



Georgetown County's Director of Public Services Named Top in his Field

Ray C. Funnye, Director of Public Services was recently named one of the 2010 Top Ten Public Works Leaders of the Year by the American Public Works Association

(APWA). Mr. Funnye was presented the award on Thursday, May 20, 2010 by APWA President-Elect George Crombie and Laura Cabiness, SC APWA

President during the National Public Works Week Regional Backhoe Competition.

The Top Ten Public Works Leader award is given to honor the public works professional's career, in which he or she has demonstrated excellence in public works, services and infrastructure in their community through advancement of public works services and technology. As Director for Public Services for Georgetown County, Mr. Funnye is responsible for the management and direction of seven major divisions: Public Works, Airport Operations, Environmental Services, Facilities Services, Capital Projects, Fleet Services, and Stormwater Engineering.

Stormwater Division

The Stormwater Division is in the process of completing an entire drainage system inventory, which includes all pipes, ditches, catch basins, ponds and creeks throughout the MS4 area. The information gathered through this inventory will become a valuable asset when problem-solving drainage and water quality issues. As of July 22, 2010 Stormwater staff has inventoried 89% of the MS4 area and have looked at 2600 acres so far. One of the ultimate goals of this division is to improve water quality in all of Georgetown County and knowing where every piece of property drains is the first step.

The Stormwater Division introduces its first newsletter publication called "**The Stormwater Current**" which will be published quarterly. The Stormwater Current can be found on the Stormwater website www.GeorgetownCountyClearWater.com. This newsletter deals with the events, improvements and projects concerning Stormwater issues and provides an avenue to educate Georgetown County residents of Stormwater related issues.

Environmental Services

Landfill Scales Project: It's important to watch your weight! That's just what the Environmental Services Division is doing with the installation of the new scales; the County will be able to provide improved customer service by disposing of their waste faster! These scales will also be a proved asset to the County during the event of a hurricane. Georgetown County is improving means of providing waste disposal to the citizens; we even take credit cards!



Landfill Expansion: We're talking trash again! It may just look like a pretty, green field now but the Environmental Services Division is in the process of turning this into the newly expanded landfill site! We are in the bidding process to select an experienced Contractor to expand Cells 6 & 7 of our lined Sub-D Landfill. This expansion will provide adequate space to dispose of household, medical, special waste and asbestos! This expansion will allow citizens of Georgetown County to remain confident that an established waste management facility is in place to handle all of their disposal needs.



Waccamaw Neck Recycling Centers: Two recycling center expansion projects have been completed on the Waccamaw Neck. This additional space will provide a safe environment for the citizens of Georgetown County to recycle cardboard, newspaper, office paper, glass, scrap metal, yard waste, cooking oil and plastics. These centers feature a smashing idea that allows cardboard compactors to compact cardboard and reduce airspace in containers. Another feature is the ability to recycle used cooking oil. The Murrells Inlet Recycling Center also has an electronic waste recycling container that ensures electronics are not being disposed of in the County Landfill.

Facilities Services: The facility services crew is busy remodeling the old courthouse. The project is on schedule. The first phase should be completed by the first week of October with plans for staff relocation shortly thereafter.

Public Works: Georgetown County Public Works has awarded construction contracts and construction has begun on improving over 13.72 miles of roadway paving projects to be completed in 2010. Construction has already begun on Gator Lane, Clair Street, Barnes Road, Dalton Drive and Bryant Road. A number of other roads are scheduled to commence this summer under the Georgetown County Rural Roads Improvement Program and the County Transportation Committee, "C" Fund Program. Georgetown County Public Works continues to support County Council in their efforts to identify needs and implement improvements to the County's rural road system.

Capital Projects: The Capital Projects division recently completed bid documents for the Georgetown County Commerce Park, Lot #3 project and the Old Andrews High School Demolition project. All park sites for the Community Park Development Program have been completed.



Wayne Gregory
Executive Director

New Spec Building Now Complete

According to Economic Development Director Wayne Gregory, prospect activity has increased 20 percent over this time a year ago.

“We have a very aggressive marketing effort in coordination with Santee Cooper, SC Power Team, Santee Electric Cooperative, NESAs, SC Department of Commerce, and the SC Ports Authority. We participate with our ally network on various marketing trips to reach our target sectors. This includes meeting with various site location consultants around the county, participating in trade shows that fit our target sectors, and direct calls to companies that would be a good fit for Georgetown County,” Gregory said.

“We have received multiple inquiries from companies that are considering Georgetown County as a potential location. Three companies have visited our new spec building in the Georgetown County Business Center Industrial Park. Having the spec building has already begun to generate more interest in the park. Recently our office received several projects directly from our contacts with various consultants and recent marketing trips that have produced visits to our spec building. We have also gotten prospect leads from the Northeastern Strategic Alliance (NESAs) as well as from the S.C. Department of Commerce that are very promising. We are definitely headed in the right direction and everyone is pleased that our activity level has taken a large upswing”, according to Wayne Gregory.

Georgetown County Bureau of Aging Senior Garden Project Expands

Seniors at the Georgetown Senior Center have been busy planning and planting gardens this spring and summer. The seniors planted a small garden during 2009 with supplies purchased with their own funds. During a visit to the senior center, Regina Nesmith, Health Education Director for SC DHEC Region 6, noticed the garden and how it increased the senior's access to healthy produce and increased their physical exercise from working in the garden. During the spring, Ms. Nesmith returned to the senior center with an offer of \$25,000 in funding from "Healthy Aging Grant" to enable expansion of the garden project.

With the funding provided by SC DHEC the seniors were able to acquire much needed equipment including a tiller, hand tools and raised garden beds to enable them to expand their garden beyond the small patch they tended in 2009. A beautiful new combination garden shed and shelter has also been ordered and will be installed during July.

Expansion of the garden project has also enabled the seniors to reach beyond simply supplying fresh produce to center participants. The seniors have now selected 10 needy families which will be supplied with fresh produce from the garden. The seniors are also planning to involve the boys from Tara Hall Home for Boys in the garden project both by providing fresh produce to the home and bringing the boys to the senior center to learn gardening skills and the joys of raising and eating fresh produce.



Emergency Services Department

Midway Fire Rescue

The State Firefighter's Association held their annual training and business conference in Myrtle Beach this past month. The conference provides high caliber training utilizing instructors from all over the country - all for free! Midway always takes advantage of this opportunity by sending several people to join the 5000 attendees. This year was no different as forty people attended classes on their days off. This year was especially great as two of our own, John Stewart and Mike Mock, were inducted into the Firefighters' Association Hall of Fame; and three of our own, Jerry Liberatore, Adam Mexicott, and Ryan Kelly, were awarded the "Jeffrey Chavis Memorial Medal of Valor" for a night time water rescue of a stranded boater five-six miles offshore in heavy seas.

The "Jeffrey Chavis Memorial Medal of Valor" is given in extraordinary cases to firefighters who risk their lives going above and beyond the call of duty. These three members did just that in July 2009 off of Pawley's Island when they rescued a stranded boater from the ocean. The stranded sailboat was 5-6 miles off shore when rescue crews got to him and with night falling, and the Coast Guards help, guided the vessel back to safety with all on board.



Jerry Liberatore, Adam Mexicott, Senator Cleary and Ryan Kelly

Our Friends and Co-Workers will Truly be Missed

Mark Lambert and Stanley Lee Verner



These employees provided quality service to the citizens of Georgetown County and they will truly be missed.

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