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Meet the new Planning & Development Department Employees

Matt Talbott - Senior Planner. Matt grew up in Danville, VA where he attended Hargrave Military Academy, graduating in 2002. He then moved to Greensboro to attend UNCG and graduated in 2006 receiving a Geography degree with a concentration in



Planning and Economic Development. He then went on to receive his Master's Degree in 2011 in the same field while interning with the City of Greensboro's Transportation Planning Department. Matt was previously employed by Harnett County Planning Department for almost 4 years before coming back to the Triad to work for the City of Greensboro's Planning Department in 2015. He admits to being a bit of a sports junky and also loves playing guitar and drums. Matt is recently married and very excited to be part of the Guilford County team! His new role will have him working with Variances and Special Use Permits for the Board of Adjustments and Planning Board, serving on the Technical Review Committee, and as the Planner for Pleasant Garden.

Lorelei Elkins – Environmental Programs Specialist. Lorelei comes to us from Forsyth County's Office of Environmental Assistance & Protection where she coordinated the 10-

county Triad Air Awareness program, a NC Division of Air Quality program. She received her Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science & Environmental Education from Old Dominion University in Norfolk Virginia. She has worked as an Environmental Educator in Hawaii and as a Sciences Educator at SciWorks Science



Museum. She enjoys writing, archery, beekeeping and organic gardening. She is married and has one son. In addition to her recycling and open burning outreach and education, Lorelei serves as Guilford County's Solid Waste Enforcement Officer.



James Tardiff – Soil Technician. James studied Natural Resource Conservation Management with a concentration in Forestry at Western Carolina University. He gained his field experience working with Blackwater, a

stream bank and wetland restoration company. He loves the outdoor life and in his spare time can be found fishing, hunting and

farming cattle. James will enforce the Sedimentation Pollution Control Act by performing compliance inspections on grading-permitted projects, investigating citizens soil erosion and sedimentation complaints, and conducting site plan inspections.

Rhonitta Hayes – Land Use & Zoning Compliance Officer. Rhonitta was born and raised in Greensboro; her parents and older brother still reside here. She currently lives in High Point with her husband of 21 years. They have 3 children: Their oldest (Emani) is a freshman at Winston-Salem State



University, their middle child (Zion) is a freshman at NCA&T Middle College, and the youngest (Elijah) is a 5th grader at Allen Jay Preparatory Academy. When Rhonitta isn't working, she enjoys listening to music and singing in various choirs. She has directed church and community choirs over the last 10 years. Rhonitta has worked in local government since 2002 where she began with the Greensboro Police Department as a 911 Dispatcher. In 2003 she transferred to Engineering and Inspections where she began working as a Code Enforcement Officer. In addition to investigations and code enforcement work, Rhonitta will help advise citizens of ordinance requirements and procedures.

Joshua Shinn – Recycling Site Operator. Josh joins the team at the Bishop Road Scrap Tire & White Goods Collection Facility. Josh has been working in the recycling industry for about five years. He is certified to operate multiple types of equipment including the forklift and front end loader. In his spare time, Josh enjoys hunting for collectibles and spending time with his lovely fiancé!



Michael Swaenepoel – Building Inspector. Michael was a plumbing and mechanical contractor in South Florida for many years before moving to NC in 2000. He and his wife of 30 years, Vivian, have three sons and two grandchildren – who affectionately call him “Grumpy”! Mike loves teaching anything building trades-related, spending time on his farm, enjoying time with his grandkids, and assisting at their schools – especially band related studies and activities. Mike looks forward to being part of the Guilford County Team for many years!



Teresa Andrews- Stormwater Program Administrator. Teresa was born and raised in Wake County. She graduated from North Carolina State University with a BS in Natural Resources Ecosystem Assessment and a minor in Forest Management. While at NCSU she worked with the Tree Improvement Program as a Research Technician. After graduating she married, moved to a farm in Randolph county and began as a Stormwater Specialist. Teresa worked for a private firm managing Stormwater programs for multiple municipalities. In her free time, she enjoys sewing, gardening, crafting, fishing, and taking hikes with her husband and their two Labradors. Teresa will be responsible for implementing and managing various Stormwater programs and water quality statutes and regulations throughout the county.



