



GUILFORD COUNTY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

HOLIDAY EDITION

CONNECTIONS



Planner II Dervin Spell, AICP, CFM, has been recently appointed Vice Chair of the Membership and Diversity Committee with the North Carolina Chapter of the American Planning Association. Devin will help coordinate activities within the committee that expand membership in the Chapter, and encourage diversity in the planning profession. Dervin will also be eligible to attend executive committee meetings of APA-NC and will vote on APA-NC matters in the absence of the Chair. Congratulations Dervin!



UPCOMING EVENTS :

THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON:

THURSDAY NOV. 20TH @ NOON

CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST:

THURSDAY DEC. 18TH @ 8:15 AM





THE SPOTLIGHT IS ON THE SOIL EROSION CONTROL DEPARTMENT & EARL DAVIS & THERON JACKSON FOR THIS ISSUE...LET'S GET TO KNOW EARL & THERON & A LITTLE MORE ABOUT SOIL EROSION CONTROL....

In August of 1974, the Board of County Commissioners of Guilford County adopted a Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Ordinance. The purpose of this Ordinance is local regulation of "land-disturbing activity to control accelerated erosion and sedimentation in order to prevent the pollution to water and damage to lakes, water- courses, and other public and private property by sedimentation."

The program issues grading permits, reviews plans, inspects, and regulates land disturbance activities for unincorporated Guilford County and 7 Towns. We also investigate citizen's drainage/soil erosion complaints, conduct site plan compliance/landscaping inspections on all commercial sites, approve final certificate of occupancy issuances on commercial projects, investigate & determine applicability of Randleman/Jordan Lake Stream Buffer Standards on waterway features, coordinate with State, Federal, and local agencies as required (401, 404 NC DWQ/US Army Corps of Engineers, issue NPDES General Stormwater permits on all sites that require grading permits, inspect subdivision plats prior to recordation to verify location of drainage easements, utility installation, erosion control, zoning, etc.

Our Program works closely with County Planning and Town staff to ensure local zoning and preservation interests are considered prior to erosion control plan approval (ex. Tree preservation, primary conservation areas, stream buffers, etc. We work diligently to enforce the regulations and maintain positive working relationships with our citizenry, Towns & State/ Federal Agencies, and have been doing so for 40 years.

In 2009, the NC Sedimentation Control Commission awarded Guilford County's Soil Erosion Control Program with the "State Program Award for excellence in erosion and sedimentation control" presented on 1-29-09. Comment from the NC State Sediment Control Specialist, Gray Hauser: *"Guilford County is considered a large program due their scope of responsibility, but they administer their program with small program resources."*



Earl Davis

Prior to working for the County, I worked for the City of High Point Water & Sewer Department for about 9 years. I worked in Wastewater Plant Operations. I operated the plant, trained new employees, and dabbled in research & development activities. The long hours and unpredictable work schedule started taking a toll on me. I was newly married, and my wife encouraged me to seek a job with better hours. When I found out about a vacant position in the Planning and Development Department, I applied, and thankfully was hired.

I started to work for the County in September, 1994. I still recall the day vividly. It was a warm & sunny day, and my first inspection was Quarterpath Trace Town Homes in Jamestown. I still remember how proud I felt, and feel working in the Soil Erosion Control Program. It was known as "The office of Soil Science" back in those days led by Dr. Van Jenkins, Soil Scientist, and the late David Barnes, Chief, Soil Erosion Control Section. Times have changed, and people have come and gone, but I often think of those guys, and the impact they had on the County, this Program, and certainly me. David was my supervisor, a wonderful employee, and even a better man. He passed away suddenly in 1997. I was asked to take his place, but I knew that no one could fill his shoes, but I try to honor his memory and professionalism as best I can.

Over the years, I've tried to learn new concepts & skills in soil erosion control, water quality protection, and customer service. In 2001, I decided to go back to college to earn a second degree. It was the hardest thing I've ever done considering I was working here full time, had a full course load at night, had two small kids at home, and helped with my ailing parents. However, I graduated with honors in 2004 from HPU. There was no way I could've accomplished this without my loving wife Kim's support. I use what I learned every day on this job, and I'm thankful I had the opportunity to further my education to help my family.

Kim and I have been happily married for twenty-one years. We have two kids. Connor is 19, and is a senior at Guilford College. Reagan is 16, and is a junior in high school.

