

SURRY COUNTY EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER

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Voters must present an acceptable form of identification prior to voting. The list of acceptable ID is as follows:

- Commonwealth of Virginia Voter Registration Card
- Social Security Card
- Valid Virginia Driver's License
- Any other ID card issued by a government agency in Virginia, one of its political subdivisions or the US
- Any valid student identification card issued by an institution of higher education in Virginia
- Any valid employee ID card issued containing a photograph of the voter and issued by an employer of the voter in the ordinary course of the employer's business
- A copy of a current utility bill
- A copy of a current bank statement
- A copy of a current government check
- A paycheck that shows the name and address of the voter
- A concealed handgun permit

Message from the County Administrator



I am often amazed when riding on the rural rustic road systems in the county at just how beautiful our community is with our rolling pastures, open farmlands that yield various crops, blossoming woods teeming with wildlife and our waterfront panoramas. Surry is certainly something special! Like most rural communities, Surry County seeks to maintain its rural character while strengthening its local economy.

Our community is nestled in the midst between two major metropolitan regions (Richmond and Hampton Roads) as time goes on we will begin to feel the pressure of growth from those regions. The challenge for the county will be to find ways to manage new growth that promotes prosperity yet is sustainable over the long run. We can achieve our goals through the practice of smart growth techniques and strategies. Smart growth development concepts benefit the economy, environment, public health and the community as a whole. The following is deemed to be the best practices and strategies of Smart Growth that can help the county achieve the results we want:

- *Mixed use and design standards*
- *Create walkable communities with a range of housing opportunities and choices*
- *Preserve open space, farmland, natural beauty and critical environmental areas*
- *Strengthen and direct development towards existing communities*
- *Provide a variety of transportation options*
- *Encourage community and stakeholder collaboration in development decisions*

The county will take a big step towards Smart Growth initiatives this month when the Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing to receive comments on the draft Land Development Ordinance. With zoning that supports the county's vision, we can improve the quality of life for our residents, attract and support businesses and provide new opportunities while protecting the way of life we all have come to enjoy.

This is the fourth and final issue of 2012.

As always, if you wish to submit news or corrections, please provide information to Harriet Ruffin on the dates noted below by 12 noon:

Dec. 14th for Jan-March 2013 issue

March 15th for April-June 2013 issue

OTHER EMPLOYEE NEWS



Congratulations: Willis "Rudy" Mason and Wilma Crandall were married on August 3, 2012.

Our children
are back in
school . . .



PLEASE
DRIVE
SAFELY!

Congratulations:

- Mr. Melvin Lyttle, Sr. recently retired from the Sanitation Department.
- Ms. Nicole Price (Sheriff's Department) completed Basic Law Enforcement training on August 24, 2012.
- **Welcome new employee**, Ms. Monica Hill, to the Sheriff's Department. Ms. Hill began work in Dispatch on July 23, 2012.
- Mrs. Vita Caine welcomed her third grandchild, Juliana Mone' Malcolm on Oct. 9th.
- Mr. Ricky Woodard welcomed his first grandchild, Laila Amour Thompson on Oct. 3rd.

Condolences:

- Curtis Mae Hare passed away on September 1, 2012. Curtis Mae was a former employee in the Treasurer's Office.
- Roy Lane lost his grandmother, Mrs. Clara Lane on August 7, 2012.
- Vernon Scott's mother, Matron C. Scott, passed away on August 24, 2012.
- Mr. Ernest Blount lost his grandmother, Mrs. Nancy Claiborne on Aug. 25th.
- Anne Gwaltney, a former part-time dispatcher in the Sheriff's Office and member of the Surry Rescue Squad, passed away on August 27, 2012.
- Rudy Mason had two recent losses, his sister-in-law, Nancy Alston, passed on Sept. 6th and his cousin's wife passed away on Oct. 1st.

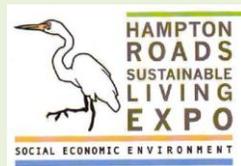
GUESS WHO

Be the first to identify the employee in the picture below and win a small prize available in the Administrator's Office.



Winner of the previous contest was Sheriff Clayton. He correctly identified the employee in the photo as Terri Hale.

The **Hampton Roads Sustainable Living Expo** took place at the Virginia Beach Convention Center on September 28 & 29, 2012.



This two-day event was designed to engage the greater Hampton Roads community in exploring the balance between social, economic, and environmental responsibility. As part of the programming, a *Business Luncheon* was held on Friday the 28th which was attended by Mr. Tyrone Franklin and Mrs. Judy Lyttle. A *Public Expo* was scheduled on Saturday the 29th from 10am to 6pm. Mrs. Angela Blount proudly represented Surry County during the expo, manning our exhibit and sharing information about the County with interested individuals.

The Hampton Roads Sustainable Living Expo was organized by the City of Virginia Beach and Virginia Beach City Public Schools.

Employee Profiles:

The County Administrator's Office Staff



Terri Hale grew up in Chesterfield County. She has an older sister who played lots of dirty tricks on her, but now she's the best sister in the world. Terri graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University with a Master's of Public Administration. She has worked in local government for 27 years, and has received the Credentialed Manager designation from the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) and is a Certified Professional Public Buyer (CPPB) from the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP). Her life is exciting (not). Among her favorite things to do are read, walk with Gracie the yellow lab and dig in the yard. In addition to Gracie, she is also allowed to live with Willa Catter, a gray tabby.

