Columbia Water
CITY OF Columbia

The Pipeline

VOLUME 8 | NO 4

David A. Sharpe

Submitted by: Corey Jarels, Superintendent, Lake Murray Water Treatment Plant

David Sharpe is an exceptional individual who devoted an incredible 52 years of his life to the City of Columbia. From March 1974 to June 2026, David was a cornerstone of Lake Murray Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Maintenance Department.

For over five decades, David not only witnessed the evolution of the Lake Murray and Canal WTPs but also played an essential role in keeping the maintenance departments running. His guidance and wisdom were invaluable. He was a mentor, a leader, and a friend to so many, always willing to lend a helping hand and share his insight.



Pictured Left to Right – John Riggs, Corey Jarels, David Sharpe, Clint Shealy (back), Mayor Daniel Rickenman, Trey Varn (back), Jeremy Yates, Tyler Dillman (back).

His dedication to the City of Columbia - Columbia Water has left a lasting impact, and his knowledge will be sorely missed. Over the years, he navigated countless challenges and tackled them with enthusiasm, eagerness, and most of all, institutional knowledge. The commitment shown to our maintenance departments has set a standard for all of us - a standard we will continue to follow.

We wish David a happy and fun-filled retirement. He has earned every moment of joy that lies ahead. May this next phase bring as much satisfaction and fulfillment as he brought to all of us during his time with the City of Columbia.

David's legacy will forever be etched into Columbia Water's history.



A Shout Out to Devina Codes

Submitted by: Elaine Kinlaw, CSR Sr., Customer Care



Deputy Director Devina Codes brings an executive mindset to work every single day. She's a true visionary who looks beyond our daily responsibilities and inspires us to reach further than we think is possible.

What sets Devina apart is her ability to balance ambitious goals with genuine care for her staff. While driving results, she never loses sight of the needs of our team. She prioritizes regular check-ins to make sure everyone feels supported and is intentional about helping the people around her grow. She promotes continuing education, creates opportunities for customer service representatives to develop leadership skills on the floor, and encourages others to walk through doors that lead to promotions.

Devina also understands that change is easier to implement when it comes from the team. She connects with leadership and team members throughout our department to gain insight and implement fresh ideas as it pertains to Process Improvement. This kind of inclusivity fosters both a collaborative culture and builds organizational buy-in.

Thank you, Devina. True IMPACT occurs when you make others feel valued from top to bottom. Customer Care is growing stronger because of your dedication and commitment to the people you serve.

MEET COLUMBIA WATER

Rodric Moultrie



How long have you been with the City of Columbia and what do you do?
I've been with the City of Columbia 20 years in total. I'm the Water Cross Connections Supervisor. I supervise the Cross Connections program team to ensure compliance with water safety regulations, backflow prevention, testing, reporting, and customer notifications to protect the public water supply.

What is the most interesting thing about you that we wouldn't learn from your work bio?
I'm a relaxed type of person and I enjoy my daily quiet time. I love to be to myself a lot.

What's the best experience you've had working for the City of Columbia?
Being able to meet new people daily and enjoy the environment and the people I work around.

Rent or Own, and why?
Own, because it's an accomplishment and makes you continue to strive for more.



Pipeline Customer Care Kudos

Jahnia Toatley

Ms. Cooke was very excited about the great assistance Jahnia provided with her account. Ms. Cooke had a leak on her property that she had repaired, and she stated that Jahnia was very professional, and did an excellent job assisting with the account and explaining the plumbing adjustment process.

Thank you, Jahnia!

Tarniesha Myers

Our customer shared her appreciation for Tarniesha and the outstanding support she provided. The customer advised that Tarniesha went above and beyond to help resolve an issue she had been experiencing for two years. She specifically shared how much she appreciated the time, effort, patience, and dedication Tarniesha put into helping her.

Ms. Loughran shared that she had been unable to access her bill and make quick payments online due to ongoing issues with the registration process. Even with assistance, Ms. Loughran often found the Customer Web Access registration process difficult and frustrating. With Tarniesha's patience, clear direction, and step-by-step guidance, she was finally able to get her account fully registered and is now successfully managing her account online. She is extremely grateful for Tarniesha's support.