We spend part of our leisurely time supporting our kid's activities, whether it be "cheerleader parents" under the Friday night lights or taking-in the latest superhero movie. All of our free time is not spent with the kids. We are active in our Church. I am a teacher in my Sunday school class! Admittedly, I am a bit unorthodox sometimes, but I get people thinking.

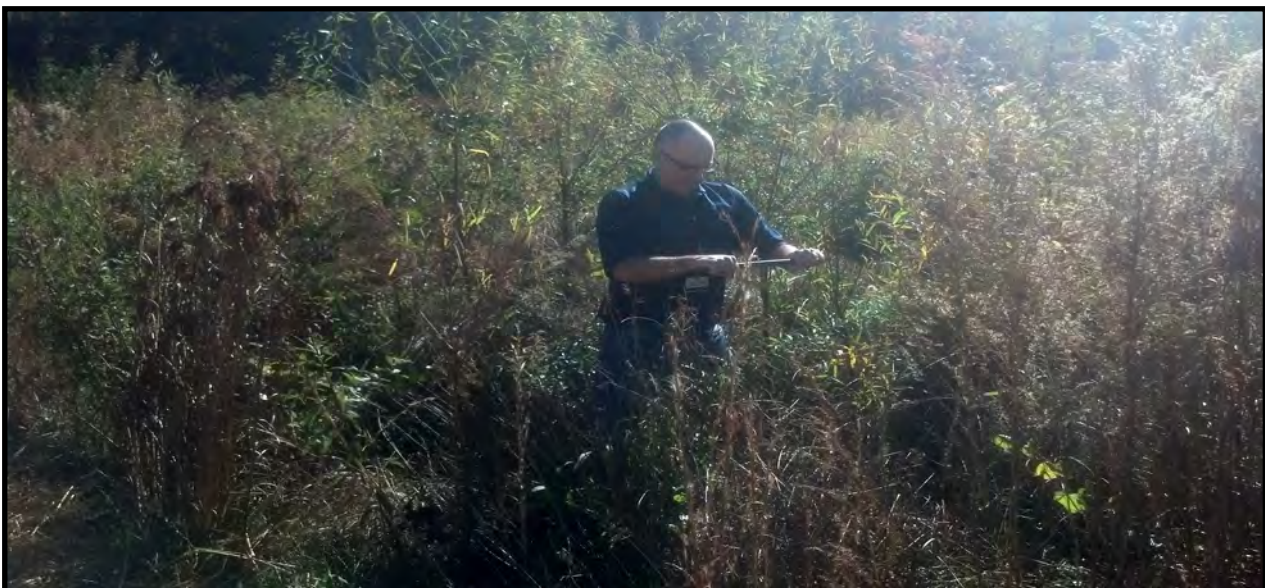
This time of year is exciting for me. I love ACC football and basketball, HS sports, and the Carolina Panthers. I also enjoy working outside in my yard, and the approach of the holidays. My homemade Christmas fudge is world famous. I will make some and gladly share!

An interesting tidbit about me: I am an old Eagle Scout. I try to adhere to the values I learned while in Scouting.

A friend of mine passed away recently. This was his favorite quote.

"Iron sharpens iron, as one man sharpens another." Proverbs 27:17

Pictured Below: Earl is using a soil auger to collect soil samples within a jurisdictional stream buffer.



Theron Jackson

I am a native Guilford County and grew up in the southern Guilford farming community. In 1990, I graduated with an A.A.S. degree in Fish and Wildlife Management and studied Natural Resource Management at Western Carolina University until 1992. In 1992, I began a career in surveying that lasted until 2005 prior to working for Guilford County. During that time I surveyed over much of the Southeast conducting topographic, boundary, and construction surveys. I am the father of three kids: Sarah, Katie, and Jacob. I attend Pleasant Garden Baptist Church and serve with Men's Ministry events. In 2008, I began serving with the Boy Scouts of America and currently serve as an Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 532 in Level Cross, NC. In my spare time I enjoy hunting, fishing, camping, hiking, and gardening.

An interesting fact about me is my name. Theron is a Greek word that means a woodsman or a hunter and I have spent my lifetime trying to live up to it.

Pictured below: Theron is inspecting a dewatering device in a temporary sediment control basin.



Planning & Development Welcomes our newest addition....DEBRA D. FULLER Her primary responsibility will be to provide part-time administrative support/assistance.

