

JULY

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



Ellen Himmelblau

Senior Tourism Specialist

Ellen has been a valuable employee with the Tourism Department for fifteen years. Her responsibilities have changed over the years as the job itself has evolved. Her responsibilities began as data entry, answering phones and mailing out thousands of travel guides. She has welcomed the challenges of the digital age and worked to transform information systems and processes within the department while still keeping her interactions personal and professional. Throughout her fifteen years, Ellen has established friendships with hundreds of business owners and event organizers in every corner of the County. She can recall information about a particular business from memory, and recognized people as they walk in the door. She will go out of her way to explain to a business owner how our department can benefit and promote their particular enterprise, and she has been known to drop off travel guides and promotional materials before and after business hours as needed by any particular business. She represents the area with a smile at consumer shows and engages all comers with enthusiasm and personal warmth that reflects the welcoming nature of our region. Ellen is someone who will hesitate to ask for help from her co-workers, but is the first to lend a hand or offer words of encouragement. She is a true friend to each of her co-workers. Ellen is kind, considerate and conscientious at the core. She is patient with callers who want a last-minute recommendation. She has always been meticulous when it comes to completing any task that is asked of her. Ellen will be missed by the Tourism department, her co-workers at the County and the friends she has made in the business community, as she will be retiring at the end of August.