

September 3, 2026

Department Directors & Elected Officials,

Augusta-Richmond County remains committed to recognizing and celebrating the dedication, service, and contributions of our employees. Through the Employee Incentive Awards Program (EIAP), approved by the Commission on June 16, 2009, employees are honored for their commitment to public service and the positive impact they make within our organization and community.

We are pleased to announce that the following employee(s) have reached the **25-50** Years of Service milestone during the month of **August 2026** and are eligible to receive a Years of Service plaque and commemorative lapel pin in recognition of their continued dedication to Augusta-Richmond County:

NAME	DEPARTMENT	YEARS OF SERVICE
DAVID BOWEN	CORONER'S OFFICE	25
VANESSA WINGFIELD	PROBATE COURT	25
PAMELLA MIESSE	PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT	30
JASON FREEMAN	FIRE DEPARTMENT	30
JAMES PERKINS JR.	FIRE DEPARTMENT	35
LEAH SALAZAR	CIVIL/MAGISTRATE COURT	35
ERNEST THOMAS JR.	SOLICITOR'S OFFICE	35
MARILYN NEWTON	PARKS & RECREATION	40

The recipients will be recognized by the Mayor, Commission, and City Administrator during the recognition portion of the Commission Meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, September 15, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.**

We respectfully request that arrangements are made for the employee(s) listed above to attend this meeting. All recipients should report to the Commission Chambers no later than 1:45 p.m. to ensure adequate time for seating.

Thank you for your partnership in recognizing these exceptional employees and celebrating the years of service they have dedicated to Augusta-Richmond County.

Anita Rookard
Director of Human Resources

Cc: Mayor Garnett Johnson
Tameka Allen, City Administrator
Lena Bonner, Clerk of Commission