



SURRY COUNTY EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER

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As you are aware, this is the second issue of the Surry County Employee newsletter. We hope that you enjoyed the 1st issue and that it was easy to read, useful and helpful. If there was something that we may have omitted, please let us know so that it can be included in an "Oops" column.

Again, if you wish to submit news from your department, please provide that information to Harriet Ruffin in the Finance Department on the dates noted below by 12 noon:

September 15th
December 15th



Message from the County Administrator



To the Employees of Surry County

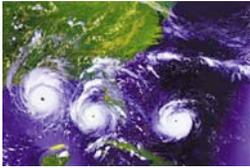
I am very pleased about the feedback regarding the first edition of the employee newsletter! Not only does it provide information to assist in the management of Human Resources, a vital function of the County Administrator's Office, but also conveys information about "What's Happening" in Surry County.

As you may know, hurricane season is officially upon us and being adequately prepared during an emergency situation is very important. I hope that you find the section on "Emergency Survival Kit" to be useful for your entire family.

In addition, I would like to express my sincere thanks to all employees who participated in the Clean Up Day Activity on April 29th. Your support in keeping "Surry County Litter Free" is greatly appreciated!

In closing, I'd like to leave you with this thought – "Motivation fuels that attitude that builds the confidence necessary to sustain the persistence".

Emergency Survival Kit – Hurricane Preparedness



Every family should have an emergency survival kit which contains the following:

- Water, at least three gallons per person for drinking and sanitation.
- Food that does not need electricity.
- Manual can opener for food.
- Battery powered or hand crank radio, flashlight, extra batteries.
- First aid kit.
- Prescription, medications
- Baby formula, bottles, blankets, diapers, disposable wipes, medication, toys.
- Pet identification tags on collars, immunization records, sturdy leashes, etc.

Department News: Solid Waste (Sanitation Department)

New Solid Waste Collection Station Hours:

Effective July 1, 2010 each Collection Center will be closed two days per week and on major holidays in accordance with the following schedule:

Goodson Path Solid Waste Collection Center will be closed on Monday and Thursday of each week, as well as July 4th, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day and Easter Sunday.

Pineview Solid Waste Collection Center will be closed on Tuesday and Friday of each week, as well as July 4th, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day and Easter Sunday. The solid waste collection centers are open on weekdays from 7am – 7 pm. and on weekends from 8am – 4 pm.

Recycling of Re-usable Clothing & Shoes:

Efforts are underway in the county to improve our recycling capabilities. Goodwill Industries has placed a container box at Goodson Path Solid Waste Collection Station where citizens are encouraged to contribute reusable clothing & shoes. For more information contact the County Administrator's Office at 294-5271 or the Goodson Path Collection Station at 294-0543.

Closure of Mantura Road Dumpster Site:

The dumpster site located on Mantura Road closed permanently effective July 2, 2010 Surry County residents are kindly asked to carry their household refuse to the Goodson Path Collection Center or subscribe to the curb-side collection service that is offered to county residents at a nominal fee. For information on curb-side collection, residents call A.V.E.S. at (757) 357-9997.



Employee Profiles



James R. Smith. Officer Smith was hired as Surry County's Chief Animal Control Officer on March 16, 2006. His primary responsibilities as Chief Animal Control Officer is to perform intermediate protective service work enforcing animal control ordinances, responding to and investigating animal complaints, providing information to the public, maintaining records and files, preparing reports and other related work as apparent or assigned. The animal pound must meet certain criteria in order to be in compliance with the Office of Veterinary Services. Periodically the State Veterinarian makes unannounced visits to the animal pound to make sure that the pound is in compliance and that the pound is kept clean and a safe environment for the animals. Chief Smith & his staff strive to provide excellent service to the residents of the county.

Employee Profiles Continued

Ms. Karen F.O. Ritchie – Ms. Ritchie is an Animal Shelter Attendant in the county’s Animal Control department. Ms. Ritchie was employed as a part-time employee on August 12, 2009 and was promoted to full-time status June 1, 2010. Prior to coming to Surry, Ms. Ritchie was employed with the Isle of Wight Animal Control department. Some of her duties are to perform intermediate semiskilled and administrative support work providing animal shelter services, receiving, processing and caring for animals and assisting the public. She recently completed Basic Animal Control Officer training at the Crater Criminal Justice Training Academy. Karen enjoys the variety of her work and considers it a privilege to serve the citizens of Surry County.

