

City of Venice
Venice, Florida

In Appreciation of

Andrew P Spafford
A Retirement Tribute

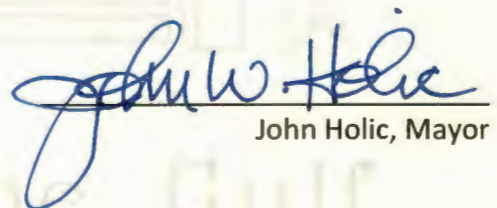
Andy Spafford, Heavy Equipment Operator at Public Works, will be retiring from the City of Venice on April 30, 2019, after 26 years and seven months of service to the community. Andy began his career with the city in 1984 working on the water and sewer lines. In 1991 Andy relocated out of Venice and returned in September 1999, as a Utility Service Work in the Utilities Department before taking on a position of Municipal Service Worker in the Parks Department on July 30, 2006. Andy was promoted to Heavy Equipment Operator on June 20, 2016, which he has held up until making his decision to retire later this month from the Public Works Department.

During Andy's time in Utilities, he was part of the distribution crew working on watermains and services. He was never afraid to get dirty, always the first in the hole, and always put smiles on his coworkers faces. Andy's responsibilities with the Parks Department includes long days in the Florida elements with a dedicated attitude and eye towards the beauty of the city's parks.

Prior to joining the city, Andy spent four years in the United States Marine Corp. Andy has spent the past seven years raising his five grandchildren. In total, Andy has 22 grandchildren and five great grandchildren. He and his wife Karen have been married for 24 years. In his spare time, Andy enjoys playing cards on Tuesdays and corn hole on Wednesdays with his friends. You may also have seen Andy on the Intracoastal Waterway near Snake Island riding his jet ski.

On behalf of the Venice City Council and city staff, please accept our congratulations on your 26 ½ years of service to the City of Venice and our sincerest wishes for a very happy retirement.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto
set my hand and caused the Seal
of the City of Venice to be affixed
this 9th day of April, 2019.


John Holic, Mayor