I have lived most of my life in northern New England, and have spent time in Florida and Pennsylvania as well. We have been in North Carolina less than 2 years and are still learning our way around, but loving it; great weather, lots to do, and such nice people!

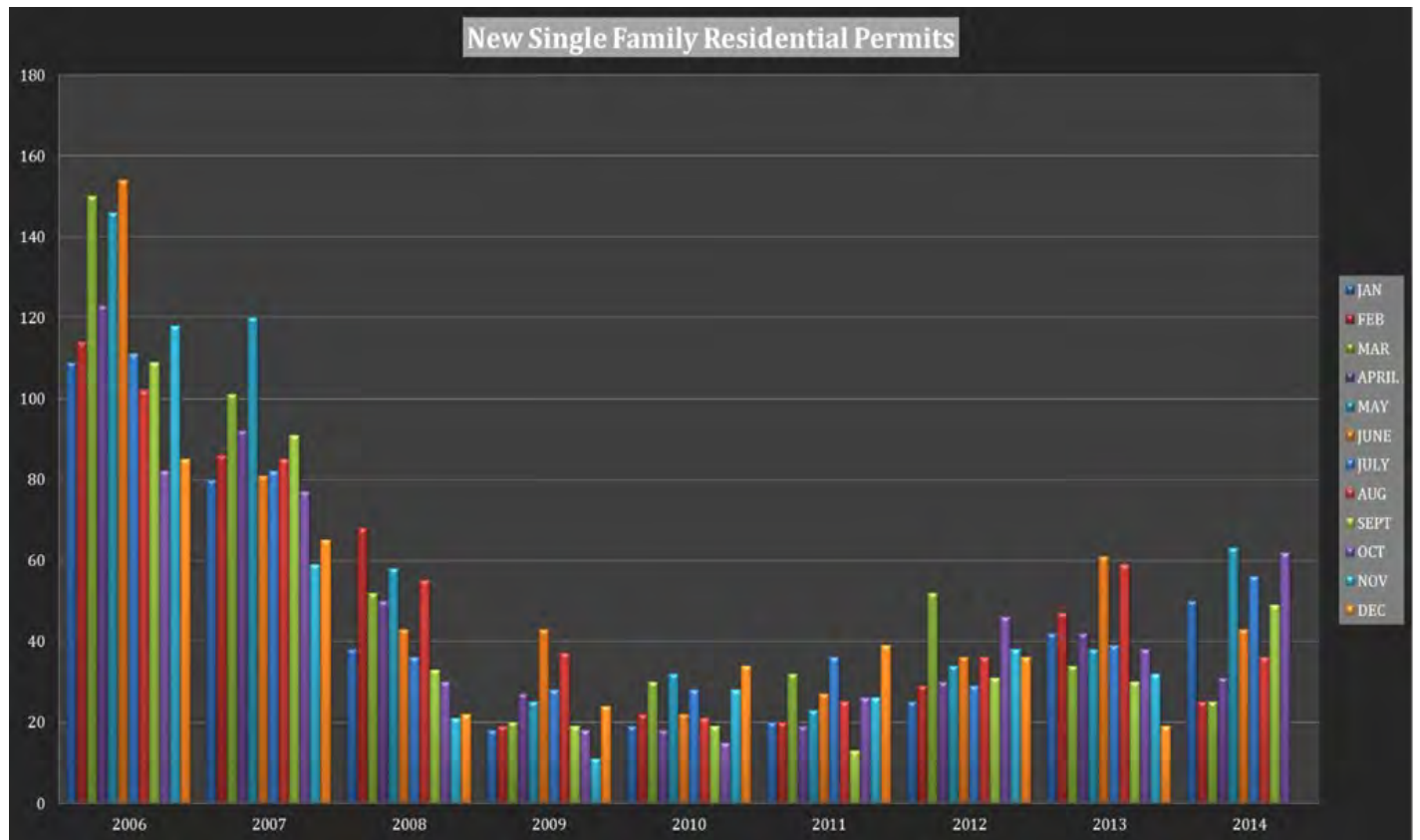
I have 4 beautiful daughters; two have graduated from college and my youngest two currently attend Penn-Griffin School of the Arts High School. I'm a big supporter of the arts and am also an avid sports fan. Being from New England, I love my Patriots but also enjoy watching college football and basketball, as well as NHL games. I also coached soccer for more than 10 years.

My most favorite meal is a steamed Maine lobster, which is hard to find in these parts but I'm adapting (fortunately chocolate is a major food group). I love to garden and be outdoors, if it's at the beach then life is pretty near perfect.