Thank you, Tarniesha, for demonstrating such exceptional customer service and for making a meaningful difference in our customer's experience! Your commitment and willingness to go the extra mile truly deserve recognition. Great job, Tarniesha! Keep up the amazing work!

Allegra Smith

Matt told us, "I was just on the phone with one of your reps, Allegra, and I just wanted to let you know she was so excellent to work with. We had a complicated issue, and she was very patient with me and took the time to research the issue and fully understand what was going on with the stormwater bill portion of this property, which we are selling this Tuesday. Just wanted to pass this on and let you know.

Courtney Robinson

Courtney assisted a customer who was concerned about receiving a double bill without first receiving a delinquency notice. The customer asked for a copy of the notice; however, we were unable to locate it. Throughout the conversation, Courtney remained calm, professional, and focused on finding a resolution. She successfully addressed the customer's concerns, and the customer thanked Courtney for her assistance at the end of the call.

Awesome job, Courtney!

Adrien Andre

Aeron from Conservice shared how pleased he was with Adrien's handling of his account and praised her knowledge.

Thank you, Adrien, for hitting the ground running and continuing to earn kudos. Great work!

Drinking Water

Employee Name	Status Change	Effective Date
Jordan Miano	Passed SC Water Distribution Class B Exam	July 10, 2026
Keyshawn Pack	Passed SC Water Distribution Class C Exam	August 5, 2026
Walter Williams	Obtained Class A CDL 5th Wheel Certification	September 26, 2026
Anthony Hingleton	Obtained Class A CDL Permit	August 14, 2026
Gene Cox	Obtained Class A CDL Permit	September 8, 2026

Lake Murray Water Treatment Plant

Employee Name	Status Change	Effective Date
Tyler Masters	Promoted to Maintenance Manager	August 1, 2026
Wade Davis	Promoted to Route Manager	September 14, 2026
Isaiah Corley	Passed Water Treatment Level C Exam	August 1, 2026

Wastewater Management

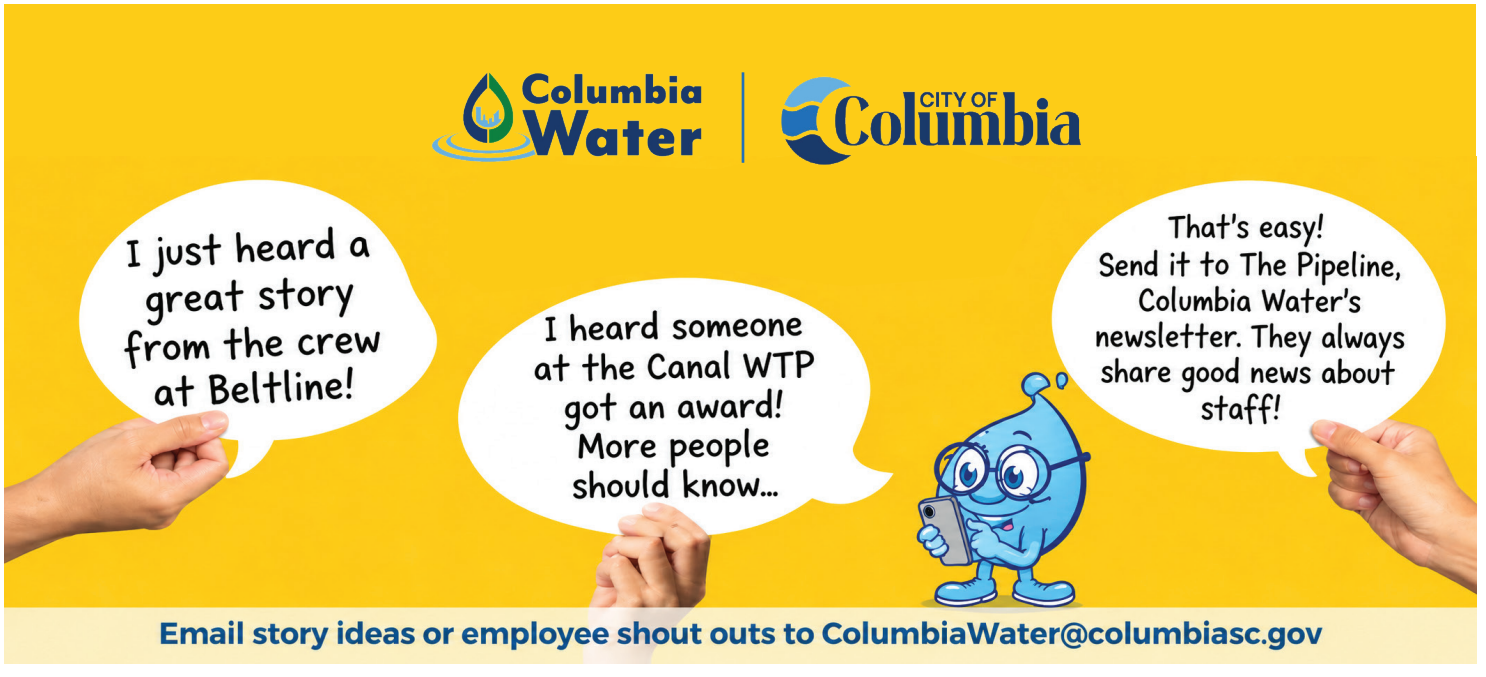
Employee Name	Status Change	Effective Date
Anthony Fields	Obtained Voluntary Wastewater Collection Level A Certification	July 10, 2026
Corey Wilson	Obtained Class A CDL Permit	July 10, 2026
Breon Moses	Obtained Class A CDL Permit	July 28, 2026
Xaviar Clinton	Obtained Class A CDL Permit	August 12, 2026
Justin Patriarca	Obtained Class A CDL Permit	August 27, 2026
Jason Slack	Obtained Class A CDL 5th Wheel Certification	September 3, 2026
Antonio Lorick	Obtained Class A CDL 5th Wheel Certification	September 16, 2026

