Welcome to the City of Davenport’s quarterly newsletter! By doing this, we hope to open more lines of communication with all of our residents. In each edition of the newsletter we will provide information about city events, projects and information from specific departments we believe helpful to our residents. We hope you find this letter useful.

**Grand Opening**

**Administration Office & Commission Chambers**

A ribbon cutting ceremony took place on Monday, June 18th to celebrate the brand new chambers and administration offices. Commissioner, residents and staff can now host City Commission meetings in the new facility that holds a capacity of 105, up from 36, something that was very necessary and hadn’t occurred in more than nine decades.

**In The Know**

**Utility Payments**

Staff would like to thank residents for their patience as we continue to undergo renovations to City Hall. Utility payments will be collected in the Administration Building while the construction is underway. Renovations are expected to conclude at the end of September. We will continue to process payments online at our website as well as payments placed in the drop-box.

If you have any suggestions on what you would like to see included, please contact Maricela Arteaga, Executive Assistant to the City Manager’s office, at marteaga@mydavenport.org.
City Welcomes New Staff Members
Equan West – Utility Billing
Aleeta Hall – Permit Coordinator
Mike Stripling – Utilities Director
Wendy Odenkirk – Permit Tech

Police Department Obtains Re-Accreditation

Davenport Police Department received RE-ACCREDITATION status through the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA). Accreditation is a means of maintaining the highest standards of professionalism. Though a rigorous process, one that we welcome as a continuing quality improvement mechanism. We are extremely pleased to have achieved this designation.

Congrats to our Police Department!

COMMUNITY = Common Unity
In Code Enforcement, there is no one size fits all, as every resident is unique, and so is their situation. Having the proper tools to do your job is key to show the people of the community in which you work, how important they are to the people they serve. The City Manager has allowed me the capability to think outside the box, and understand what the overall Mission of Code Enforcement is. Reaching out to local groups, a local church stepped up no questions asked to help those in need, because of hardships. Doug Tanner at First Baptist Church right here in the City of Davenport, took that challenge. One resident at 405 S. Allapaha Avenue needed help with her lawn, trees, after speaking with Doug Tanner from First Baptist Church he reached out to Sabal Trail, also here in Davenport, and a group of volunteers step up to the task at hand and assisted this resident. (Thank you to Sabal Trail).

Thank you to Doug Tanner and the First Baptist Church!

Davenport continues to be one of the fastest growing communities in Polk County. The city issued 99 single family dwelling permits for the second quarter and we expect this to be the norm for the near future. The City has 4 new residential developments under construction with 3 more subdivisions finalizing development plans.

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