Pleasant Garden’s E-Cycle event had all hands busy with 555 vehicles dropping off more than 20.55 tons of e-waste and 6.41 tons of shredded paper!

At the **Greensboro Spring Cleanup**, 351 Guilford County residents visited bringing 21.77 tons of tires, 6.90 tons of e-waste, 5.64 tons of shredded paper, 2.58 tons of white goods, and 7.49 tons of household hazardous waste!

At the **High Point Clean & Green event**, 700 cars came through with 18.32 tons of electronics, 18.12 tons of household hazardous waste, 7.75 tons of tires, 5.16 tons of shredded paper and 2.77 tons of white goods.

Environmental Services

Environmental Services held several very successful community recycling events over the past year, starting with the **Summerfield Summer-Cycle** event. About 200 participants dropped off 11.32 tons of tires, 4.62 tons of e-waste, 2.76 tons of white goods (appliances) and metal, and 0.95 tons of shredded paper.

Oak Ridge’s E-Cycle event had 352 participants that brought 11.54 tons of e-waste, 2.03 tons of white goods, and 3.62 tons of shredded paper.

Totals for fiscal year 2016 - 2017

We are committed to the waste reduction goals outlined in the Solid Waste Management Plan. Last fiscal year saw:

- 840.20 tons of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) properly disposed of.
- 9,417.57 tons of tires collected for recycling.
- 205.80 tons of metal collected and recycled.
- 90.13 tons of paper kept from the landfill.
- 949.38 tons of electronics collected, secured and recycled.

Additionally: 49 Open Burn/Illegal Dumping Enforcement cases were resolved and 11 are ongoing/pending.

Congratulations to John Hemrick on his promotion to Supervisor for the Guilford County Scrap Tire and White Goods Collection Facility!

John started his career with the County roughly seven years ago with the Sheriff’s Department. He transferred to the Scrap Tire location about 2 ½ years ago and took over as supervisor about five months ago. John is looking forward to learning all he can about the collection site and the solid waste program. One of his main goals is to ensure that the employees are cross-trained. He’s very interested in helping everyone learn and grow, fostering a team who will be more efficient and ready to take on any challenge that comes their way.





We did it again! The Planning & Development Department achieved its United Way fundraising goal of \$2,468.00. We also reached our goal of employee participation with 19 persons contributing. These goals could not have been met without the initiative taken by the dedicated employees who pledged, made personal donations and supported the special event raffle. A big **THANK YOU** goes out to the generous contributors for the raffle and employee incentive prizes!

The winners of the October 9th raffle are:
3rd Prize – Gourmet Gift Basket (James Poulouse)
2nd Prize - \$100 Lucky 32 Gift Card (Renee Oxendine)
Grand Prize – 32" Insignia Smart TV (Don Mills)

To everyone who supported us in the effort, **THANKS!**



Department Spotlight – Plumbing & Mechanical Section



The Plumbing & Mechanical Section of the Permitting and Inspections Division spends a lot of time out in the field ensuring projects are safe and up to code. Leading the Division is Casey Gerringer who has been employed with Guilford County as a Plumbing and Mechanical Inspector since 1998. He took over as Chief in December 2011.

Also in the Section are:

- James Brown - with the County since November 1987
- Billy Shearin - with the County since September 1995
- Allen Jones - with experience in Randolph County and the City of Greensboro before coming to the County in 2003
- Michael Swaenepoel - hired on as a multi-trade inspector in 2017, primarily inspecting mechanical and electrical on HVAC change-outs

The Plumbing & Mechanical Section performs around 12,000 inspections a year in Guilford County and the incorporated areas we serve. Our goal is to provide great customer service and help ensure the safety of the citizens of Guilford County.

Attention to detail and performing their duties at a high level of competence is required for the excellence this Section is known for. Three of our employees in this section are closing in on the 30-year milestone. Their expertise and the experience will be missed when they decide to move on to other things.