Customer Care

Employee Name	Status Change	Effective Date
Carrie Howard	Promoted to Field Services Lead	September 14, 2026

Wastewater Treatment Plant

Employee Name	Status Change	Effective Date
Jackson Green	Passed SC Biological Wastewater Treatment Class D Exam	June 25, 2026
Kevin Beasley	Obtained Class I Plant Maintenance Technologist Certification	August 19, 2026
James "Ross" Watson	Obtained Class I Plant Maintenance Technologist Certification	September 2, 2026
Timothy "Lee" O'Neal	Promoted to WW Lift Station Technician III	July 20, 2026
Kendrick Miller	Promoted to WW Lift Station Technician III	July 20, 2026
Michele Malloy	Promoted to Administrative Specialist	August 17, 2026
Taryn Watson	Promoted to Wastewater Plant Chief Operator	August 17, 2026
Kelly Springs	Promoted to Wastewater Plant Operator A	September 28, 2026
William "Phyllip" Dunton	Promoted to Wastewater Plant Operator A	September 28, 2026
Jackson Green	Promoted to Wastewater Plant Operator D	September 28, 2026
James "Ross" Watson	Promoted to Wastewater Plant Maintenance Tech I	September 28, 2026
Kevin Beasley	Promoted to Wastewater Plant Maintenance Tech I	September 28, 2026



SERVICE RECOGNITION AWARDS

Columbia Water has so many dedicated, hard-working employees and we are extremely proud to celebrate these milestones with the following staff:

Retired – 52 Years of Service
David A. Sharpe, Lake Murray Water Treatment Plant (June 2026)

25 Years of Service
Minnie Faust, Customer Care
Vivian Richardson, Customer Care

10 Years of Service
Keith Morris, Wastewater Treatment Plant

5 Years of Service
Brent Hill, Wastewater Treatment Plant



L to R: Vivian Richardson, Tenisha Guider, and Minnie Faust



Keith Morris



Brent Hill



Storytellers & Shutterbugs

Share photos and worksite tales with our community through The Pipeline! We're always looking for original ideas, timely topics, and project pics. To submit your articles or ideas, please contact us at ColumbiaWater@columbiasc.gov.

Columbia Water

1401 Main Street, Columbia, SC 29201
www.columbiascwater.net
Ph: 803-545-3300

@ColumbiaSCWater