

# EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



NAME: Jamie Sherry

EMPLOYMENT: Ms. Sherry was hired in August, 2010 as a Neighborhood Revitalization Planner in the Planning and Community Development Department.

Narrative: Jamie has proven to be an excellent addition to the city work force and to the department. Her first task was to reorganize the Emergency Home Repair program, which reduced the amount of City staff time required to operate the program. She has accomplished this with increased customer service and a substantial reduction in the amount of staff time needed from Building Inspections, Finance and Purchasing. While our block grant fund continues to be reduced, she has found a viable way to keep the program moving forward and still meet all the federal regulations.

She has also initiated a process to update the City's comprehensive plan. A citizen's advisory committee has been created to help secure community input and guidance. Her thoughtful approach is now well underway while keeping the staff, Planning Commission and City Council informed and aware.

One of the long standing tasks of the department has been to assist in securing historical designation for our older neighborhoods. Recently, Jamie found a method of securing additional resources from the Department of Historic Resources to assist in the documentation necessary for the project to secure nomination. She is now overseeing this effort with consultants, a neighborhood community group and a student intern. The final application has been submitted, a public hearing held on the project and it is now under final consideration by the Department of Historic Resources.

In addition, Jamie is always willing to assist other staff and makes sure anyone needing assistance is attended to in a professional and competent manner. Jamie is an outstanding employee, a superb team player and a real asset to the City.