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**SHENANDOAH WELCOMES NEW EMPLOYEES**

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The City of Shenandoah announces the addition of two members to the Administration Department. City Administrator Greg Smith welcomes Chris Grizzaffi and Debbie Pilcher as the newest additions to the city staff.

Grizzaffi, the new IT Coordinator, comes to Shenandoah from the City of West University Place where he was Network Administrator for six years. A resident of East Montgomery County, Grizzaffi brings 20 years of experience in the areas of network infrastructure, security, application support and public safety technology to his position, 10 of which were in city governments.

Grizzaffi is all about using our resources wisely. "I believe It is important to be a good steward over what you have been entrusted with, so I do my best to utilize resources in the most efficient manner and make decisions on what is most advantageous to the City. It is important to do things right, the first time! If people lose confidence in you, it is difficult, if not impossible, to gain that back."

Also coming from the City of West University Place, Pilcher is the city's new Communications Specialist. A resident of Kingwood, she brings over 30 years of experience in the area of communications in areas of city government, school districts and news media.

“The field of communications is my love, and I have been fortunate to get to work in a variety of agencies during my career,” said Pilcher. “I think it has made me a better communicator and representative for the agencies I served. I believe it is important to bring information to stakeholders in a timely manner, looking always for additional methods to reach as many as possible; there is no one-size-fits-all when it comes to information. Factual information makes everyone a better participant in whatever comes their way.”

Smith said that it was interesting that both new employees are joining after 6 year stints at West U. “We did not poach employees,” he said when asked about the coincidence. “Both Chris and Debbie live in Montgomery County and faced long commutes into the City of West U each day. They were both familiar with Shenandoah and quickly applied when the positions were posted. While unusual to gain two employees at the same time from one local government, we are pleased that they are bringing their great work experiences to our city and welcome them to the staff.”

“Chris will handle the day-to-day IT operations and will be invaluable in continuing to upgrade our services,” continued Smith. “Debbie will be handling internal and external communications including the website, social media and press releases.”

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