I am very excited to be part of the Planning Department and I look forward to working with all of you! WELCOME DEBRA!!!!

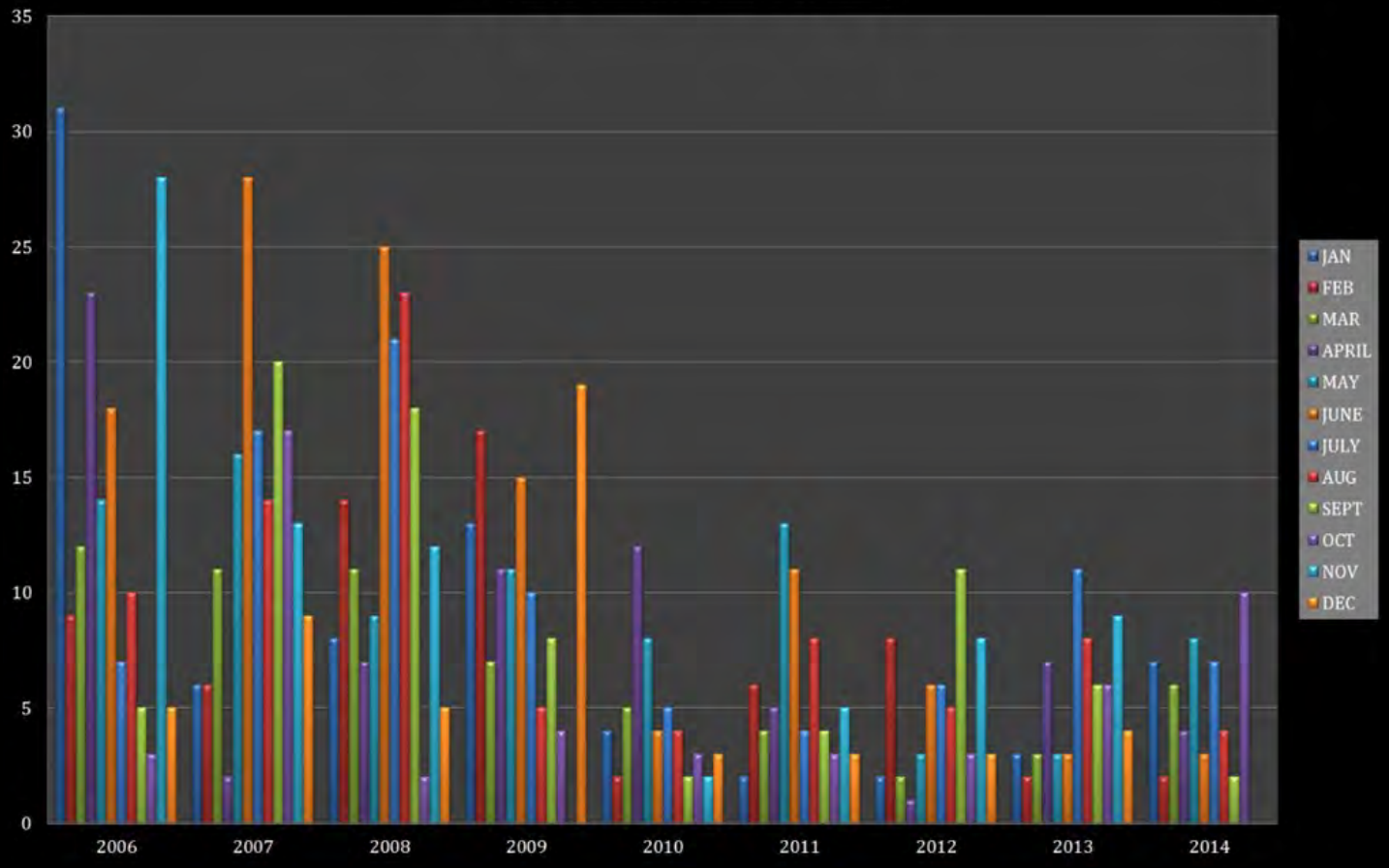
PERMITTING STATISTICS & INFORMATION PROVIDED BY PERMITS CHIEF LUIS JIMENEZ

The following tables and graphs confirm the economic trends over the last ten years. These figures include the following municipalities: Unincorporated Guilford County, Jamestown, Oak Ridge, Piedmont Triad International Airport, Pleasant Garden, Sedalia, Stokesdale, Summerfield, and Whitsett.

