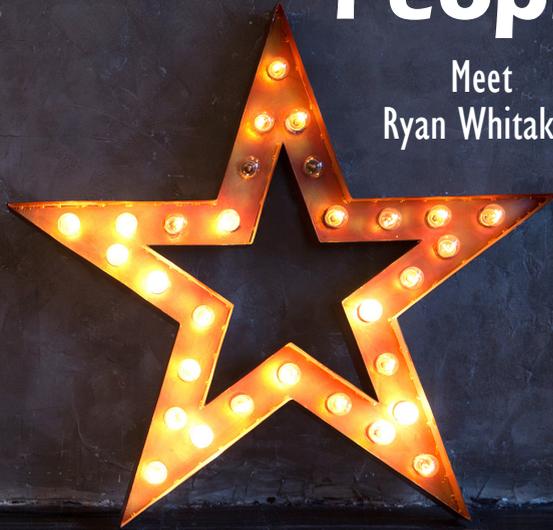




Public Works People

Meet
Ryan Whitaker



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Meet Ryan Whitaker.

Ryan celebrates his two-year anniversary with Pasco County on May 18, 2022. He is an Accountant II with the Public Works Administration Division.

Ryan works closely with the Administration Division manager in planning, implementing and maintaining the department's budget.

He is responsible for tracking expenditures within Public Works.

Over his tenure, Ryan has assisted the department with updating its forms and processes. He helped give those in the department "a voice and say-so" when it came to selecting their uniforms and tweaked the delivery of the uniforms to provide a better service to the team.

Ryan coordinates closely with the MSBU and MSTU advisory boards. He is responsible for revising the annual stormwater utility fee for the department.

"It is a very critical aspect of my duties and deadline driven. Without those funds, we couldn't run our department," Ryan said.

Recently, Ryan has temporarily begun assisting with the department's contracts.

"Our contracts are critical to our business," Ryan said. "The Administration Division is a small division, so I am juggling many things."

Ryan enjoys serving the public.

"Public service brings me joy. I enjoy serving others. I go to bed and wake up thinking about my job, and that's not a bad thing. My position allows me to use my skills for the betterment of the team. I see Public Works as a diamond in the rough. We have such great talent in our department and are improving every day. We are getting better, and I get to play a role in it," Ryan said.

Ryan began his career in the banking industry. He then taught computer and business courses to high school students in South Carolina, and later served as an academic adviser at The University of South Carolina Upstate before transitioning to public accounting.

"I learned public service was really the direction for me," Ryan said.

Public service and Public Works may be in his blood. Ryan's father was the assistant director of Public Works for a neighboring county.

"Growing up, I would go to my dad's office. I loved the heavy equipment, seeing the traffic signs and

traffic lights. It is so simple, yet so critical," Ryan said. "It is interesting I am where I am, and the connection I now share with my dad."

Ryan is appreciative of the opportunity Public Works has afforded him.

"Public Works has leaders who believe in putting the right people in the right places. We are appreciated and put in the right place to do great things with leaders who believe in us," Ryan said. "Every day I strive to be the best version of myself, and I'm not unique. Many of us in the department want to have an impact on the community and have chosen this career path. Pasco County is a great place to work."

In his spare time, Ryan enjoys spending time at the beach and mountains, camping, traveling to small towns and visiting Disney World.

Ryan and his wife, Lauren, are the proud parents of their 2-year-old daughter, Amelia.

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Ryan is an integral member of the Public Works team. Thank you for your service and dedication, Ryan.

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