



Message from the County Administrator

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To the Employees of Surry County:

As you all know, revenue shortfalls at the local, state and federal levels along with a declining economy will present the County with greater fiscal challenges in the ensuing budget process. In light of this, I am confident that all employees will continue to provide effective, efficient and accessible services to the general public.

I am very excited to bring to you the first edition of our 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 it also conveys information about events and activities occurring in Surry County. The personal aspects of the newsletter provide an opportunity for all employees to contribute to this communication tool in the future. Special thanks to Mrs. Harriet Ruffin who has taken on this effort and to all employees who contribute to the success of government administration in Surry County.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere appreciation 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!

SURRY COUNTY EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER



The County Administrator's Office is initiating a newsletter that would feature helpful and informative information for all staff. The purpose of this newsletter is to develop an informed workforce. This newsletter will be published quarterly and we encourage your input.

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:

- June 15th
- September 15th
- December 15th

The newsletter will be distributed at the end of the month of each quarter.

Employees News



Sheriff Harold D. Brown Sheriff H. D. Brown announced his retirement as Sheriff of Surry County effective April 30, 2010. Sheriff Brown has been employed with the Sheriff's Department since September 1, 1979 serving first as a Deputy and promoted to Chief Deputy in February, 1986. Sheriff Brown was elected Sheriff of Surry County on January 1, 1991 and has continued to serve the citizens of Surry County for a total of **31** years. Sheriff Brown has fulfilled the responsibilities of the office of Sheriff to enforce the laws of the county, provide court security and civil process with dedication and diligence. Sheriff Brown says that even though he's retiring he looks forward to

spending time with his wife, grand-children, riding his bike and working at his Church. **Congratulations Sheriff Brown on your retirement!**

Mrs. Freddie Blount - A dispatcher in the Surry County Sheriff's office was appointed by former Sheriff W. C. Andrews, Jr. to a part-time dispatcher position on May 1, 1979 and was promoted to a full-time dispatcher on January 1, 1982. Dispatcher Blount has served the citizens of Surry County in a professional manner as well as her co-workers and supervisors. Dispatcher Blount looks forward to retirement on June 1, 2010 and plans to spend more time with her husband, children and grand-daughter. **Best wishes to Dispatcher Blount on her retirement.**

Mr. James Ruspus - A former Sanitation Dept. employee Mr. Ruspus recently suffered a stroke, and is recovering in Consulate Health Care in Windsor, VA. We wish "JW" a speedy recovery.

Condolences -Chairman Reginald Harrison lost his brother A. G. Harrison during the month of April. Please keep the Harrison Family in your prayers.

Mrs. Melissa Rollins' uncle, James Judkins, was funeralized on May 6th. Thanks to all employees for their expressions of sympathy to the family.



Department Profile: Finance Department FY 11 Budget Calendar

	Budget @ .73
REVENUE BY SOURCE	FY 2010-2011
Local	\$ 20,084,746
Federal	\$ 1,928,654
State	\$ 5,634,033
Total Operating Revenue	\$ 27,647,433
EXPENDITURES BY FUND	
General Operating Fund	\$ 9,274,837
Social Services Fund	\$ 2,232,729
School Operating Fund	\$ 16,139,867
Total Operating Budget	\$ 27,647,433

Date	Budget Item
May 6, 2010	Public Hearing on School System Budget
May 6, 2010	County Administrator Presents Final FY2010-2011 Recommended Budget for advertisement of public hearing
May 20, 2010	Public Hearing on the Proposed FY10-11 Budget and Five Year Capital Improvement Plan
June 3, 2010	Adoption of the FY2010-2011 Consolidated Budget

Employee Profile: Ms. Sherri Tynes

Ms. Sherri Tynes is an Administrative Assistant with the Parks & Recreation Department. She is a Surry County High School Graduate and obtained an Associate's Degree from Paul D. Camp Community College in 2005. Currently, she is working towards a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management.

Sherri says she enjoys learning new things and is always striving to reach new goals.

To Sherri, keep up the good work and we wish you good luck in obtaining your degree.



Human Resource News

Payroll Checks: Coming soon. The payroll department is in the process of working with the county's software vendor to implement annual, sick and compensatory leave on payroll checks and direct deposit mailers. Stay tune for further updates.

Health Hews: The month of May will be a

busy month for employees to participate in workplace wellness. Below please find a list of wellness programs and meetings that will be offered to county employees:

May 12th
Blue Cross Blue Shield
Mass Meeting
Time: 10:00-10:45
 11:00-11:45

May 19th
AFLAC
Time: 10:00 – 3:00

May 26th
Commonwealth Health
Time: 10:00 – 4:00
Free Cholesterol Screening

We encourage you to participate in these wellness programs.



Upcoming Events:

Employees Clean-Up Day
April 29th

Mother's Day
May 9th

Benefits Open Enrollment
May 12th

Memorial Day
May 31st

Surry County High School Graduation
June 12th

Father's Day
June 20th

Birthdays & Years of Service



Nancy Ray	April 2
Faye Warren	April 4
Herimone Slade	April 14
Gerald Poindexter	April 17
Pat Bernshausen	April 27
Harriet S. Ruffin	May 4
Freddie Blount	May 5
Onike Ruffin	May 9
Carolyn S. Dickens	May 17
Frances Bailey	May 26
Barbara Newby	June 13



Congratulations on Your Years of Service with Surry County

Tyrone Franklin	9 years
Vita Huggins	4 years
Nancy Ray	24 years
Robert Hill	10 years

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“Thought for Today”

**Subtract The Past
Divide Today
Add Tomorrow
Multiply Your
Future**



- The county's new Web site address is: www.surrycountyva.gov
- No more Decals to Scrape Off! A \$20.00 license fee will be added to your tax bill.
- Broadband Opportunities in Surry County are being actively pursued (Contact Ms. Mack or Mrs. Rollins for more information).
- Geographic Information System (GIS) is available online: GIS allows citizens access to review zoning information, property boundary, aerial maps, assessments and more.
- Surry County High School "Lady Cougars" named 2010 Division 1 State Champions!
- VDOT Residency office closed effective April 23rd.
- Captain Alvin Clayton has been appointed Interim Sheriff effective May 1, 2010.
- We are continuing to develop the County's website. All departments are strongly encouraged to submit information for their individual departmental pages. Pat Bernshausen has been coordinating this effort and has done an outstanding job!

Visit the website at
www.surrycountyva.gov

Are you ready for Hurricane Season?

The Surry County Department of Emergency Services encourages residents to take advantage of Virginia's Hurricane Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday May 25 - 31. During the week, residents can stock up on supplies for protecting homes and businesses during hurricane season. Many everyday items costing less than \$60 are included such as batteries, tarps, cell phone chargers, duct tape and more. Larger items, including portable generators costing less than \$1,000, are also included. For a full listing of eligible items and emergency preparedness tips can be found at www.ReadyVirginia.gov.

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Emergency Services Coordinator