

SURRY COUNTY EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER

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Surry County Resource and Employment Center

The Dedication of the Surry County Resource and Employment Center took place on February 23, 2011. This represents a collaborative partnership between Surry County and the following partners:

Surry Department of Social Services; Virginia Employment Commission; Workforce Investment Act (WIA); Moving Forward Agency of the Crater Workforce Investment Board; Southside Programs for Adult Continuing Education; Goodwill Industries' Petersburg Community Employment Center; and the Department of Rehabilitative Services

Message from the County Administrator

This is the second issue of 2011.

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

June 15th for July-Sept. 2011 issue

Sept. 15th for Oct-Dec 2011 issue

To the Employees of Surry County:

It's that time of year again! Spring: a time when many of us take advantage of the pleasant weather to purge and spruce up our surroundings, either at home or in the workplace. These activities have a unique effect in renewing our spirits and connecting us to a greater purpose of being good stewards of the environment. For several years now, the county has designated April as Clean-Up Month which has provided a venue for citizens and staff to participate in community clean-up activities. Surry County Employee Clean-Up Day is scheduled for Friday, April 15, 2011. Hope to see you there!



**May is
Business
Appreciation
Month:**

**Remember to
Buy Locally...
It Makes a
Difference!**

TRIVIA CONTEST:

Be the first to answer the following trivia question and win a small prize available in the Administrator's Office.

**Who was the
County's first
County
Administrator?**

**Surry County
Recycling
Initiatives**



Surry County Clean-up Month

The Board of Supervisors has designated April 2011 as "Surry County Clean-Up Month". Special refuse collection containers will be placed at the following locations and times for citizens to dispose of appliances, furniture, yard debris, and scrap building materials.

April 9, 2011: 9am-1pm

- Bacon's Castle Grocery (Rt. 10 & Rt. 617)
- Old L.P. Jackson School Site
- Goodson Path Collection Site (Rt. 10 West)

April 22, 2011 is Earth Day



April 23, 2011: 9am-1pm

- Claremont Fire Station (28 Mystic Ave.)
- Pineview Road Collection Site (off Rt. 40)
- Beaverdam Road (Rt. 626 & Rt. 610)
- Goodson Path Collection Site (Rt. 10 West)

April 15, 2011 is County Employee Clean-Up Day

Participants can report to the Community Center at 3:00pm to begin clean-up along Rt. 10 West. Cool drinks will be made available and participants will receive a County T-shirt. Please contact the Administrative Office at 294-5271 for more information.

MIXED RECYCLABLES:

CARDBOARD - PAPER - PLASTIC - GLASS - STEEL, TIN and ALUMINUM CANS

Mixed recyclable materials can be deposited into one container at both manned waste collection sites: **sorting is not necessary!** All items submitted for recycling should be rinsed clean, boxes should be flattened, and caps removed from plastic and glass as they are NOT recyclable. These items cannot be recycled: AEROSOL CANS, PAINT CANS, PLASTIC BAGS, WOOD PRODUCTS, AND YARD OR ORGANIC WASTE.

RECYCLING TIRES:

County residents can bring automobile tires to the Goodson Path site for recycling. Tires must be off the rims. No tractor tires will be accepted and site attendants may not accept more than 4 tires per day per residence.

RECYCLING CLOTHING AND SHOES:

Goodwill Industries has placed a container box at the Goodson Path Solid Waste Collection Station where citizens are encouraged to contribute reusable clothing and shoes.

RECYCLING SCRAP METAL:

Scrap metal is accepted at the Goodson Path site only. Site attendants will determine which items are acceptable.

RECYCLING ELECTRONICS:

Electronic equipment will be accepted for recycling at the Goodson Path site only. A complete list of items which are acceptable for recycling can be obtained from the County Administrator's office.

RECYCLING USED MOTOR OIL AND BATTERIES:

Residents can dispose of used motor oil and vehicle batteries by contacting Surry Equipment, Inc. at 757-294-3861.

Employee Profiles:



**CONGRATULATIONS
to Gerald Poindexter
on 40 years of
service!**

Mr. Gerald G. Poindexter has served as Surry County Attorney from 1971 to 2004 and as Commonwealth's Attorney from 1995 to the present.

Mr. Poindexter obtained his education at Virginia Union University and at the University of Michigan. He is credited with drafting the first comprehensive civil rights ordinance to be enacted by a Virginia County or City.

Gerald and his wife, Gammie, have three sons: Christopher, John and Eric, and three grandchildren.



Steven Blount is the Network Administrator for Surry County. In this position he manages the daily operation of the various computer components we have throughout the County. Steven is currently striving to further his education in the areas of Information Technology and Network Security by taking online courses at Western Governors University. Steven is a native of Portsmouth and is married to Ann Blount. When he's not on the job, he enjoys working out and running in local events.

