

INFORMATION SHARING REPORT September 21, 2020

Grand Celebration:

Thank you to all who came out to celebrate the retirement of City Manager, Howard Kunik in the beautifully transformed, outdoor, socially spaced, and parking garage containing abundant amounts of hand sanitizer. While the temperature was warm, so were the wishes for happiness as Howard gets ready to go full-time on the family farm. Punta Gorda Fire Department staff cooked up some fabulous food, Procurement made delectable cupcakes, Public Works brought out the tables, fans, ice, etc., Utilities supplied the water, Urban Design shared their creative and logistical talents including magical melodies from DJ Al, and of course Macalle made sure everything was absolutely perfect! It was wonderful to see current and former employees, along with City Council members and former City Council members join in the celebration. Howard's last day is October 2, please feel free to stop by City Hall and wish him well, if you weren't able to make the party.



Thank you:

Resident Alleen Miller shared the following story and thank you;

On August 21, 2020 I went to the store / leaving my 86 year old husband at home by himself. He decided to pour some old gasoline on vegetation in our backyard. The explosion knocked him to the ground and the fire left third degree burns on my husband's lower legs and feet. If it were not for your employee, Jennifer Ryan Riddell stopping her mail truck when she saw my husband on the ground, calling 911, assisting my husband to his feet and moving him away from the fire, his injuries would have surely been worse. We have lived in Punta Gorda since 1969 and never needed help of this kind until the 21 of Aug 2020. We feel that Jennifer is an angel in disguise. She truly cares about her customers and thank heaven we have people that are alert and recognize a problem and are able to jump into action such as Jennifer did. We always knew that there are many caring people in the county, Jennifer just reaffirms that. Thank You.



An excerpt of a letter sent from Chief Briggs and Fire Marshal Molnar to the Post Master;

"The Fire Chief and Fire Marshal for PGFD would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Jennifer Ryan Riddell for her courageous actions in the emergency rescue assistance of local resident Mr. Bill Miller. Jennifer displayed a selfless act of kindness that is a rare quality in most people today. She displayed a calm and assertive reaction to a dangerous situation and was able to assist first responders upon arrival in the critical care of Mr. Miller during the emergency incident. In addition she was able to help make contact with Mr. Miller's wife to inform her that he was injured in a fire emergency. We understand that Jennifer may have been delayed in completing her mail delivery route that day however please know that had she not stopped to help, this emergency incident could have had a tragic outcome. People like Jennifer are what makes our community a better place to live, work and play."