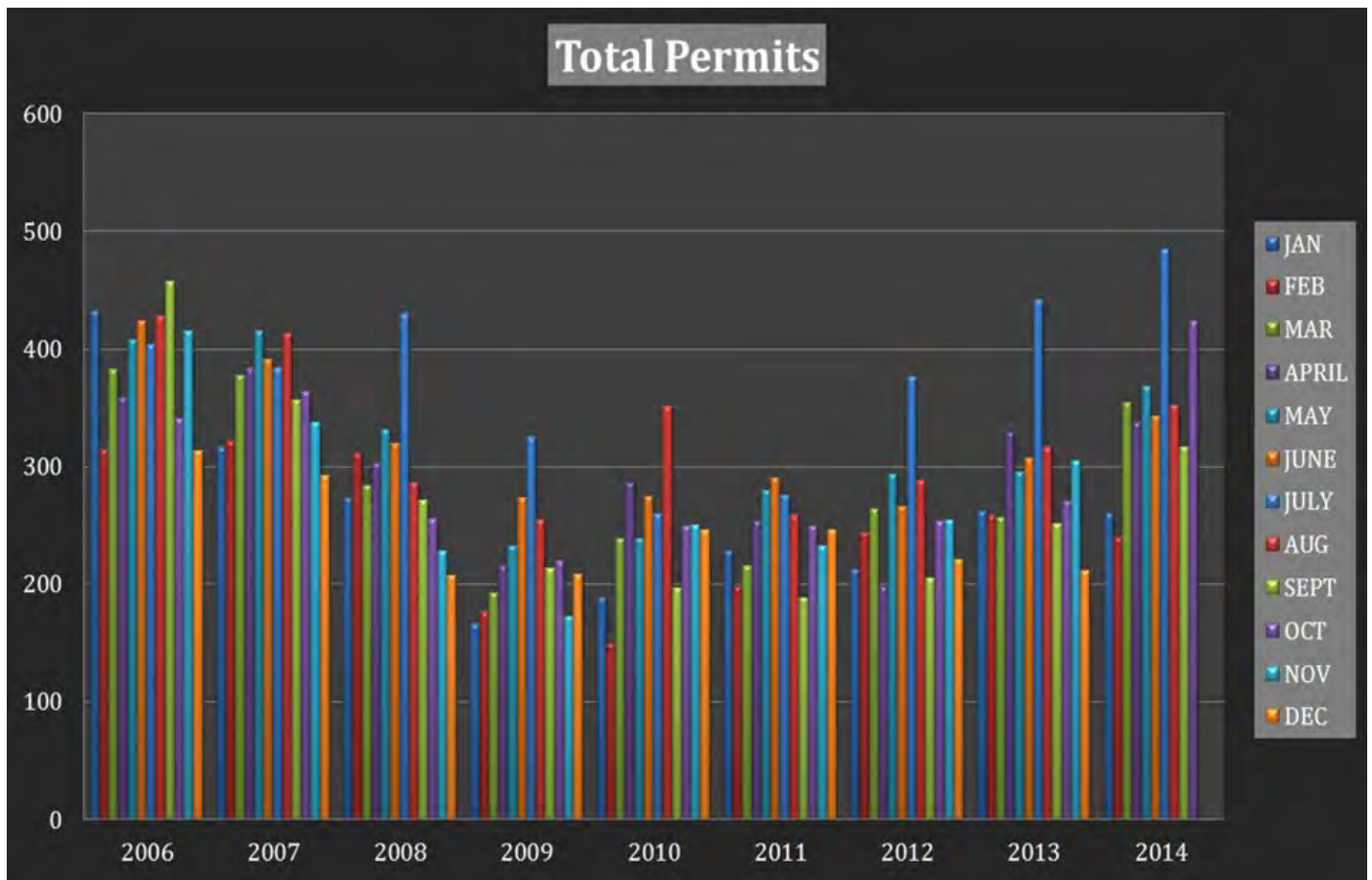


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JAN	109	80	38	18	19	20	25	42	50
FEB	114	86	68	19	22	20	29	47	25
MAR	150	101	52	20	30	32	52	34	25
APRIL	123	92	50	27	18	19	30	42	31
MAY	146	120	58	25	32	23	34	38	63
JUNE	154	81	43	43	22	27	36	61	43
JULY	111	82	36	28	28	36	29	39	56
AUG	102	85	55	37	21	25	36	59	36
SEPT	109	91	33	19	19	13	31	30	49
OCT	82	77	30	18	15	26	46	38	62
NOV	118	59	21	11	28	26	38	32	
DEC	85	65	22	24	34	39	36	19	
	1403	1019	506	289	288	306	422	481	440

