

Wonder Woman Awards 2015



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Ellen Osoinach, Attorney's Office

Ellen contributes in numerous ways: as one of City's counsel in the DOJ case; implementing the DOJ settlement; establishing the COAB and contracting for the COCL; advising Fire and Emergency Communications; serving on the OSB's Civil Rights Section, as a faculty for Lewis & Clark Law's Animal Law Moot Court, and volunteering for Roosevelt's Mock Court.

Nominated by: Tracy Reeve and Ben Walters



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Heidi Brown, Attorney's Office

Incredibly hard working, amazing mentor, always gives 110% and keeps a positive attitude.



Nominated by: Michael Althouse

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Jody Thoman, Attorney's Office

She is the best supervisor. She is caring, a great teacher, and makes me a better employee having her as a supervisor.



Nominated by: Eileen Kelly

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Jody Thoman, Attorney's Office

Jody provides outstanding service to clients and attorneys alike. She is also fiercely protective of her staff and works tirelessly to provide opportunities for them to grow and advance in their profession. She smiles easily and does all of the above without seeking recognition. She's amazing!

Nominated by: Emily Swensen



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Pam Degler, Attorney's Office

Exceptional, dedicated, respected employee who works independently and diligently. Wonderful sense of humor. Pleasant, kind, thoughtful and calm. Assists other Legal Assistants. Stays current on court rules, procedures and technology and shares knowledge. The very definition of team player and role model and proves herself a "Wonder Woman" daily.

Nominated by: Mark Amberg, Kim Sneath, and Jody Thoman



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Toni Anderson, Auditor's Office

Toni expertly manages staff and processes critical for the City of Portland: the Council/Contracts group within the Office of the City Auditor. Toni's deep institutional knowledge and her commitment to serving both internal and external customers with excellence is consistently outstanding and inspirational. Toni is a Wonder Woman!

Nominated by: Andrew Carlstrom



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Debbie Caselton, DEEP

Debbie has a true passion to empower City of Portland employees. She is a true Wonder Woman with her dedication to being the Chair of DEEP. She has an amazingly kind heart and is always willing to help others. I am truly lucky to work with Debbie.

Nominated by: Anonymous



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Debbie Caselton, DEEP

I may not know Debbie that well, however, our paths have crossed many times working on various projects or events I matter what it is she is a bright and cheerful presence with an apparent commitment to peace and diversity. You Rock Debbie!

Nominated by: Phebi



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Jill Grenda, Development Services

Jill is always pleasant to work with, willing to give her best and is great about a quick response!



Nominated by: Kathy Roth

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Lisa Dibert, Development Services

Lisa has a wealth of historical knowledge, abundance of skills to perform her duties by being tireless, efficient, accurate, and extremely competent. For decades she has always been available to assist and teach others how to do required tasks, mentor and get confusing processes done while always being generous with her time and assistance. Throughout decades I have observed her pleasant demeanor and extraordinary patience helping co-workers and community members. She consistently demonstrates how pleasant, helpful and exceptional she is. The day she leaves BDS or City employment will be a great loss to her co-workers, the City and it's community members.

Nominated by: Dan Collins



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Lisa Dibert, Development Services

Answers countless questions from new employees, keeps them going in the right direction and mentors them with humor and patience. Also keeps our section headed in the right direction by helping new, more senior members.

Nominated by: Mel Jensen



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Oretha Storey, Development Services

Oretha always keeps a calm demeanor at work, even when she is pitched curve balls! She is helpful and thoughtful even as staff express frustrations at the process she administers (coordinating training). Even though she is timely with her part, delays are common in approvals. Oretha finds time to provide support for the Bureau's Equity endeavors, and outside of work she is a busy mother of 5 kids. Oretha really is a Wonder Woman!!!

Nominated by: Crystle Cowen



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Tracy Spencer, Development Services

Tracy Spencer is an amazing woman. She is extremely hardworking and solution oriented; providing the most equitable, responsive permitting service possible to colleagues and customers at the Bureau of Development Services. She is not afraid to ask probing questions to understand both the general and specific processing of complex permitting issues. Her rational approach extends to similar situations, thus providing consistency to the permitting process.

For years, Tracy has managed to continuously train new employees, while ensuring the permit issuance timeline goals are met. She directly addresses difficult circumstances, while assisting Permit Center staff and customers alike, thereby creating a positive workplace for all. She is approachable, consistent and a role model for her friends, colleagues and her high achieving, creative daughter. She is fun & a joy to be around and can always be bribed with chocolate. Tracy is absolutely deserving of this award!

Nominated by: Gail Knoll, Catherine Heeb, Kristin Cooper, Connie Jones, Alice Callison, and Mary Pat Gardner



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Carmen Merlo, Emergency Management

Chair Carmen Merlo has supported public safety technology projects by serving on the Public Safety Systems Revitalization Program (PSSRP) Executive Steering Committee (ESC) for many years. It is appropriate, through this Wonder Woman Award, that the City acknowledges her commitment to this critical oversight role.

Nominated by: Andrew Carlstrom



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Christa Overby, Environmental Services

Christa is a very skilled manager. She is not only very skilled at her core functions as the Wastewater Treatment Manager for Maintenance, she has remained approachable and is a skilled mentor for not only the people within her Division, but for many others in the Wastewater Group.

