

January 2022 Volunteer of the Month

Leola Winegar is our January 2022 Volunteer of the Month. She is being recognized for the beautiful and consistent work she performs on our city planter boxes along Main Street.

For the past four years, Leola has worked closely with our Public Works Department to help pick out the flowers that will be showcased in each planter. She then helps plant the flowers and maintain the beds throughout the spring, summer, and fall. When Jason Callaway, our Public Works Director, was asked about Leola's contribution to the city he said, "Leola does a great job helping the city with the planter boxes. Each year, because of the advice and hard work that Leola puts into the planters, they are always better than the year before. She is continually walking up and down the sidewalks taking care of each box as if it were her own. She helps us maintain the irrigation system by providing us with information about watering duration and needed repairs. When it comes to planting, she organizes the plants for the beds and makes sure we are planting the flowers in the right spot. It used to take us all day to plant the boxes but because of her organization and plant knowledge we can accomplish this task before lunch. We appreciate the hard work Leola does for us each year and look forward to working with her for many more!"

As a resident of Santaquin for the past 41 years, Leola raised her family here and worked at Rocky Mountain Power, retiring after 42 years of service. As she neared retirement, she would drive Main Street on her way to and from work and recognized that she should love to help keep the planters beautiful. Once retired, she took a master gardening class and at the conclusion of her class she needed volunteer hours to receive her certificate of completion. She approached the city about helping and it was happily accepted.

Leola obviously loves to garden, but she also enjoys sewing and spending time with her family. She is a proud mother of three children and six grandchildren. Her children and grandchildren all live in the area and are a big part of her life.

Thank you, Leola, for the volunteer work you do for the city. The planters are beautiful every year and your volunteer spirit is inspiring to all.