New Commercial Permits



	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
JAN	31	6	8	13	4	2	2	3	7
FEB	9	6	14	17	2	6	8	2	2
MAR	12	11	11	7	5	4	2	3	6
APRIL	23	2	7	11	12	5	1	7	4
MAY	14	16	9	11	8	13	3	3	8
JUNE	18	28	25	15	4	11	6	3	3
JULY	7	17	21	10	5	4	6	11	7
AUG	10	14	23	5	4	8	5	8	4
SEPT	5	20	18	8	2	4	11	6	2
OCT	3	17	2	4	3	3	3	6	10
NOV	28	13	12	0	2	5	8	9	
DEC	5	9	5	19	3	3	3	4	
	165	159	155	120	54	68	58	65	53

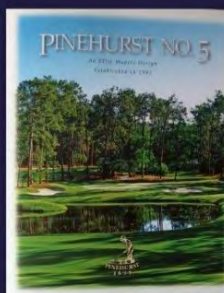


	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
JAN	432	316	273	166	188	228	212	262	260
FEB	314	322	311	177	149	198	244	259	240
MAR	383	377	284	192	239	216	264	257	354
APRIL	359	384	303	216	286	253	198	329	337
MAY	408	415	331	232	239	280	293	295	368
JUNE	424	391	320	273	275	290	266	307	343
JULY	404	384	430	325	260	276	376	442	485
AUG	428	413	286	255	351	259	288	317	352
SEPT	457	356	271	214	197	188	205	251	316
OCT	341	364	256	220	249	249	253	270	424
NOV	415	338	228	173	250	232	254	305	
DEC	313	292	207	208	246	246	221	211	
	4678	4352	3500	2651	2929	2915	3074	3505	3479

BUILDING INSECTOR JOE CARTER PARTICIATED IN THE GREENSBORO AREA ANNUAL CROP WALK TO BENEFIT THE URBAN MINISTRIES AND THE HUNGRY.....



The Crop Walk is an annual fund raiser that supports the Urban Ministries and similar organizations so they may purchase wholesale foods to feed the hungry in our area. The Greensboro area Crop Walk was held on October 19th. Pictured on the left is our own building inspector Joe Carter crossing the finish line at this year's Crop Walk. Joe also collected donations prior to the walk. Way to go Joe!! Thank you for your participation and support of such a worthy cause!!



2014 PCC Member Guest



PCC Women's Member Guest
October 20, 2014
Pinehurst No. 5

Flight 1	
Beth Bennington	156
Habibah Daley	131
Helen Gibbons	158
Cheryl Fraser	133
Fatty Mahony	151
Nicole Ryan	123
Christine Knarr	160
Georgeanne Wyrick	130
Beth Anne Allerton	154
Bonnie Montgomery	129
Martha Ore	162
Lynn Fenon	134
Ginni Stadler	158
Sally Mannich	131
Charlene McNary	
Donna Tanner	
Karen Hobbs	
Jean Peters	
Jan Stewart	
Diana Staley	
Charlotte Leedy	
Karen Trusen	
Sheila Bertoli	
Rhonda Brooks	
LuAnn Schuster	
Sally Means	
Teresa Smith	

Beth Anne participated in the 2014 One-Day Member Guest Tournament held in Pinehurst, NC on October 20th. She played Pinehurst #5 along with her teammates Georgeanne Wyrick, Bonnie Montgomery and Martha Ore. With a team score of 151 they won overall low gross in this event. Great playing and Congratulations! We are very proud of Beth Anne! Way to go Ladies!!!

2014 GUILFORD CUP RESULTS



The 2014 Guilford Cup football game was held on Saturday September 20th at Jaycee Park. Congratulations to the City on winning the game. Planning and Development Soil and Water Conversation's own Jamey Walker participated in the game for the County. Here's a quote from Jamey after the game...