ANSWER: The picture on the first page is the Kilby Hotel, built around 1910 by John and Nannie Kilby, noted entrepreneurs in High Point's African-American community. The hotel and entertainment hall at 627 E. Washington Dr. hosted many prominent black entertainers during segregation, including Ella Fitzgerald and Nat King Cole.

Fall Safety Tip

With fall upon us, now is the time to think about servicing the heating equipment in your home. Take the time to turn on the system to ensure that it is operating properly before cold weather hits. If you are unsure how to check your system or have an older system, have it professionally serviced. Change the filter too; it will keep the unit running more efficiently.

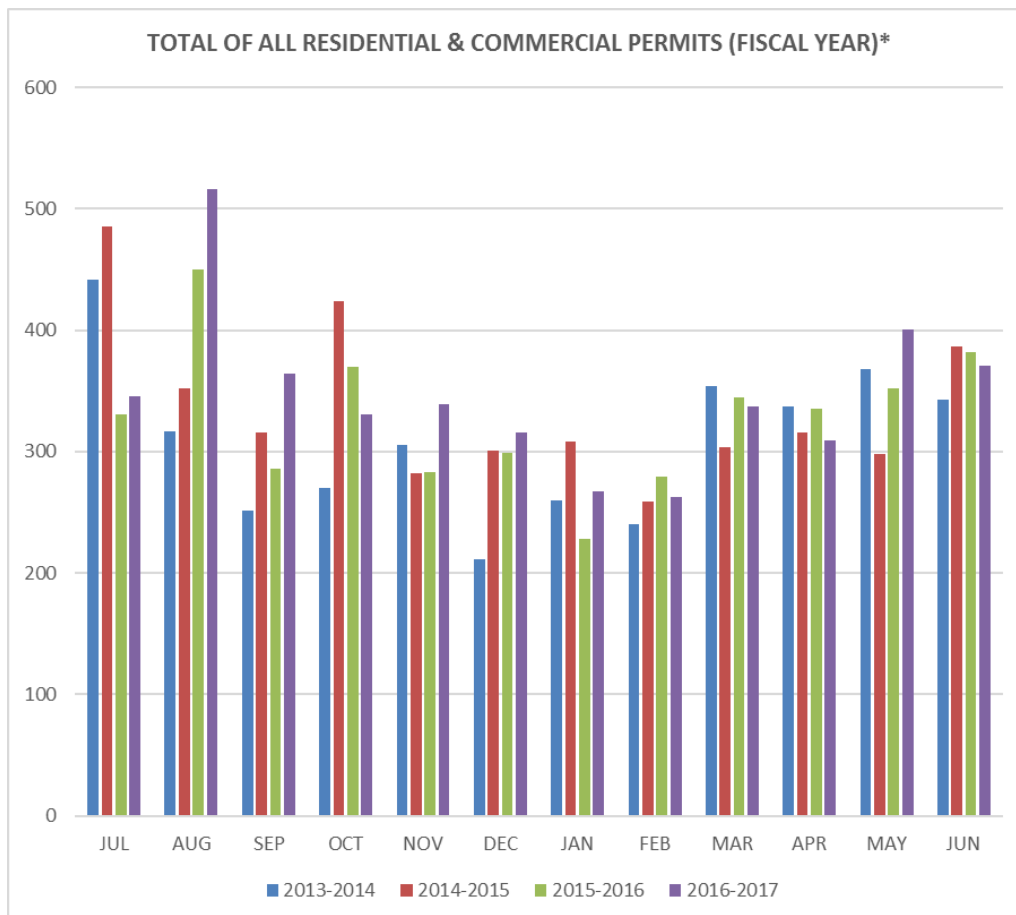
If you have fuel-fired appliances in your home, make sure you have a Carbon Monoxide (CO) detector installed.

