

LENGTH OF SERVICE RECOGNITION



To: Mayor and City Council

From: Kathy Payne, Human Resources Coordinator/City Recorder

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I am happy to announce that we have one employee who has reached a milestone in their employment with the City of St. Helens. The following individual will be recognized at the December 6 Work Session.

15 Years

Crystal King started working for the City in 2008 as a Receptionist/Utility Billing Specialist. In 2011, she was promoted to Planning Secretary. In July of 2012, she became the City's Communications Officer where she still serves the City and community today. Crystal has been an integral part of the City's efforts to inform the public about everything that goes on with City projects and activities. She does a phenomenal job!

Deputy City Recorder Lisa Scholl had this to say, "I have had the pleasure of working with Crystal since she began. She has a great work ethic, is always willing to help her colleagues, quick to learn new programs, and excels at communicating accurate information. If there's ever a disaster, Crystal is someone you will want by your side. Her ability to remain calm during all situations is outstanding. She is truly an asset to the City."

Rachael Barry, the City's Government Affairs Specialist, said this about Crystal, "Crystal deeply understands that not all news is good news, and she goes out of her way to inform the people we serve of the workings, processes, and realities of local government. Her measured and strategic approach to the work and how we communicate it brings calm and clarity to all types of situations. Crystal works hard to present things so that citizens can understand and engage with our city. Her skill at communicating core ideas in formats that can reach diverse audiences across the region is amazing. Crystal is mission driven and believes in engaging with, and delivering for the people we serve. She is a hero and delightful!"

Congratulations Crystal and **thank you** for your service!