"the football game was a blast, although most of the players were a lot bigger and faster than myself...it was nice meeting people from other departments and good to see the Commissioners and County Manager in the mix. I feel fortunate that a jammed thumb and sore legs were the only issues I had after the game...considering I'm not in tip top shape...We had a good opportunity to win the game but congratulations to the City for now. I plan on participating in the basketball and softball games to follow to complete the Cup Challenge. I'm glad to participate in the fundraiser to help out the Guilford County Schools and The Greensboro Urban Ministries.





News from the Watershed/Stormwater Department:

FIRST CASE OF WATERSHED DENSITY AVERAGING APPROVAL



On Thursday September 4th, 2014 a conditional approval was made for the Wendover Commons project located in the City of Greensboro by the Environmental Review Board of Guilford County. This was the first time that a Density Averaging case has come forth from City of Greensboro to Guilford County. This area is located in the Deep River Watershed.

Paired-parcel averaged density development is the transfer of impervious development rights between two non-contiguous parcels by way of designated undisturbed natural areas. Guilford County will allow an applicant to average development density for two non-contiguous properties (receiving parcels are located in the City of Greensboro and giving parcel is located in the County) for purposes of achieving compliance with the water supply watershed development standards if certain circumstances (*as outlined in the Watershed Density Averaging – Environmental Bulletin*) are met.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS



November 2014:

Clarence Westcott Nov 10th

Joe Carter Nov 14th

Earl Davis Nov 17th

December 2014:

Casey Gerringer Dec 5th

January 2015:

Tonya Hodgin Jan 4th

Billy Shearin Jan 6th

Beth Anne Aheron Jan 16th

Susan Heim Jan 20th

Leslie Bell Jan 20th

February 2015:

Mary Beth Deal Feb 13th

Dee Hand Feb 16th

Luis Jimenez Feb 26th

Phil Garrett Feb 28th

March 2015:

Millie Langley March 10th

Elizabeth Williams March 22nd

Les Eger March 25th



ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES NEWS

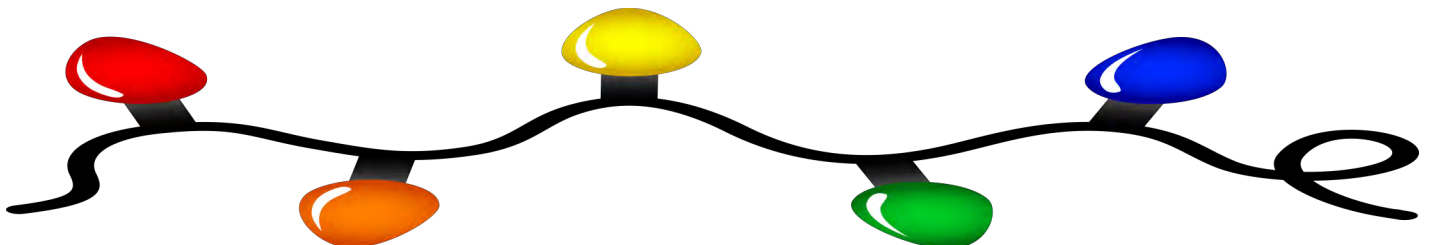
SummerCycle 2014

On Saturday, October 12th, Environmental Services staff partnered with the Town of Summerfield to provide this annual free clean-up day for County residents. The event provided a safe, easy way to dispose of tires, appliances, mattresses and box springs, all types of electronics, computer equipment and televisions and also to have personal documents shredded. 222 vehicles passed through the event, where 7.06 tons of electronics, 1.55 tons of personal documents, 12.75 tons of mattresses, 1.34 tons of white goods and scrap metals and 4.55 tons of tires were collected for recycling. Through their efforts at SummerCycle 2014, County residents diverted more than 27 tons of materials from disposal at the landfill!



E-Cycle Oak Ridge

Guilford County Environmental Services is partnering with the Town of Oak Ridge to introduce a new recycling event to be held Saturday, December 6th at the Oak Ridge Town Park. County residents are encouraged to bring their old or end of life electronics for recycling. Disposal is secure, easy and free! Accepted materials will include televisions, computer equipment, electronic games and toys, cell phones, stereo equipment and almost anything with a plug or a microchip. In addition, free document shredding will be available. County and Town staff will be available to unload materials. Electronics will be recycled by Synergy Recycling, located just north of the event in Madison.



NCSWEOA 2014 Fall Conference

Susan Heim and Lee Hill were a big part of the North Carolina Solid Waste Enforcement Officers Association 2014 Fall Conference. Lee, a long-time executive committee member and Past President of NCSWEOA, made a presentation to the group entitled, "Crafting an Effective Enforcement Program," for which he received excellent reviews from attendees. Susan was elected to a second term as the organization's Vice President and Conference Chair, and was presented with an award of appreciation from the members.