Nominated by: Mike Ciolli



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Dawn Uchiyama, Environmental Services

She works tirelessly and collaboratively to bring groups together for the good of the City. She provides guidance and expertise on all issues related to the complex issue of managing stormwater in an urban environment. People from all levels turn to her for advice and inspiration. As a result of her leadership the integration stormwater system planning and watershed planning has been accomplished. Her dedication and ability to see and understand issues at many scales make her an incredibly valuable asset to the Bureau of Environmental Services.

Nominated by: Anonymous



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Daynelle Banks, Environmental Services

Daynelle exemplifies extraordinary leadership facilitating the Admin Support Group. She is always available and accessible to the Engineering Services team, and encourages others to be their personal best. Day leads by example and is consistently dedicated to improving and streamlining processes, bringing integrity and innovation to every task she takes on. From her bubbly laugh to her genuine care for each peer as an individual, Day leads with ease and success.

Nominated by: April Murphy



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Emily Grey, Environmental Services

Emily intercepts calls non-stop from the public and tries to get them to the appropriate employees at the Bureau of Environmental Services. She is calm, cool and collected and goes the extra mile to provide great customer service.

*Nominated by: Matt Gough, Debbie Caselton, Cheryl Kuck,
Rhetta Drennan, Becky Tillson, Ashley Tjaden*



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Emily Hauth, Environmental Services

Emily Hauth is a Green Street Steward Coordinator with BES. She is a great City employee. She is very dependable, knowledgeable, professional, and I appreciate her being my manager. She never complains about anything and takes extra time to explain information to people to give them the best service possible (co-workers and Portland citizens).

Nominated by: Svetlana Pell



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Tammy Cleys, Environmental Services

Tammy is quite a competent and reasoned engineer who is also a talented natural leader. For the projects I had the opportunity to work with Tammy, I valued her positive demeanor, her thorough knowledge of the issues and can-do attitude. She unwaveringly supports and mentors her team in a way that enriches and encourages. Her competent leadership increases the energy level of the group and maintains BES vision and goals.

Nominated by: Daniel Tariku



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Aina Kohler, Fire & Rescue

I had the pleasure of listening to Aina speak at the Women's History Month's Fire & Rescue Panel. It takes a lot of courage to get up in front of an audience and a camera and she has a lot of it. She has gumption, perseverance, a kind heart, and a true passion for helping people. The City of Portland is lucky to have her as a firefighter.

Nominated by: Anonymous



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AJ Jackson, Fire & Rescue

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Nominated by:



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Chief Erin Janssens, Fire & Rescue

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Christine Pezzulo, Fire & Rescue

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Nominated by: Anonymous



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Christine Pezzulo, Fire & Rescue

Christine Pezzulo started her career with the Fire Bureau in her early 40's. Throughout her training, Christine maintained a high level of fitness and ranked very high in her academics and the drill ground. Christine is on the executive board for Fire Camp, which has been a successful camp for young women 16-19. She has been inspiring to all her co-workers in the fire house encouraging fitness. Christine has competed in marathons, including the Boston marathon where she was minutes away from the finish line when the tragedy occurred. She has competed with Team USA in paddling and is continuing that dream this year. I nominate Christine Pezzulo for her dedication to herself and for inspiring women to be strong inside and out.

Nominated by: Irene S Concepcion



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Kim Kosmas, Fire & Rescue

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Nominated by: Anonymous



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Linda Curtis, Fire & Rescue

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Nominated by: Anonymous



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Kathy Peoples, Housing

Kathy works very hard to be inclusionary and make everyone feel welcome, important and heard. She stands up for those lower on the hierarchy of the office.



Nominated by: Anonymous

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Brenda Carpenter, Human Resources

This is a nomination for Brenda Carpenter, who is a Wonder Woman in her own right, both as a role model for not only women and staff in her bureau of Human Resources, but for all employees. She balances honesty and caring in her feedback, recognizes each person's strengths, and brings a glad heart to work every day. She also strives for excellent customer service for the City's bureaus and brings a creative aspect to Human Resources, which helps to create an energized workforce throughout the City. As a site team manager, Brenda manages a group of seasoned HR veterans. The team has many All of our years of experience and is further are well complimented and enhanced by her personal drive and standard of excellence. As a mentor, she exemplifies strength and wisdom voiced with humor, understanding, and a plethora of Southern expressions. We should all be so lucky to have a manager like Brenda who also knows that life is short and we should truly have a work/life balance.

Nominated by: Maria Eldred and Stacy Ruthrauff



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Judy Bishop, Human Resources

I have been privilege to meet and amazing women who is so passionate about her job and wellbeing of others. This women offers guidance and direction and is there for you when you need her the most. She is a friend and a role model who I can say is truly amazing. She is my Wonder Woman, my rock and I feel that Judy Bishop deserve this award.

Nominated by: Angie Harris



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Judy Bishop, Human Resources

Judy is the epitome of awesome. She cares about everyone she speaks with and helps. She is an incredible asset to the City of Portland not only because of professionalism, her institutional knowledge, and stand-up attitude but also because of her kindness, her constant honesty, and her belief in others' abilities and good intentions. She is such an inspiration to me.

