

Utah County Employee of the Month - November, 2015  
Jerry Chapman, Manager - Systems Analyst and Programming  
Information Systems

We would describe Jerry as an innovator, broad minded, deeply analytical and has an impeccable work ethic. One who is able to take a visual concept and turn that concept into an application which is easily used and makes the workload of County Employees much easier. Jerry Chapman was hired by Utah County January 2006 as a Systems Analyst/Programmer. He came with expertise he gained as a previous employee of Geneva Steel.

He has the foresight to see the technological view of the future and take that view from concept to reality. He is able to determine new ways of doing things and the best tools to utilize in doing so.

Jerry was the first to get Utah County to "tread waters" with Apple in the design and implementation of an iPad application deployed in June 2012. This application allows viewing of the county's topographic based map and was the stepping-stone for other applications. When it was presented at an ESRI conference, it stirred up a lot of buzz among the participants. Jerry became the go-to person and received calls from other government agencies, within and outside of the State of Utah.

Jerry spends a great deal of his own time and money in researching new technology and developing new programming skills. The Utah County Trail Guide was developed and released this year. This guide show the location of county trails, utilizes GPS coordinates and includes difficulty of trail, what is acceptable on the trail such as horses and other pets and if wheelchair accessible.

Current projects include one which will be utilized during elections allowing poll workers and rovers to communicate with the main office via their hand-held devices and a financial application for purchase order and check register approvals. He is working with another programmer in the development of applications for Mosquito Abatement for the dropping of chemicals in drains and for the tracking of signs for Public Works.

He has been an integral part of the Land Development team and is involved in other areas such as Motor Pool's Inventory and Fuel, Property Tax Payments and Greenbelt Rollback tracking which currently do not utilize hand held devices; but may at a future time. His duties cross the lines between the Development Teams and that for GIS.

Dianne Butler adds, "I would like to take this opportunity to nominate Jerry Chapman for Employee of the Month. From the time Jerry was hired, he has been an asset to our department. Any time he is given a project to work on, he jumps in with both feet, analyzes the best way to achieve the request, and works tirelessly to get the project done. Jerry is usually juggling multiple project changes at one time which speaks to his ability to multi-task and willingness to work hard."

"Because of his constant learning, he has become a 'Go To' person. His input when analyzing the best way to include new technologies is invaluable. Jerry never backs down from a programming challenge. Instead, relying on past experience and using any resource he can find, he keeps working at the problem until a working solution is implemented. Once he has achieved his goal, he is more than willing to share what he has learned with others."

"Jerry's sense of humor makes it a great pleasure to work with him. Even during the most stressful situations, Jerry can elicit a smile from just about anyone. When working with challenging customers, Jerry always demonstrates a professional manner and uses great patience when helping them resolve their issues, even if it takes much longer than it should. Because of all this and much, much more, I believe Jerry Chapman is very deserving of this recognition."

Jerry does like his toys and you may find him hovering around car shows or if you look up, you may catch a glimpse of one of his helicopters ..... as he remotely maneuvers it from a comfortable chair.

He is an asset to Utah County and should be recognized as such.

Nominated by Neil Peterson, Jay Sundberg, and Diane Butler.