Kids, Cans & Ca\$h: Guilford County Elementary School Recycling Challenge

Environmental Services staff, in partnership with the City of High Point, are in the midst of this annual recycling contest which has attracted schools from all over the County for the past 9 years. The program is centered around America Recycles Day – November 15th – and focuses on teaching the value of recycling and the positive impact it has on our community. Students collect aluminum beverage cans for recycling and receive cash for their efforts. The top three schools will receive a trophy, prizes and a giant pizza party, featuring PETE and his recycling mascot friends. Competition is intense, and last year participating schools collected more than 2 tons of cans and received over \$1,800 in cash for their efforts!



The Magic of Recycling

Environmental Services staff provide this annual program to elementary schools throughout Guilford County to help students and teachers understand the importance of recycling to both the community and to the environment. The program has been endorsed by Guilford County Schools as being an integral element of the second and fifth grade science and social studies curricula and features a professional magician who promotes the habits of recycling and sustainability through his entertaining performance. Environmental Services staff enhance the program by adding information specific to North Carolina and our local area. This year, the program will be presented to participating elementary schools during the week of December 1st.



Let's play the "Guessing Game"....

Planner Carrie Spencer has a property for us to try to guess what it is...here's a picture of what it was & looked like in 1976...can you guess what it is now????



Hints: Photo taken Aug. 1976: West side of High Point Rd.

Need another hint?: High Point Rd is close to Norfolk and Southern RR (Southern RR) at this point .

***Answer will be on the last page of the newsletter at the bottom of the page

HOLIDAY RECIPES

Homemade Brownies

By Beth Anne

- 1 ½ pack of crushed graham crackers
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 1 cup bakers coconut
- 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate morsels
- 2 cans condensed sweet milk

Mix all ingredients together, cook in 9 x 12 glass container

Bake @ 325 degrees for 30 minutes or until lightly brown



Cheese Pie

By Mary Beth Deal

(given by old family friend Judith Gilbert from Buzzard's Bay, MA)

- 2 large pkgs cream cheese *****cream sugar & cream cheese together first or it will be lumpy**
- ¾ cup sugar
- 2 T. lemon juice
- 2 eggs
- 1 t. vanilla

Beat until creamy & pour into a graham cracker pie crust; bake at 350 degrees for 20 min. Cool 10 min.

Topping:

- 1 small container sour cream
- ¼ cup sugar
- 1 t. vanilla

Beat & pour over bottom. Bake for 5 more minutes. Let cool & chill for 5 hours. ENJOY!!!

You may top with cherry or blueberry pie filling or fruit of your choice.



This year's United Way campaign was a great success!!! The grand total raised by the Planning & Development Department this year was \$1,515.16!! \$1,441.16 came from pledges and \$74 was raised from the MGM glass jar contest. \$1 donations were taken for each guess at the number of mega MGM's in the glass jar & all proceeds went to the United Way. There were 320 MGM's in the jar and Alan Myrick from the Tax Department provided the closest guess. Alan is pictured below receiving his prize. Thanks again to Frank Park for heading up the United Way Campaign this year & to his helpers Justin Gray & Jim Lankford



Greetings and Happy Holidays! The pending new year brings with it both festive and exciting opportunities for the Guilford County Planning and Development Dept! Briefly, two of these opportunities include utilizing technology to help us serve both our internal and external customers more effectively. With a focus on bridging customer service with technology, staff is at the initial stages of working with the County's Information Services Dept. to upgrade its existing permitting software. One of the goals of this upgrade is to allow for enhanced operating efficiencies for both staff and the customers that we serve by utilizing technology and functionality as phases of the upgrade are implemented. Additionally, the Dept. also is implementing Laserfiche software for electronic file retention of both existing archived files as well as establishing standard operating procedures for electronic file retention as a standard business practice moving forward. I am excited about our direction as we bring 2014 to a close and the opportunities that the new year brings!

J. Leslie Bell
Director

"Do not watch the clock. Do what it does. Keep going."

Special "Thank you" to Justin Gray!!! The deadline for submitting information for the next newsletter is Friday, February 13th.

*Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year*



Guessing Game Answer: Pictured Above Now: Adams Farm Shopping Center