Nominated by: Anonymous



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Amy Archer, Neighborhood Involvement

Amy Archer is a brilliant colleague. She is a font of ONI knowledge and, until recently, was doing two jobs and excelling. We count on when bureau issues arise and she is strategic and thoughtful in her advice. She always comes through, even while caring for her 2 young children and aging parents. Amy is a team player, and tackles every task with compassion and humor.

Nominated by: ONI Staff



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Betsy Ames, Office of Management and Finance

Betsy is a great source of ideas. She sees things that need to be done and does them. EVERYONE loves working with Betsy. Everything she touches gets better.



Nominated by: Fred Miller

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Celia Heron, Office of Management and Finance

Celia is a 4-dimensional thinker. She has a breadth of experience to tackle and connect disparate subjects; an attention to detail allowing her to drill down; both operational and centralized bureau experience providing insight to both policy and implementation issues; and the ability to understand impacts over time, given her historical perspective.

Nominated by: Betsy Ames



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Crystal Castruita, Office of Management and Finance



Crystal is the kind of co-worker everyone wants to have. Always smiling, brightening people's days, and incredibly sharp, helping solve problems and find solutions. She came in after hours one weekend to hang balloons over our colleague's cubicle because it was that lady's birthday over the weekend. She'll regularly surprise the office with donuts and say they weren't from her but from "the office donut fund". She is strong, smart, fun, joyful, and laid back all at the same time. She is a person I can look up to as an example of how to do good work and maintain a positive attitude through stresses in the office. She is definitely a "Wonder Woman".

Nominated by: Mark Grabow

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Elyse Rosenberg, Office of Management and Finance

Elyse has continued to model positive female leadership for her team and with city colleagues she works with. She takes the time to mentor new female employees so they are successful in the City organization structures.

Nominated by: Kezia Wanner



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Heather Saby, Office of Management and Finance

Heather is exceptional at her job and is always responsive, informative, and very detail-oriented. She is a huge asset to the City of Portland and our team couldn't survive without her!

*Nominated by: BES Public Involvement Team: Debbie Caselton,
Matt Gough, Cheryl Kuck, Becky Tillson, Rhetta Drennan,
Joe Annett and Ashley Tjaden*



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Jane Braaten, Office of Management and Finance

Jane knows the City and how it works. She is a great source of wisdom who keeps us from repeating mistakes. She is at the center of numerous efforts for OMF to improve customer service and does countless unseen things to make the City work better.

Nominated by: Fred Miller



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Susan Hartnett, Office of Management and Finance

Over the course of her career, Susan has taken on multi-disciplinary challenges throughout the City, bringing skills in negotiation, management, facilities, operations and policy to ensure successful outcomes. At OMF, she has become an invaluable resource to City leaders, employees and outside stakeholders.

Nominated by: Betsy Ames



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Tiffani Penson, Procurement

Tiffani Penson is the definition of wonder woman. As the Bureau Business support manager specializing in building relationships creating and executing programs to improve the relationships with community members and government leaders, she has redefined how relationships are made and maintained. She has worked tirelessly to engage the African American community with leadership to increase their ability to find employment, gain entry into educational opportunities and most importantly find resources to help them with a better way of living.

Nominated by: Stacy Drake Edwards



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Vicki Rice, Office of Management and Finance

Vicki is new to the City and has completely taken it by storm. Her dedication to making the City the best place to work is noticeable and apparent. She is constantly bettering the workplace with her brilliant ideas and help. She is passionate about making everything as easy and functional as possible. She has quickly showcased that she is a model City employee and an incredible asset.

Nominated by: Meghann Fertal



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Casey Jogerst, Parks & Recreation

As a temporary employee I have never felt like Iâ€™ve been trapped by the limitations of my job. Casey has tried to find opportunities to merge my desired path with the daily tasks of my current position. It is clear that Casey wants her employees to succeed in accomplishing their long term goals. Her guidance and modeling of a levelheaded and collaborative supervisor is much appreciated.

Nominated by: Madison Weakley



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Christine Hickman, Parks & Recreation

Christine is phenomenal individual. She is very good at her job and makes me look forward to coming in to work. She makes me smile!



Nominated by: Evan Lilly

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Danielle Bohannon, Parks & Recreation

Danielle is hard working, dedicated, and passionate about her role in Urban Forestry. This past year she tirelessly worked to ensure that Title Trees was implemented. This required so much attention to detail “ from designing forms, writing the website, presenting at trainings, and communicating with staff. This work isn't always recognized but should be. She is our Urban Forestry Wonder Woman!

Nominated by: Angie DiSalvo



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Danielle Solomon, Parks & Recreation

Danielle is a key go to person in parks to get things done. She has demonstrated her ability to take on large scale projects and key assistance day to day task that are essential for productivity and efficiency.

Nominated by: Vicente Harrison



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Deborah Harris, Parks & Recreation

Deborah, aka Miss Debbie, is truly a wonder woman, who is known and loved by many. The genuine kindness, enthusiasm and positive energy she exudes each and every day makes Peninsula Park Community Center a warm and welcoming place for the community we serve and our tight knit group of staff.

Nominated by: Reymond Drew



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G. Pauline Miranda, Parks & Recreation

Pauline is an outstanding professional. She provides solid analysis and interpretation of complex business information to support strategic initiatives and management projects. Her knowledge of the bureau and its people, combined excellent quantitative analysis, leads to insightful policy advice.