Harriet S. Ruffin has been employed with the county since 1977; starting as a secretary to the County Administrator and County Attorney through the CETA program. She has worked under the leadership of several Board of Supervisors and six County Administrators. She currently is the Executive Secretary to the County Administrator and Payroll/Human Resource Benefits Coordinator. Harriet is married to Leonard and has a daughter Onike and one very *special* grandson Bryce. She's a member of Lebanon Baptist Church. Harriet has met a lot of people while working for the county and enjoys assisting them in any way that she can. She also enjoys spending time with her family and friends. Harriet's greatest accomplishment is being able to work for Surry County for the past 35 years.

Carolyn Slade Dickens is a Surry County native and has been employed in the Finance Department for 11 years. She is an active member of Mt. Nebo Baptist Church. Carolyn has two children: Melanie and Ashley, and one adorable granddaughter, Jade. Her hobbies include travelling, shopping and spending time with family and friends. Carolyn is an active member of the Smithfield Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and is a graduate of Virginia State University with a major in Business Administration.

Pat Bernshausen has been employed in the Administrator's office for three years. Originally from Petersburg, she has lived in Surry County for 14 years. She has four living children, two in-laws, and one *beautiful* grandson – Junior, as well as three fur babies (dogs). Pat is very involved in her church and travels to East Africa as often as she can to continue her mission work there. She has five "adopted" sons in Rwanda. Pat enjoys reading, sewing, quilting and spoiling Junior.

Birthdays & Years of Service

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- Oct. 9 Mary Lynne Hayes
- Oct. 14 Jonathan Judkins
- Oct. 19 Will Berryman
Janet Seward
- Oct. 27 Rudy Mason
- Nov. 1 Wanda Pittman
- Nov. 2 Aaron Mizelle
Shelle Switzer
- Nov. 8 Sharon Scott
- Nov. 11 Shenee Graham
- Nov. 12 Gail Clayton
- Nov. 13 Stacey Williams
- Nov. 15 Valerie Pierce
- Nov. 20 Cliff Redstone
- Nov. 23 Debbie Nee
- Nov. 28 Sopenhia Pierce
- Dec. 4 Aundrea Hamrick
- Dec. 6 Sonia Beatty
- Dec. 7 Marta Terry
- Dec. 11 Devida Wheeler
- Dec. 14 James Joyner
- Dec. 20 Fannie Thompson
Angela Blount
- Dec. 26 Sandra Pierce
- Dec. 30 Glynis Epps

Years of Service with Surry County:

- Michael Bailey 18 years
- Roderick Barbee 2 years
- Sonia Beatty 28 years
- Patricia Bernshausen 3 years
- Sheriff Alvin Clayton 31 years
- Robin Eley 18 years
- Terri Hale 1 year
- Sheryl P. Newby 32 years
- Sopenhia Pierce 15 years
- Michael Rawlings 3 years
- Shelle Switzer 10 years
- Sherri Thomas 5 years
- Benita Veiga 14 years

OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Make sure that the ones you love have scheduled a screening exam.

For more information:

- Susan G. Komen for the Cure
1-877-465-6636
www.komen.org
- American Cancer Society
1-800-227-2345
www.cancer.org
- National Cancer Institute's Cancer Information Service
1-800-422-6237
www.cancer.gov



Don't forget to get your annual flu shot!



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Visit the County's website at www.surrycountyva.gov

MOTIVATIONAL THOUGHT

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest accomplishment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.

Leo Buscaglia, Author and Motivational Speaker

STEP OUT | WALK TO STOP DIABETES®

American Diabetes Association.

Sunday, October 7, 2012

Windsor Castle Park, Smithfield, VA

Check-In 1:30pm - Walk Starts 3:00pm

Event Contact: Shelby Frank, sfrank@diabetes.org
For more information, call 1-888-DIABETES x3282.

Calendar of Events:

- Oct. 8th – Columbus Day *
- Oct. 12th - Homecoming
- Oct. 31st – Halloween
- Nov. 4th – Daylight Saving Time Ends (fall back one hour)
- Nov. 12th – Veteran's Day *
- Nov. 21st (noon) – Nov. 23rd – Thanksgiving Holiday *
- Dec. 8th – Christmas Parade and A Visit with Santa
- Dec. 12th – Surry Nuclear Siren Test
- Dec. 14th – Employee Christmas Social
- Dec. 24th – 25th – Christmas Holiday *
- Dec. 31st – New Year's Eve

**Government Offices are closed*

HUMAN RESOURCES NEWS

On Wednesday, October 24, 2012 the Crater Health District will sponsor a Vaccination Clinic at the Surry County Recreation Center from 10am to 2pm. They will be administering seasonal flu vaccines as well as Tdap vaccines **FREE OF CHARGE**. Citizens **MUST** pre-register to attend by calling 294-3185.

Crater Health District is Offering **FREE**

Seasonal Flu

(Vaccine available for those 3 years of age and up)

& Tdap Vaccines

(Tdap-Tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis)

You **MUST** Pre-Register by calling
757-294-3185