Other Employee News

Deputy Roy Lane

Deputy Lane is stationed in Iraq. He has been stationed in Iraq for the past year. Please keep Deputy Lane in your prayers as he protects our country.



Condolences-

Funeral services were recently held for Ms. Mollie L. Tynes, mother of Mrs. Sherri Tynes Thomas. Please keep Sherri & her family in your prayers.



Wedding Bells-

Mrs. Glynis Shaw Epps, May, 2010

Mrs. Sherri T. Thomas, July, 2010

Mr. Willis (Rudy) Mason lost his sister (Ms. Sharon Mason) unexpectedly on Sunday August 22nd. Please continue to keep the Mason Family in your prayers.



County Administration, Finance, Treasurer and the Commissioner of Revenue offices participated in the **2010 Shred-It Activity**. Shredding provides a safe, secure and reliable method to destroy public records. Documents are destroyed in accordance with the record retention guidelines from the Library of Virginia. The documents shredded are used to make recycled household products. Have your documents outlived their useful purpose? If so, join us for the next Shred-It activity.

Estimated Number of Large File Boxes Shredded = 35

Thanks to the Maintenance staff for their assistance.

Birthdays & Years of Service



BIRTHDAYS:

Michael Rawlings	July 5
Tamara Arthur	July 8
Elizabeth Collier	July 31
Natasha Byrd-Berkley	July 31
William Thomas	August 4
Lucy Shaw	August 27
Tyrone W. Franklin	September 5
Sheryl Newby	September 10
Melissa D. Rollins	September 12
Harrygan Kelly	September 16
Vernon Scott	September 20
Elaine Galloway	September 28



Years of Service with Surry County

Michael Bailey	16 yrs
Natasha B. Berkley	6 yrs
Carolyn Dickens	9yrs
Lucille Epps	30 yrs
Mary Lynne Hayes	2 yrs
Karen Holloway	2 yrs
James Joyner	19yrs
Harrygan Kelly	3 yrs
Rhonda Mack	5 yrs
Willis Mason	5 yrs
Lucy Shaw	11yrs
Hermione Slade	4 yrs
William Thomas	19 yrs



Williamsburg Area Transit Bus Service

On January 18, 2007, VDRT approved a Demonstration Grant of \$112,000 to assist Surry County and Williamsburg Area Transport (WAT) as partners to provide rural bus transportation between Surry County and the greater Williamsburg area.

For schedule information, check the WAT website at: www.williamsburgtransport.com

HELPFUL NOTES



An estimated 97 billion emails whisk through cyberspace every day. While you may not be able to stem the tide of your overflowing email box, there's an easy action to help the planet that you can take with each message that zooms into your box: please consider the planet before printing that email.

Consider adding something like "Eco-Tip: Printing e-mails is usually a waste" or "Please consider the planet before printing this email" to your outgoing email signature and help your friends save paper too.

Our message isn't limited to emails - the spontaneous compulsion to print is unnecessary.

More than half of all pages printed are never used.



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TODAY'S THOUGHT
"Action May Not Always Bring Happiness, But There Is No Happiness Without Action."

- Surry County Board of Supervisors endorsement of the "Surry County Regional Retail Analysis" document...
Gov. McDonnell announced more than \$12 million in CDBG Funding for Broadband...
Two members of the Surry County Board of Supervisors attended NACo's Annual Conference...
2010 Surry African American Family Reunion...
Nottoway Indian Tribe of VA, Inc. POW WOW...
Remember to watch out for School Buses...
The county's new Web site address is: www.surrycountyva.gov

Human Resource News

- Please advise the Payroll Department of any name/address change immediately.
Effective August 2010, VRS will no longer send out the Member Benefit Profile to local governments to distribute...
The Payroll Department is still actively pursuing the implementation of annual, sick and compensatory leave...
Dialogue between the Board of Supervisors and staff are being discussed in changes of the leave policies...