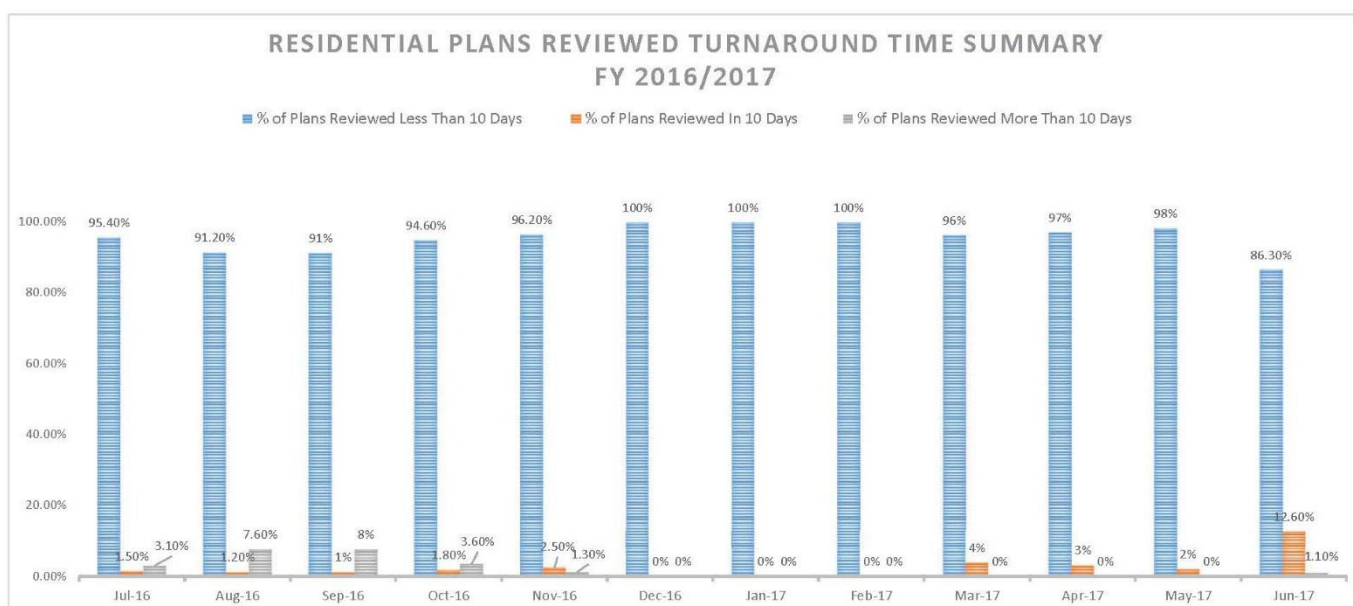
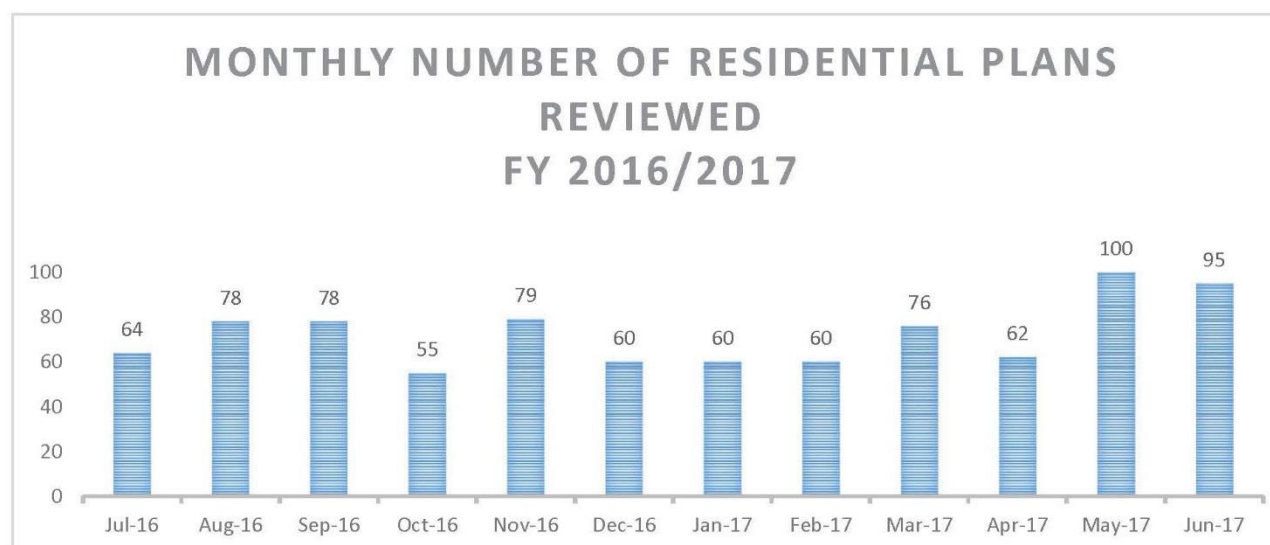
This is also the time of year that everyone should check the batteries in their smoke detectors.

