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Public Services employees receive departmental awards

GEORGETOWN COUNTY, S.C. – During a celebration of National Public Works Week, the Georgetown County Public Services Department recognized three outstanding employees with awards. Employees receiving recognition are as follows:

- **Roselind Snow**, a recycling center attendant, received the Leadership Award for her exemplary service. She has been employed with the Public Works Department since 2016, and her supervisor frequently receives positive feedback from the public about Snow's friendliness and willingness to assist taxpayers. Because of her strong work ethic, efficiency and incredible customer service, new employees are typically sent to Snow's site for training and guidance. "She is always willing to pick up an extra shift if there are last minute callouts by other staff," Tracy Jones, who chaired the awards committee, said of Snow. "Recently, during a construction project at another site, she was called in to assist with traffic control and provided leadership and direction to other staff members onsite. Roselind is the epitome of how to lead through example."
- **Tommy Bracey**, a tradesman, received the Team Player Award, because he "exemplifies the idea of a strong team player," Jones said. Bracey was recognized for always putting an emphasis on team work. He was described as a jack of all trades, who is always willing to help his colleagues. "Whenever there is a task, whether it is simple or really difficult, he is ready to jump in and tackle it head on," Jones said. "He always has a can-do attitude and has the energy to support it. He is always making us smile and finds ways to make us laugh on the job." She said he is also known for his willingness to answer questions from staff and citizens with patience and a great attitude. All these qualities help his team work smarter, faster and with great efficiency.
- **Janet Combs**, administrative assistant to department director Ray Funnye, received the Green Earth Award. The award criteria were influenced this year by COVID-19. "COVID -19 forced Public Services to be creative, intuitive and efficient through these

unprecedented times,” Jones said in presenting the award. The Awards Committee “felt that Janet helped the Department through this crisis by being supportive electronically, and connected all of us virtually. To us, this is environmental awareness and her continued dedication to the Department as a whole to stay electronically connected truly supported the team functions.” Combs routinely encourages others to use alternative ways to achieve tasks that use less paper. She finds ways for other staff to work together across different Divisions in order to get work done.”

In addition to the award presentations, the ceremony highlighted the hard work and importance of the entire Public Works profession, and emphasized that Public Works employees are first responders.

“The fact is, all of our lives are touched by employees in Public Works,” said County Administrator Angela Christian. “Throughout this pandemic, Public Works employees have remained on the job as essential personnel.”

“Many a time, during a sudden rainstorm, I have personally called on our heavy equipment operators at home to come back to work to clear debris, remove trees from roads, and assist citizens whose roads have flash-flooded out,” said Ray Funnye, director of Georgetown County Public Services, which houses the Public Works Division. “And when we’re in a crisis situation—such as a hurricane or flood—Public Works is at the forefront, among the first on the scene and the last to leave. So this week, please take a moment to thank a Public Works professional for keeping the rhythm of life in Georgetown not only going strong, but resounding throughout our community.”

The full Public Works Week ceremony is available to watch on Georgetown County’s YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXw4a8ggDAUK7trPE0Sqagp>.

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