

August Employee of the Month – Ryan Harris

Ryan Harris has been an invaluable addition to the Santaquin Community Development Department as the Staff Planner. Hired two years ago, Ryan has helped review subdivision applications and site plans, answered zoning questions, and helped projects through the process of application, during a time of unprecedented growth in Santaquin City.

Ryan graduated in 2009 from the University of Utah with his bachelor's degree in Urban Planning. He grew up in Provo, lived in Saratoga Springs for nine years before moving to Payson two years ago. He has been married to his sweetheart, Melanie, for fifteen years and they have five children together ranging from thirteen to four years old. Needless to say, they have a busy household. Ryan loves anything to do with the outdoors including hiking and camping. He loves basketball and is a loyal fan of the Utah Jazz and the Runnin' Utes.

Ryan has a great attitude and is anxious to help his fellow employees and anyone else who walks into the Community Development Department. Ryan is a self-starter. He is great at recognizing things that need to be done and working on those things without needing much direction. Some qualities that Ryan's co-workers have used to describe him are helpful, friendly, flexible, and knowledgeable. Ryan truly enjoys talking with the residents about everything to do with city development and likes hearing their opinions.

Ryan is simply a good person with a great personality, and his co-workers feel grateful to work alongside him. Congrats Ryan on being nominated and recognized as the Santaquin City Employee of the Month!