As the old saying goes:

"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

| Total Residential & Commercial Permits by Fiscal Year – Includes Unincorporated Guilford County, Jamestown, Oak Ridge, Piedmont Triad International Airport, Pleasant Garden, Sedalia, Stokesdale, Summerfield & Whitsett. | | | | | |
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| P E R M I T S | MONTH | 2013-2014 | 2014-2015 | 2015-2016 | 2016-2017 |
| | JUL | 442 | 485 | 331 | 346 |
| | AUG | 317 | 352 | 450 | 516 |
| | SEP | 251 | 316 | 286 | 364 |
| | OCT | 270 | 424 | 370 | 331 |
| | NOV | 305 | 282 | 283 | 339 |
| | DEC | 211 | 301 | 299 | 316 |
| | JAN | 260 | 308 | 228 | 267 |
| | FEB | 240 | 259 | 279 | 263 |
| | MAR | 354 | 304 | 345 | 337 |
| | APR | 337 | 316 | 335 | 309 |
| | MAY | 368 | 298 | 352 | 401 |
| | JUN | 343 | 387 | 382 | 371 |
| | TOTALS | 3698 | 4032 | 3940 | 4160 |





Residential Plan Review Summary for FY 2016/2017

Total Number of Residential Plans Completed FY 2016-2017 = 867

Average Turnaround Time FY 2016-2017 = 5 Working Days

| Quarterly Summary FY 2016/2017 | |
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| 1st Quarter, July-September 2016 | |
| Average Number of Plans Reviewed Less Than 10 Days | 92.6% |
| Average Number of Plans Reviewed at 10 Days | 1.3% |
| Average Number of Plans Reviewed Greater Than 10 Days | 6.1% |
| Total 1 st Quarter of Plan Reviewed | 220 |
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| 2nd Quarter, October-December 2016 | |
| Average Number of Plans Reviewed Less Than 10 Days | 97% |
| Average Number of Plans Reviewed at 10 Days | 1.4% |
| Average Number of Plans Reviewed Greater Than 10 Days | 1.6% |
| Total 2 nd Quarter of Plan Reviewed | 194 |
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| 3rd Quarter, January-March 2017 | |
| Average Number of Plans Reviewed Less Than 10 Days | 98.7% |
| Average Number of Plans Reviewed at 10 Days | 1.3% |
| Average Number of Plans Reviewed Greater Than 10 Days | 0.0% |
| Total 3 rd Quarter of Plan Reviewed | 196 |
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| 4th Quarter, April-June 2017 | |
| Average Number of Plans Reviewed Less Than 10 Days | 93.7% |
| Average Number of Plans Reviewed at 10 Days | 6% |
| Average Number of Plans Reviewed Greater Than 10 Days | 0.3% |
| Total 4 th Quarter of Plan Review | 257 |
| Total Plans | 867 |



Planning Department employees in this picture: John Hemrick, Clyde Harding, Beth Anne Aheron, Leslie Bell



Guilford County students learn about recycling at Alderman Elementary School!

NC Department of Labor Safety Award

The staff of the Bishop Road Scrap Tire & White Goods collection facility earned the NC Department of Labor Safety award this spring. Great work John Hemrick, Wallace Owens, and Charles Smith!

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