Nominated by: Randy Webster

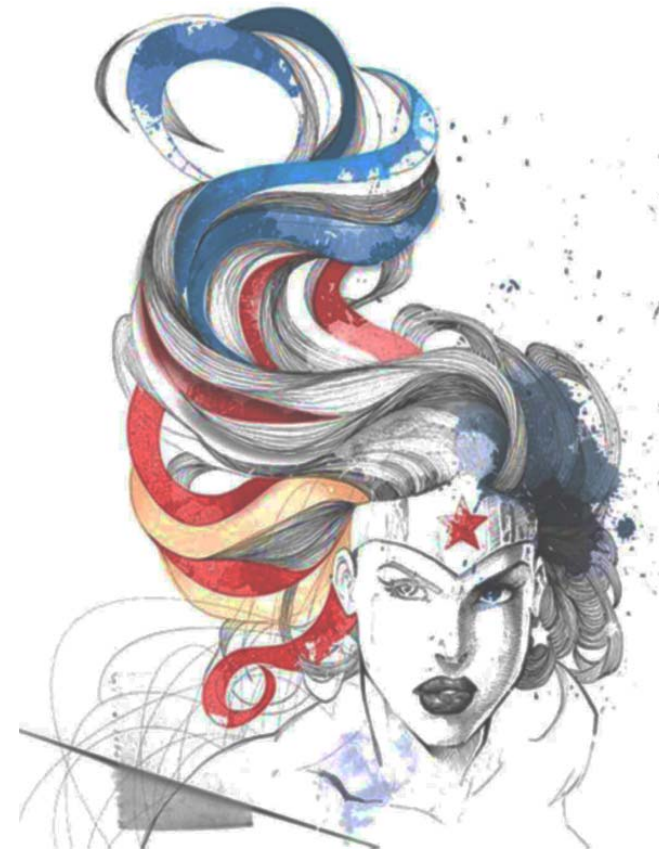


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Galina Burley, Parks & Recreation

Galina has served as Security Manager for less than a year and has overseen and improved the Park Ranger program with her strategic alliance throughout the city and has fostered professional development opportunities among the work group she manages.

Nominated by: Vicente Harrison



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Jamie Burrows, Parks & Recreation

Jamie is an incredibly strong manager. She's constantly bringing new ideas and always puts in 100%. I admire her as a coworker and as a person. Jamie is a super rad lady!

Nominated by: Evan Lilly



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Kristi Lilly, Parks & Recreation

Kristi is an extremely talented and gifted individual. She is amazing at her job and continually strives to do her best at everything. I truly admire her both as a co-worker and as a friend.

Nominated by: Evan Lilly



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Linda Hastings, Parks & Recreation

Linda Hastings dreams big, pushes hard, cares deeply, overcomes intimidating obstacles and you can't help but be caught up in her passion and positive go-get-em attitude. Linda is an inspired writer and as the Citywide Fitness Coordinator has dedicated her work to keeping Portland healthy. I can only hope to have as much brawn, gusto and passion as Linda has in her right hand.

Nominated by: Jamie Sandness



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Linda Hastings, Parks & Recreation

Linda thinks of others. And how to make their lives better. No matter what is going on in her life, she makes every extra effort to check in with colleagues, her staff, and community members and to encourage us to take care of ourselves. Her passion is fitness and health, and helping others lead fit lives. In this fast-paced world, Linda reminds me to take a breath and remember what I'm thankful for. And I'm thankful to work with Linda Hastings.

Nominated by:



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Linda Hastings, Parks & Recreation

Linda Hastings has acted as a mentor and leader to all of us women on the Citywide Recreation Team, and to many, many more women in this bureau and community. She is an exceptionally great influence on all of our lives. She is an incredible reflection of what it means to be a Parks employee through her commitment to health, strength, positivity, and above all, her commitment to being herself, especially in the face of adversity. She is an inspiration of how to live one's life with courage, honor, and a great respect for oneself.

Nominated by: Lucille Dawson



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Nancy Roth, Parks & Recreation

Nancy Roth is an amazing supervisor. She is a role model that I have admired for years and have truly enjoyed working for her. She's a super rad lady!



Nominated by: Evan Lilly

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Sheryl Juber, Parks & Recreation

Sheryl is an amazing person! She is my go to person for almost everything. She makes my life easier in so many ways. Sheryl is a super rad lady!



Nominated by: Evan Lilly

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Sofia Chavier, Parks & Recreation

Lone female FTE Park Ranger, well respected throughout all Bureau's and among Ranger peers.



Nominated by: Vincente Harrison

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Shirley Robinson, Planning & Sustainability

Shirley has 18 years of excellent customer service, problem solving, and making work meaningful and fun.



Nominated by: Bruce Walker

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Shirley Robinson, Planning & Sustainability

Shirley has an extremely positive and delightful personality, she handles daily hotline calls that are typically very difficult and angry customers. Shirley never waivers, she talks to these customers like they are the most important and she resolves most all the calls she takes. Shirley example helps the whole staff she surround have that positive attitude. She is one in million if you ask any of her co-workers they most certainly would agree! If anyone deserves this, in my opinion it would be unanimous for sure.

