

Strongest Link in the Chain
Nomination Form

Nominee Name____Jennifer Romes_____ Department____Code Enforcement_____

Your Name____Brian Miller_____ Department____Citizen Engagement_____

Date Submitted____June 21, 2016_____

Is this monthly nomination? **Yes** No If yes, which month _____June 2016_____

Is this an annual nomination? Yes **No** If yes, which year_____

Department Director Signature____Toussaint Kirk_____

Reason for the Nomination

Using the program criteria, explain in detail why the employee deserves to be recognized as the *Strongest Link in the Chain*. Use a separate sheet if necessary.

I would like to nominate Jennifer Romes for Strongest Link for May.

On Saturday April 2, the Edgewood community of Griffin hosted their first neighborhood clean-up. The event was born from a neighborhood meeting between City of Griffin Code Enforcement Officer Jennifer Romes and neighborhood resident Terrance Driver. The City of Griffin provided a roll-off container, trash bags, and gloves while the Edgewood residents provided the manpower and, even more importantly, a desire for a better community.

After meeting with Mr. Driver, I realized that the residents had a desire to clean up the community, they just didn't have the resources to begin the task," said Romes. "I had a choice to keep writing them citations every day or I could help put them in a position to help themselves. I chose to help." Throughout the day, residents as young as a few years old dragged trash and discarded furniture to the container. Griffin Police Officer Jeff Gaudin purchased hot dogs for the neighborhood kids which were grilled by an Edgewood resident, while City of Griffin Code Enforcement Officer Gwen Dallas provided drinks and potato chips.

District 2 City Commissioner Cora Flowers stopped by and was amazed by the collaborative effort between the City and the community. "This is how it should be, a community of people putting forth the effort to help themselves. I'm hoping that this is the beginning of something new in Griffin, that we see other neighborhoods coming forward and we can meet them half way," said Flowers.

Since pictures of the event were posted on the City's social media pages, the City has had several people inquire about how to do the same in their neighborhoods. By "thinking outside the box" and with more efforts like this, we can continue to make Griffin a beautiful place in which to live, work and play."

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Previous discipline in last 12 months____None_____

Final Rank____1_____ HR Signature____Miles Neville_____