Do you know this historic building and where it was located? Answer on page ten.



## Connections

-Guilford County Planning & Development-



Fall 2019

#### Meet our new employees

#### Kaye Graybeal - Deputy Director



Kaye began work with Planning & Development on April 11<sup>th</sup>. She hails most recently from Knoxville, Tennessee, where she held the position of Principal Planner for seven years. For the 14 years prior to that, she held the consecutive roles of Senior Planner,

Planning Manager, and Development Services Director for the City of Wilmington, NC.

Kaye received a master's degree from the School of Environmental Sciences from UNCG. She worked in Historic Preservation Planning for Guilford County and the City of Greensboro from 1990 to 1995, but then went to work in the private sector as a designer for a series of architecture and engineering firms in Charlotte, Washington, DC, and Winston-Salem.

Kaye is a native North Carolinian, having grown up in Winston-Salem and Greensboro. She enjoys kayaking and canoeing with her husband, David, in the mountains, as well as at the coast.

#### Sean Thomas Trollinger – Soil & Water Education Coordinator



Sean began work
October 14<sup>th</sup> with the
Soil and Water
Conservation District.
He was born and raised
in Greensboro, and
attended Ferrum
College in Virginia
where he pursued a
double major in

Agricultural Business and Agricultural Science. After graduating, Sean married his high school sweetheart. They have three fur babies, Koda (Lab/Boxer mix), Gracie (Shar Pei/Rottweiler mix), and Dinah (kitten). He is excited to teach about the importance of natural resource conservation while promoting agriculture.



#### Christi Brag – Commercial Permits Specialist

Christi started with Guilford County
Permitting Division September
23rd. She has a B.S. in Geology from
UNCW. Prior to joining Guilford
County, she worked as a petroleum
geologist in West Virginia and Texas,
and in land acquisition for Wade Jurney
Homes in Greensboro. Christi has been

happily married for 7 years, has two cats, and in her spare time enjoys hiking and kayaking.

## Department Spotlight – Planning and Development Administration

The Administrative Staff for Planning and Development is basically an army of two! They provide herculean support for the Department Director as well as for other staff.

Since the Department consists of 8 Divisions that work closely together to address the many aspects of land development and management, the Administrative staff must wear many different hats and have very diversified skills.

They ensure orderly and efficient day-to-day operations as well as long-term projects for our department. This means that they must be familiar with *all* of our many procedures—not just those of individual Divisions or Sections!

One of their most important jobs is that of ensuring the continual flow of communication through all the right channels. This means that an Admin is constantly either on the phone, as evidenced by their headphones (which sometimes appear to be permanent attachments to their heads!), or is typing, compiling, copying, and distributing the written word!

They are also the keepers of our written documents and oversee tasks that retain our documents in an orderly fashion, such as filing, binding and scanning.

They are great multi-taskers, too, which means that they do everything from assisting with the budget process, processing travel and financial requests, and planning social events for Department staff, to serving on the Technical Review Committee either by providing recommendations (Beth Anne) or by providing minutes (Deborah).

As made obvious from this monumental task list, our Administrative Staff is the glue that holds our Department together, and without them, we could not function. They are trouble-shooters extraordinaire!

Deborah and her husband, Ronald, attend New Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Greensboro. Deborah finds joy working with children and teaching in Children's Church. She also enjoys spending time with her grandchildren, reading a good book and, on occasion, will pick up a trusty old cookbook and prepare something new.

Beth Anne enjoys being outdoors playing golf, digging in her flowers, and mowing the grass. Recently, she and her husband, Steve, and son Justice, had the amazing opportunity to travel to California to play Pebble Beach, Spyglass, Spanish Bay and Del Monte golf courses (the oldest golf course west of the Mississippi). She loves traveling and spending quality time together with her family. She is a member of Kallam Grove Church in Madison where she and Steve teach Children's Church. Their motto is "Serving God by Helping Others!"

Next time you're in their areas, stop by and give Beth Anne and Deborah a big THANK YOU!



#### Soil and Water Conservation District

Congratulations to Millie Langley, the Department's Soil and Water Conservation District Manager.

Millie had the honor of being inducted into the National Conservation Foundation's Envirothon Hall of Fame this past August for her excellent and ongoing work with the Envirothon program.

The North Carolina Envirothon is a hands-on, natural science academic event that challenges and engages students to think critically about the natural world and their role in it.

The program is sponsored by the North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation districts and local Soil and Water Conservation districts from across the state.

Well done, Millie!!



### Planning and Zoning Division

#### Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Update:

The County's new Unified Development Ordinance replacing the current ordinance is near completion. The new ordinance will contain 12 articles that address land development within the unincorporated areas of the county.

These will include zoning, subdivision, and environmental regulations, in addition to streamlined administrative procedures.

Drafts of the first eight articles are available for public review on the <u>UDO Project website</u>. The drafts of the final three articles will be made available after the staff and UDO Steering Committee review is complete in the coming month.

Stay tuned to our project website for upcoming opportunities to give input on the new Unified Development Ordinance.

Congratulations to Senior Planner Oliver Bass on completing the Guilford County Explorations in Supervision & Leadership Course! Explorations in Supervision and Leadership is an emerging leaders program designed to prepare staff members for career growth and advancement. Participants explore topics such as leadership, fundamentals of supervisory practice principles, effective communication, culture building, interpersonal dynamics and personnel management.