Nominated by: Patty van Antwerp



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Lora Lillard, Planning & Sustainability

Lora is a skilled Urban Designer and a valued member of multiple teams here at BPS. She also co-chairs PDX City Mama's. She is always upbeat and proactive at work.



Nominated by: Mindy Brooks

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Sallie Edmunds, Planning & Sustainability

Sallie manages both the Central City 2035 Team and the River and Environment Team here at BPS. She is a strong, supportive and creative manager. Her staff always feel empowered and work hard because of the great example she sets.

Nominated by: Mindy Brooks



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Christina A. Snider, Police

Christina has worked in the Professional Standards Division for over five (5) years. Christina has worked very hard by developing progressive administrative case management procedures, and has helped develop administrative case time line documents for the Police Bureau. In addition, Christina has clearly made significant contributions to our administrative review process that helps ensure internal accountability systems are professional and can withstand the scrutiny of the Department of Justice and the citizens we serve. Christina has mentored new employees to the Division by training them on numerous database systems and confidential administrative procedures. She displays a positive attitude under stressful circumstances when meeting Division deadlines, and always displays a positive and helpful attitude. Christina's administrative skills are superb and she enjoys sharing her expertise with others including her supervisors. She always makes recommendations when a problem surfaces.

Nominated by: Captain Dave Famous



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Donna Henderson, Police

I had the pleasure of listening to Donna speak at the Women's History Month's Police Panel. It takes a lot of courage to get up in front of an audience and a camera and she has a lot of it. She has passion, perseverance, dedication, a kind heart, and a true passion for helping people. Donna is trail blazer, a real "Wonder Woman". She wears her badge with pride and the City of Portland is lucky to have her serving our community.

Nominated by: Anonymous



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Donna Henderson, Police

Donna has always been a mentor and supporter of the females in the Police Bureau and has high expectations for performance and dedication to the work. She models positive behavior and strong qualities for other females in all levels of the organization. And she is a heck of a nice person.

Nominated by: Kezia Wanner



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LeAnn Barnet, Police

LeAnn has done a remarkable job of supporting the professional growth and skill development of her subordinates. She excels in the work she does, and works hard to help the women working under her maximize the skills they have and build new skills. She is supportive of those seeking different ways to strike a healthy work/life balance. She encourages new ideas, thoughts on how to improve the work we already do, and is easy to talk to. Those who grow as part of her team are highly regarded for the work they produce. LeAnn sincerely embodies the “each one teach one” creed. LeAnn sets her expectations high, but then provides the foundation that helps her employees exceed them more often than not.

Nominated by: Mary Prottsman



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Lori Fonken, Police

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Nominated by: Anonymous



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Mary Claire Buckley, Police

Mary Claire is a senior management analyst assigned to assist with the police bureau's implementation of the US DOJ Agreement. Mary Claire is an invaluable resource in the mental health field and tracks of all the tasked action items for the police bureau. This is very complex and detailed work and without Mary Claire's efforts, the police bureau would not be as efficient and structured in our efforts to implement our DOJ action items.

Nominated by: Captain Michael Marshman



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Michele Hughes, Police

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Sara Westbrook, Police

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Stacy Dunn, Police

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Stephanie Prybil, Police

Stephanie is an incredible worker and person. She has an amazing work ethic and easily does the work of two or more people. She has incredible initiative as well. Her work is two-fold and each of the halves could really be a job on its own. She manages and updates all of our policies and she manages all of our legislative issues. Our policies alone are a book two and a half inches thick! The legislative issues she is monitoring and working on for the city and the Police Bureau number in the hundreds. The city and the Police Bureau are so fortunate to have someone so talented and skilled. She is confident, competent, shows incredible initiative, and pushes back hard when she needs to. She is one of our hardest working and most talented employees and very deserving of the "Wonder Woman" title.

Respectfully nominated by: Chief of Police Lawrence P. O'Dea III



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Stephanie Prybyl, Police

Stephanie is a Senior Management Analyst for the Strategic Services Division. Stephanie has taken on three very critical tasks for the Police Bureau. She is updating all of our policies and placing them into an electronic format. She also reviews court rulings and legal updates for the bureau. Last, she is the Bureau's legislative liaison and is currently reviewing hundreds of law enforcement bills currently in session in Salem. All three of the tasks can be a full time job for one person but Stephanie's work ethic and knowledge enables her to accomplish all three.

Nominated by: Captain Michael Marshman



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Susan Abrahamson, Police

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Tasia Hager, Police

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Tricia Pleune, Police

Tricia is the management assistant for Strategic Services. Strategic Services performs a variety of work for the police bureau and other governmental offices. Without Tricia's assistance, Strategic Services could not perform that work that we do. Tricia is the glue that keeps us running well.

Nominated by: Captain Michael Marshman



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Barbra Rice, Revenue & Financial Services

Without Barbra, I wouldn't be here today. That can be said about dozens of City employees. She has a keen eye for talent, intelligence, professionalism, and customer service. She knows how to pick 'em! She is an incredible woman who does her due diligence and does not get the recognition she deserves. Her responsibilities has grown exponentially over her 10 years of service. She is a definitely a Wonder Woman.

