great shape!" Thompson wrote. "Thank you all for your hard work and outreach to downtown building managers to encourage keeping the lanes clear. It is truly appreciated!" ROWE has been helping clear snow from the protected bike lanes downtown on 15th, Lawrence and Arapahoe Streets by attaching small plows to their Jeeps. In addition, Street Maintenance tackles the on-street bike lanes, plowing through the bike lane to the curb whenever possible. For more on bicycling in the winter and snow removal for bike lanes, visit denversnowplan.com/bicycling-winter.

Cherry Creek Chamber Honors PW Parking & Planning Manager

Cindy Patton of Transportation & Mobility was named "Community Leader of the Year" at the Cherry Creek Chamber of Commerce's annual luncheon in March! As a Parking and Planning Manager for PW, Cindy has worked on a lot of projects in Cherry Creek including the University/Josephine Improvement Project in 2014, which focused on improving the community's storm sewer system and street reconstruction. "I was fortunate to be able to attend the lunch with Cindy," wrote Transportation Director Crissy Fanganello. "It was terrific, as the award was a total surprise and very much deserved for all the work Cindy has done over the years in Cherry Creek! Please join me in congratulating Cindy!"

Water Quality Project Manager Wins 5281 Award!

Sarah Anderson of Wastewater Management is the winner of this year’s 5281 Award in the Sustainability category! The 5281 Awards recognize employees that exemplify the STARS values—Service, Teamwork, Accountability, Respect and Safety, and who support sustainability practices. Sarah is the leader of the Water Quality team for PW's Policy, Planning and Sustainability. She also developed the Ultra-Urban Green Infrastructure Guide for future developers in Denver. The guide serves as an innovative "road map" for new engineering standards that utilize Denver’s streetscape, or urban infrastructure, to help with storm drainage and improve water quality. Congrats, Sarah!

Charter School Compliments

Transportation & Mobility Engineer John Behan gets an “A+” from STRIVE Preparatory Schools in Denver for his work to improve traffic flow and safety around one of their campuses in Southwest Denver. "I want to let you know how much I appreciate John! He attended meetings with our staff and families to learn more about the issues impacting our schools, acted quickly to determine possible solutions that aligned with the safety concerns, and worked hard to get items approved,” a school staff member wrote. “You’re lucky to have him on your team, and we feel lucky to have been able to work with him to improve safety for families and students, as well as increase traffic flow for the general public.”
For years, **PW, Denver Fire** and **Denver Police** operated their fleet divisions separately (separate stocking, separate purchase orders, separate vendors—you get the idea!). But a few years ago, the agencies put their heads together, and came up with an idea to consolidate their fleet divisions to help with cost savings and develop new efficiencies over the next five years. That’s when the **Fleet Analysis & Optimization Project (FAOP)** was born, helping transform City government to provide the highest quality services at the lowest possible costs!

Out of the FAOP, surfaced the **Fleet Logistics Operation (FLO)**, which helps the FAOP meet its goal of rendering more than $16 million of savings and other efficiencies over the next five years. Now, after a successful first year of FLO, it was time to celebrate! Employees from **Finance & Administration** and **Fleet Maintenance** got a big “Congratulations” on a cake for all their hard work helping FLO exceed goals in 2015—which included: improving the rate of filling parts and improving the days supply of inventory to name a few accomplishments. Congrats!
Councilwoman Calls Capital Project Presentation “Fantastic”

District 5 City Councilwoman Mary Beth Susman says Capital Projects Senior Engineer Mike Anderson was being modest when he said a public meeting in the Mayfair Neighborhood “went well.” Councilwoman Susman believes “It was fantastic!” That’s why she’s giving kudos to Anderson and his team—Jennifer Williams, Jeremy Hamer, and Kevin Lewis all of Wastewater Management—for the “wonderful” presentation they gave to residents back in November about storm drainage solutions for Montclair Basin. “The Montclair Basin has caused a lot of damage as well as heartache for my constituents many times, over many years,” Councilwoman Susman wrote. “I’m so grateful it is getting the attention it needs. Though the fix is years away, at least we’re working on it. That brought some comfort to the crowd. Thank you again!”