## **Environmental Services Division**

Environmental Services had a great outreach and education year, bringing the message of waste reduction and environmental responsibility to 2,550 children through the Magic of Recycling Program. A second program was added this fiscal year bringing the recycling message to an additional 2,093 school kids through the musical talents of Pamlico Joe and Fresh Water Flow.

The re-vamped Kids, Cans & Cash program collected a record 2,330 pounds of cans last year, bringing \$1,048.50 to participating schools. Well done, kids!

Community recycling events for the 2018/2019 fiscal year saw 1,201 participants who brought in a total of 31.75 tons of electronics, 15.06 tons of shredded paper, 17.39 tons of recycled tires and 8.49 tons of white goods.



Congratulations to the Bishop Road team (Wallace Owens, Josh Shinn, John Hemrick and Charles Smith), who have all completed training and received their CDL license!

Congratulations to John Hemrick for completing his SWANA Transfer Station Operations Specialist certification and to Lorelei Elkins who completed the SWANA Managing Recycling Systems certification and the Guilford County Explorations in Supervision & Leadership course.

Another project we accomplished this year was educating the County Fire Departments about the changes made to the Solid Waste Ordinance regarding Open Burning regulations. It's great to have everyone on the same page, working together to protect the health and environment of Guilford County residents.

We can't forget TEAM PETE who made appearances at several school programs this year, providing environmental education to hundreds of Guilford County school children. Go TEAM PETE!







## **Plans Review Division**

## Residential Plan Review Summary for FY 2018/19

Total Number of Residential Plan Completed: 1,011 Average Turnaround Time: 5 Working Days



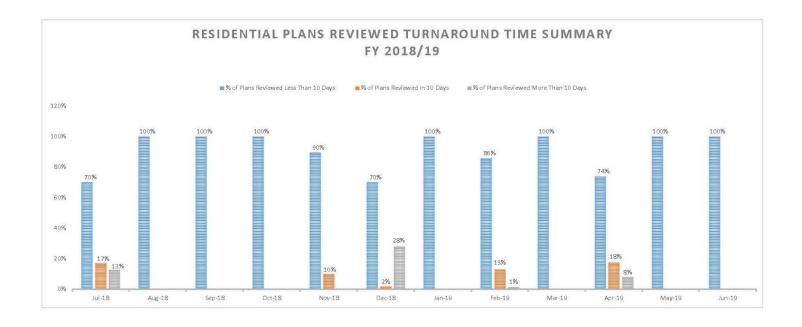


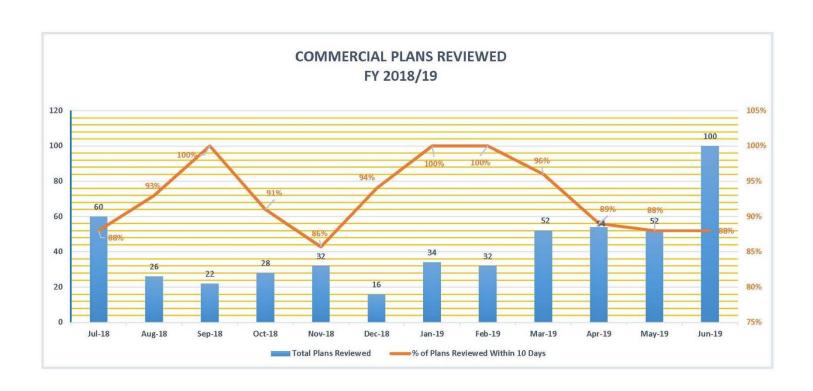


Quarterly Summary FY 2018/2019	
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter, July - September	
Average Number of Plans Reviewed Less Than 10 Days	90%
Average Number of Plans Reviewed at 10 Days	6%
Average Number of Plans Reviewed Greater Than 10 Days	4%
Total 1st Quarter of Plan Reviewed	230
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter, October-December 2018	
Average Number of Plans Reviewed Less Than 10 Days	87%
Average Number of Plans Reviewed at 10 Days	4%
Average Number of Plans Reviewed Greater Than 10 Days	9%
Total 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter of Plan Reviewed	235
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter, January-March 2019	
Average Number of Plans Reviewed Less Than 10 Days	95%
Average Number of Plans Reviewed at 10 Days	4%
Average Number of Plans Reviewed Greater Than 10 Days	1%
Total 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter of Plan Reviewed	262
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter, April-June 2018	
Average Number of Plans Reviewed Less Than 10 Days	91%
Average Number of Plans Reviewed at 10 Days	6%
Average Number of Plans Reviewed Greater Than 10 Days	3%
Total 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter of Plan Review	284
Total Plans	1,011









TOTAL RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL PERMITS (FISCAL YEAR) *				
MONTH	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019
JUL	331	346	369	473
AUG	450	516	370	392
SEP	286	364	289	443
OCT	370	331	340	423
NOV	283	339	319	387
DEC	299	316	272	266
JAN	228	267	565	522
FEB	279	263	276	695
MAR	345	337	313	610
APR	335	309	418	598
MAY	352	401	455	557
JUN	382	371	392	536

\* Includes
Unincorporated
Guilford County,
Jamestown, Oak
Ridge, Piedmont
Triad International
Airport, Pleasant
Garden, Sedalia,
Stokesdale,
Summerfield &



# Planning & Development's Stormwater & Watershed Division along with the Soil & Water Conservation District and the Environmental Services Division, participated in yet another successful Guilford County Creek Week, March 23 - 29, 2019!





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Mystery Building - ANSWER: Gunter Store, corner of Church Street and Highway 150.

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The Planning & Development Department wishes you and your families a happy holiday season!