**OTHER
EMPLOYEE
NEWS**

Congratulations:

Teresa Vaughan was blessed with a new grandson, Landen Parker Jordan, on January 20, 2011.

Condolences:

Mrs. Marleen Peace, mother of Sheryl Newby, passed away on February 22, 2011.

Mrs. Ethel Shaw, mother of Glynis Epps, passed away on March 2, 2011.

Queen Esther Saunders Donaldson, sister of Mary Shaw, passed away on March 2, 2011.

Birthdays & Years of Service



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- April 1 Monique James
- April 2 Nancy Ray
- April 4 Faye Warren
- April 14 Hermione Slade
- April 17 Gerald Poindexter
- April 27 Pat Bernshausen
- May 4 Harriet Ruffin
- May 8 Roy Lane
- May 9 Onike Ruffin
- May 17 Carolyn Dickens
- May 26 Frances Bailey
- June 13 Barbara Newby
- June 28 Lakeisha Jones

**Years of Service with
Surry County:**

- Tamara Arthur 2 years
- Steven Blount 3 years
- Tyrone W. Franklin 10 years
- Elaine Galloway 8 years
- Robert Hill 11 years
- Roy A. Lane 13 years
- Aaron Mizelle 1 year
- Karen Ritchie 1 year
- Carol Serviss 6 years
- LaJune Stone 10 years
- Marta Terry 4 years
- Fannie Thompson 8 years
- Stacey Williams 2 years



**Below are corrections
from the previous
newsletter:**

Elizabeth Collier obtained 12 years of service in Jan. 2011

Nancy Ray obtained 25 years of service in Jan. 2011

Angela Blount obtained 12 years of service in Jan. 2011

Faye Warren obtained 11 years of service in Jan. 2011

Tracy Terry's birthday (March 2) was omitted from the previous newsletter.



Congratulations
to both
boys and girls
basketball teams
for making it into
the finals
this season!

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www.surrycountyva.gov

**MOTIVATIONAL
THOUGHT**

"Great beauty, great strength, and great riches are really and truly of no great use; a right Heart exceeds them all."

-Benjamin Franklin

Spring = Seasonal Allergies

As the trees start to bloom and the pollen gets airborne, nearly 35 million allergy sufferers begin their annual ritual of sniffing and sneezing. The biggest spring allergy trigger is pollen. The symptoms of spring allergies include runny nose, watery eyes, sneezing, coughing, itchy eyes and nose, and dark circles under the eyes. Airborne allergens also can trigger asthma, a condition in which the airways narrow, making breathing difficult and leading to coughing, wheezing, and shortness of breath.

Doctors treat spring allergies with a number of over-the-counter and prescription drugs and OTC allergy drugs are effective for many people. It's nearly impossible to completely avoid spring allergies if you live in an area where plants grow. However, you can ease your symptoms by avoiding your main allergy triggers. Here are a few tips:

- Try to stay indoors when the pollen count is very high
- Keep your doors and windows closed when possible during the spring months to keep allergens out. An air purifier may also help.
- Clean air filters in your home often. Clean furniture and other places where pollen can collect
- Vacuum frequently. Wear a mask while vacuuming as it can kick up pollen, mold and dust that were trapped in your carpet

Calendar of Events:

- April 15 - County Employee Clean-Up Day
- April 18 - Passover Begins
- April 22 - Earth Day
- April 24 - Easter Sunday
- April 27 - Administrative Professionals Day
- May 8 - Mother's Day
- May 30 - Memorial Day *
- June 14 - Flag Day
- June 19 - Father's Day
- June 21 - Summer Begins

**Offices are closed*

Revised FY 11-12 Budget Calendar

Date	Item
4/7	Presentation of FY11-12 School System Budget Schedule a Budget Work Session (April or May)
4/28	Public Hearing FY11-12 School System Budget County Administrator Presents Recommended Budget
5/5	Action on FY11-12 School System Budget Set Date for Public Hearing on Consolidated Budget
5/19	Public Hearing on Consolidated Budget 7:00pm
6/2	Action on FY11-12 Consolidated Budget Adoption of Five Year CIP, Set Tax Rates Adoption of Budget Resolutions

Human Resources News:

The Human Resources Department has scheduled the following dates for employees to meet with insurance representatives:

May 11, 2011 - Nationwide (Deferred Comp.)
County Admin. Conference Room 9:30am – 4:30pm

May 18, 2011 - CommonHealth TLC Wellness health screenings
Blue Cross & Blue Shield Employee Mass Meetings
Juvenile & Domestic Courtroom (times to be announced)

May 25, 2011 - Aflac
County Admin. Conference Room 10:00am – 3:00pm
Social Services Conference Room 10:00am – 3:00pm

All appointments should be made in advance by contacting Mrs. Harriet Ruffin at 294-5271 or hsruffin@surrycountyva.gov.

Incentives, gift cards, drawings, etc.