Two PW Departments Join Forces in West Highland

A Denver pastor is singing Wastewater Management and Street Maintenance’s praises. Employees from both departments came together to help cleanup a street in West Highland. In a letter to the Mayor’s Office, the pastor gives a shout out to Louis Chavez of Wastewater Management, as well as Norman Roderick, Jovan Thomas and Mike Rodriguez of Street Maintenance. “Their response was quick and represented you and the City and County of Denver well.” Way to go!

The newest member of PW Communications, Sarah Stanek, is getting compliments for her work on PW’s website from the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG). “We are in the process of updating our GIS inventory and have been using the Denver website to make updates,” wrote a DRCOG Transportation Planner. “Just wanted to let you know I really like the new layout and organization. It’s really easy to find information about projects!” Sarah has helped PW Communications immensely on the website since she joined the team in August. She has created and built several new web pages, including one for Transportation & Mobility, and another for the new citywide initiative, Vision Zero. Sarah also gave some of PW’s existing web pages a facelift! Great job, Sarah! To check out the new and improved PW website, visit denvergov.org/publicworks.
Several PW employees said “cheese” and were recognized for delivering a world class city with a mile high smile! The Mayor’s Project Denver Delivers program selected several folks from PW this year to have their photos displayed throughout Denver’s public buildings until May. So you might see the following PW employees showing their pearly whites at these places:

- **Juan Garza** of Finance & Admin. at Rude Recreation Center
- **Larry Ornelas** of Street Maintenance at the Lindsey-Flannigan Building
- **Mike Wallin** of Traffic Operations at Green Valley Ranch Recreation Center
- **Oscar Ponce DeLeon** of Street Maintenance at the Rodolfo “Corky” Gonzalez Library
- **Paul Jefferson** of Street Maintenance at Central Library
- **Robert Gallegos** of Street Maintenance at the Minoru Yasui Building
- **Dan Raine** of Transportation & Mobility at the McNichols Building
- **Dave Sterner** of Traffic Operations at Athmar Recreation Center
- **Elizabeth Zollo** of Finance & Admin. at Glenarm Recreation Center
- **Jeff Gonzales** of Street Maintenance at the Gary Price Building
- **Victor Rivera** and **Michael Archuleta** of Solid Waste Management at the City and County Building

Congrats to everyone from PW who were recognized! For more information about Project Denver Delivers, visit [denvergov.org/mayor](http://denvergov.org/mayor) and click on Project Denver Delivers under the “Programs & Initiatives” tab.
RECENT PW MILESTONES

JANUARY
- Sherry Gurule of Wastewater Management and Gregory Kirschenman of Fleet Management each received a 20 year service pin.

Retirements
- Edward Conner of Street Maintenance retired after 12 years.
- Bruce Backer of Wastewater Management retired after 12 years.
- Toni Green of Finance and Administration retired after 8 years.

FEBRUARY
- Daniel Jurado of Transportation & Mobility and Todd Brocesky of Right of Way Services each received a 35 year service pin.
- Laurie Duran of Right of Way Enforcement received a 30 year service pin.
- Kenneth Chavez of Right of Way Enforcement received a 25 year service pin.
- Andrew Romero of Right of Way Services received a 20 year service pin.

MARCH
- Norman Shaw of Street Maintenance and Douglas Dillavou of Right of Way Services each received a 25 year service pin.
- Rene Padilla and Robert Chism of Right of Way Services, John Garcia and Mark Abeyta of Solid Waste Management, and Laura Vigil and Timothy Bowen of Street Maintenance all received a 20 year service pin.

Retirements
- Maria Cisneros of Right of Way Services retired after 14 years.
- Lupe Martinez of Wastewater Management retired after 38 years.

Join Us!
2016 Public Works Employee Recognition Ceremony & Appreciation Lunch
Thursday, May 19
Central Platte Campus—Sweeper Barn

Complimentary BBQ lunch will be provided in celebration of National Public Works Week! All Public Works employees are invited!

Lunch will be served from 11:30am to 1:30pm
Employee Recognition Ceremony begins at 12:15pm

Public Works Employees of the Year will be recognized at this event and will be contacted separately about bringing guests to the lunch