Nominated by: Anonymous



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Hillary Dobson, Revenue & Financial Services



Hillary Dobson has a very positive outlook and attitude towards everything. She is able to move from project to project with ease and eager and willing to learn new responsibilities or tasks. She is invaluable on the Digital Inclusion initiative. She is a skilled navigator of the digital world and played a key role in the City's response to Google.

Nominated by: Mary Beth Henry

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Janice Hammond Getten, Revenue & Financial Services

Janice Hammond Getten is a wiz with numbers and SAP. She provides accurate, timely financial information allowing staff to efficiently manage budgets. She is friendly and approachable and willing to help solve seemingly intractable issues. I have a high confidence level in the financial information knowing Janice prepared it!

Nominated by: Mary Beth Henry



Wonder Woman Awards 2015

Jen McFarland, Revenue & Financial Services

Jen has been with the City for only a few years yet has accelerated her career tenfold. She started as an intern and is now a part of the Executive Staff of the Revenue Division. This quick ascension can be attributed to her intelligence, professionalism, work ethic, problem solving, and honesty. The City is lucky to have someone like Jen and am glad to work with her on a daily basis.

Nominated by: Anonymous



Wonder Woman Awards 2015

Jen McFarland, Revenue & Financial Services

Jen has worked, over the past year, to secure a new revenue stream for the city. She has put in thousands of extra hours and managed a team of people to meet her vision successfully.

Nominated by: Brian Ventura



Wonder Woman Awards 2015

Jennifer Li, Revenue & Financial Services

Jennifer Li exhibits professionalism, expertise and genuine kindness in her work and interactions with co-workers, citizens and utility representatives. Her sharp legal mind and knowledge of administrative processes has increased the Utility program's effectiveness. She is a tremendous asset to the City.



Nominated by: Mary Beth Henry

Wonder Woman Awards 2015

Julie Omelchuck, Revenue & Financial Services



Julie Omelchuck conceived of and oversaw the process to design a grant program called the TechSmart Initiative for Student Success that will invest \$19 million over the next 7 years to positively impact academic outcomes for K-12 students throughout the County. Her focus and tenacity on important issues greatly benefit our community.

Nominated by: Mary Beth Henry

Wonder Woman Awards 2015

Meghann Fertal, Revenue & Financial Services

Meghann is smart, funny, efficient and approachable. Her can-do attitude and willingness to help make her easy to work with. She is fantastic at her job and often doesn't get the recognition she deserves. Kudos, Meghann! The Revenue Division would not be the same without you. Thank you for your hard work and for being the point person for everyone's random questions.

Nominated by: Anonymous



Wonder Woman Awards 2015

Meghann Fertal, Revenue & Financial Services

Meghann has a great attitude in addressing a myriad of issues. She has a strong problem-solving approach which I greatly appreciate. She is tactful and courteous in her interactions with a wide variety of staff. Her knowledge of how to navigate city processes proves invaluable every day. She is a true asset to our organization and the larger community.

Nominated by: Mary Beth Henry



Wonder Woman Awards 2015

Rebecca Gibbons, Revenue & Financial Services



Rebecca Gibbons successfully managed the design and implementation of a complex Grant Management System for the MHCRC Community Capital Grants program. She nurtures excellent working relations with co-workers, MHCRC members and industry staff and is tactful and courteous in her communications. She handles changes in work priorities with grace.

Nominated by: Mary Beth Henry

Wonder Woman Awards 2015

Suzanne Browne, Revenue & Financial Services

Suzanne has always been supportive and engaging towards other individuals. She has a certain aura that radiates positivity.



Nominated by: Anonymous

Wonder Woman Awards 2015

Terri Williams, Revenue & Financial Services

I don't know what we will do when Terri retires because she is such an integral part of the Revenue Division. She is a model for all employees of what it means to be professional, friendly, smart, and a problem solver. Daily, she tackles difficult situations with frustrated customers and handles it with poise and care. I am thankful to have Terri as a co-worker, mentor, supervisor, and peer.

Nominated by: Anonymous



Wonder Woman Awards 2015

Lisa Turley, Technology Services

Lisa Turley have supported public safety technology projects by serving on the Public Safety Systems Revitalization Program (PSSRP) Executive Steering Committee (ESC) for many years. It is appropriate, through this Wonder Woman Award, that the City acknowledges their commitment to a critical oversight role.

Nominated by: Andrew Carlstrom



Wonder Woman Awards 2015

Maureen Kinzel-Grubbs, Technology Services

A great PM, MKG supports 911 and is POC for our IRNE/INET customers. She works long hours, yet volunteers for everything. In good times or bad, MKG gets the card and gift and lets you know your co-workers care. MKG has high personal integrity and I am better for knowing her.

Nominated by: Deb D'Andrea



Wonder Woman Awards 2015

Alexis Gabriel, Transportation

Alexis joined our team fairly recently and hit the ground running! She does great work, is a great collaborator, and is very creative. We're lucky to have her!



Nominated by: Timo Forsberg

Wonder Woman Awards 2015

Alissa Mahar, Transportation

Alissa is one of the busiest people I know, but she manages to get everything done quickly and always with a smile. She's not afraid to ask questions or take on difficult tasks. She has also been a driving force behind PBOT's Equity Committee.

Nominated by: Abra McNair



Wonder Woman Awards 2015

Alissa Mahar, Transportation

Alissa leads a diverse portfolio of programs and projects within Business Services that serve the entire bureau as well as the public. She consistently inspires others to set high performance standards, continuously improve, and strive for operational excellence. Alissa's leadership at PBOT has served the public and PBOT well, and she is both a role model and a Wonder Woman!

*Nominated by: Andrew Carlstrom, Tina Keller, Ken Kinoshita,
Mark Lear, Jamie Waltz, and Kevin York*



Wonder Woman Awards 2015

Alissa Mahar, Transportation

Alissa is a dedicated City Employee, an amazing boss and a mother of four children. Alissa is thoughtful, compassionate, innovative and a leader. Alissa brings a sense of joy and humor to her work which is very demanding and has a very visible presence. She is the Executive Director of Finance & Business Operations Portland Bureau of Transportation. Alissa supports her staff and has the ability to help them develop their strengths to excel in their jobs. She does all of this with grace and efficiency. She balances this high-level job with motherhood and extracurricular activities, such as soccer. Alissa is one of the hardest working people we have ever worked with. She provided leadership and focus during a major initiative and kept a smile on her face the entire time. She is a true wonder woman!

Nominated by: Jamie Waltz and Mark Lear



Wonder Woman Awards 2015

Angel Rogers, Transportation

Payroll/Timekeeping, Safety & Training, FMLA Administration, and Personnel Actions are essential functions that keep the Portland Bureau of Transportation rolling. You are an incredible knowledgeable, professional, and a Wonder Woman!

Nominated by: Andrew Carlstrom



Wonder Woman Awards 2015

Chris Armes, Transportation

Chris inspires me because she has talked to me about her journey starting out working for the city as a CSA and working her way up to managing critical projects. She's worked here for over 20 years but I'm new, so I asked her what kind of skills I should build in order to grow my career here too. Whenever she sees an opportunity for me to expand my knowledge or skills, she takes a moment to show me how to do new things. I am constantly impressed by her ability to be an assertive and effective communicator. I admire her and I greatly appreciate the advice she shares.

Nominated by: Francesca Patricolo



Wonder Woman Awards 2015

Clarissa Atay, Transportation

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Nominated by: Andrew Carlstrom



Wonder Woman Awards 2015

Debbie Khoja, Transportation

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Nominated by: Andrew Carlstrom



Wonder Woman Awards 2015

Debbie Khoja, Transportation

Debbie handles all FMLA submittals for our Bureau and most, if not all, personnel paperwork (hiring, transfers, retiring, etc.) as well. My Section has had multiple FMLA cases and new hires or promotions the past two years and Debbie has been invaluable in keeping track of all the paperwork and deadlines! She does an outstanding job of keeping things moving along and keeping me informed.

Nominated by: Mark Hawkins



Wonder Woman Awards 2015

Joyce Gover, Transportation

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Nominated by: Andrew Carlstrom



Wonder Woman Awards 2015

Kris Beck, Transportation

Kris Beck is our supervising inspector. She is always there for the inspector's whenever she's needed but she empowers us to make our own decisions. I have three kids who are younger than Kris' kids and I'm always impressed that she's willing to work overtime for me when needed even if she's not getting paid to do it because she does not have hourly wage. I will always appreciate her support in everything.

Nominated by: Arsenica Perez



Wonder Woman Awards 2015

Laurel Turner, Transportation

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Nominated by: Andrew Carlstrom



Wonder Woman Awards 2015

Marni Glick, Transportation

Marni has always led by example. Her work ethic, personnel skills, and dedication have inspired me to be a better public servant, co-worker, and community member.



Nominated by: Scott Cohen

Wonder Woman Awards 2015

Laurie Lee, Transportation

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Nominated by: Andrew Carlstrom



Wonder Woman Awards 2015

Marilou Nazario,

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Nominated by: Transportation



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Wonder Woman Awards 2015

Peggy DeLay, Transportation

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Nominated by: Andrew Carlstrom



Wonder Woman Awards 2015

Sharon White, Transportation

Sharon teaches Portlanders how to safely navigate their city, tailoring her methods to each community she interacts with. She has organized dozens of Crosswalk Enforcement Actions with Portland Police, coordinated multi-lingual safety transportation safety ads in East Portland newsletters, and recently spearheaded a train the trainer program allowing elder immigrants to learn about pedestrian safety issues in the Jade District in their native languages.

Nominated by: Gabriel Graff



Wonder Woman Awards 2015

Terry Wade, Transportation

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Nominated by: Andrew Carlstrom



Wonder Woman Awards 2015

Ashley Schaer, Water

Ashley has been an over utilized, under appreciated member of the Water Bureau ISTATE team since 2008. She has facilitated major transitional training in key systems, mainly SAP, and has always done a fantastic job of staying on task and focused. She is an invaluable resource in a myriad of operational procedures/systems/databases and is always polite and helpful no matter her own work load. Ashley exemplifies what being a team player is all about.

Nominated by: Richard Hoyt



Wonder Woman Awards 2015

Jasmine Varela,

Work ethic is exceptional, always on time willing to offer help without being asked. always has a positive attitude towards any duty assigned. This person loves her job and is always striving to learn more about her job in order to make her a better employee for the bureau and its customers.

Nominated by: Rob Brinkman



Wonder Woman Awards 2015

Jenny Gardner, Water

The all seeing eye, that quietly moves in the background trying to make your job easier. I see so many road blocks thrown at her vision for change and she presents herself with grace, stamina, and patience, while she represents those voices who are too busy making this system run to voice themselves. I'm inspired by her "buck stops here" attitude and willingness to take on the most trying tasks because they need to be taken on.

Nominated by: Anonymous



Wonder Woman Awards 2015

Jessica Letteney, Water

We celebrate colleague Jessica Letteney with a 2015 Wonder Woman Award. It is our great honor and privilege to do so.

Jessica Letteney is an outstanding leader, professional, mentor, teacher, and colleague.

She is passionate in every aspect of her work, finding excitement and motivation by being extremely creative and resourceful when completing tasks and other duties and responsibilities. She is always positive, willing to help, inspires others to achieve, and is a big believer in team building.

Jessica has helped improve the quality of work of her colleagues with her ability and willingness to adapt and respond to a variety of challenging assignments and sensitive issues.

She has exceptionally high standards and has earned respect of her colleagues at the Water Bureau and beyond. Jessica has exceptionally high standards and has earned respect of her colleagues at the Water Bureau and beyond. Jessica brings beauty, clarity, and professional polish to every piece of work she touches.

Jessica is very selfless and takes pride in helping others shine. It is time for her to take the spotlight and shine; she is most deserving of a Wonder Woman Award.

Nominated by: Ann Richter, Eric Brainich, Jaymee Cuti, Jeff Leighton, Jeremiah Hess, Kate Leatherbarrow, Lindsay Wochnick, Lisa Vieno, Mia Sabanovic, Sadie Silkie, Sarah Fine, Sarah Messier, Sarah Santner, Steve Kucas, Terry Black, and Yone Akagi



Wonder Woman Awards 2015

Linda Curtis, Water

Have you been paid recently? She helps make this happen! If you come by the 6th fl around 6pm most nights she'll still be here making sure you're getting paid correctly, so much so she was honored by HR. But mainly, because she cares deeply for those she serves and for that I am grateful.

Nominated by: Somer Erickson



Wonder Woman Awards 2015

Wendy Heckard, Water

Wendy is truly exceptional in that she tirelessly pursues those that would do harm to the Water bureau's facilities and/or people. She is not afraid to appropriately confront people with questionable intent. I know that I can rely on Wendy to be professional in all of her duties.

Nominated by: Chris Wanner



Wonder Woman Awards 2015

Susanne Allen, Water

*Susanne is a Wonder Woman
Extraordinaire, who always puts herself
before others.*



Nominated by: Deborah Roache and Lori Snyder

Wonder Woman Awards 2015

Susanne Allen, Water

I cannot imagine a better officemate than Susanne Allen. She manages a huge amount of complex, aggravating work and her product is always impeccable. She's also contributed very significantly to the improvement of many of our work processes. But more than that, she is unfailingly pleasant and friendly and kind to everyone. She is always ready to answer questions or help in any way she. I know she has had to cope with a great deal of stress in her personal life, but if she ever has bad days you would never know it. She is without a doubt our division's Wonder Woman.

Nominated by: Drew Taylor



Wonder Woman Awards 2015

Susanne Allen, Water

Susanne is our Meter guru. She is brilliant, always helpful, kind and cheerful. She exemplifies the Water Bureau's pursuit of excellence in internal and external Customer Service.



Nominated by: Edie Chase

Wonder Woman Awards 2015

Susanne Allen, Water

Susanne goes above and beyond for her work group she always has a smile on her face.. she always is willing to help out if you are in need of some help with work. she gets more than her share of work done she is an exceptional employee!!

Nominated by: Heather



Wonder Woman Awards 2015

Susanne Allen, Water

Always positive, dependable, willing to listen. Works very hard and has a very demanding job.



Nominated by: Jason Fitzgerald

Wonder Woman Awards 2015

Susanne Allen, Water

She is best. Also helping her co works, has a smile for everyone. Has a very loving heart for people in her community.



Nominated by: Katherine Steele

Wonder Woman Awards 2015

Susanne Allen, Water

Susanne is the best person for Wonder Woman award. She is the person to go to... i.e. about meters and ever the fun job of uncrossing the city. Susanne is very caring and at work and in her personal life too. She is never with out a smile.



Nominated by: Laura Dunn

Wonder Woman Awards 2015

Susanne Allen, Water

Susanne is always smiling and wonderful to work with. I enjoy seeing her each day.



Nominated by: Linda Moore

Wonder Woman Awards 2015

Susanne Allen, Water

Susanne is always honest, helpful, funny and seems to be in a good mood every day. I really don't know how she does it :) I really look up to her.



Nominated by: Margi Ehlers

Wonder Woman Awards 2015

Susanne Allen, Water

Susanne is always pleasant and approachable, she is willing to help anytime needed. She is knowledgeable and informative. Anytime I know I need to speak with her, I look forward to it. She has a smile that makes you happy you are at work.

Nominated by: Shannon Musson



Wonder Woman Awards 2015

Susanne Allen, Water

*Susanne will help you without a second
thought*



Nominated by: Anonymous