

“The Center of the State”

A NEWSLETTER FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF ASHEBORO

AUGUST 2013

## Fire Inspector Tony Fruitt completed the BLET program

**Tony Fruitt** has been with the City of Asheboro for almost fifteen years. He first started working for the City as a firefighter. After working as a firefighter for almost 8 years, **Tony** moved to fire inspections. He loved working as a firefighter and seeing first-hand how exciting and adrenaline pumping it could be. When **Tony** moved to fire inspections in 2005 he did so for the steadier schedule. After working as a fire inspector for nearly 8 years, **Tony** knows it is a great fit for him

because he is able to go out into the community and interact with people. In his free time, **Tony** loves to spend all of his time with his family. He enjoys seeing his two children, Kristen, 8, and Ryan, 5, explore and learn about nature when they go camping.



Last year, the police department decided to train a fire inspector in the basic law enforcement class so that fire investigations could be performed internally within fire inspections. Previously, fire investigations were conducted by the police department. He began the B.L.E.T. class in January and finished in May. He explained that the program was not easy and that it pushed him in many different ways. **Tony** passed the final exam and is very excited to be sworn in sometime this fall. After **Tony** is sworn in, he will act as a reserve police officer. With his new title, he will have the power and ability to arrest people. The goal of this additional training was to streamline fire investigations. **Tony** is excited to start investigations this winter.

## You Are A True Asheboro Classic!

And to show our appreciation, you are invited to the 13th annual Employee Appreciation Day Dinner!

**Mayor Smith**, the members of the City Council, and City Manager **John Ogburn** want to invite you to join in a celebration of appreciation for all city employees.

This year, we will enjoy hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, chips, cake, and homemade ice cream. It will be a great time to meet new employees and spend time with old friends. Retirees from the past year to be honored:

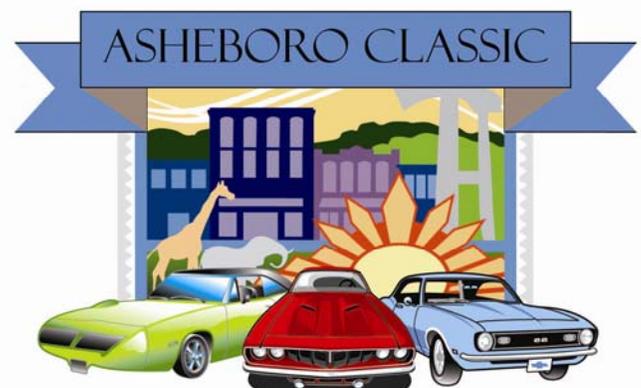
**Dumont Bunker, Joey Bunting, Burt Harvey, Donny Hill, Dalton McDowell, Ron Nicholson, Jim Smith (Fire), Larry Trotter, Junior Vuncannon, Rickey Wilson, and Steve Wood.**

When and Where?

Wednesday, August 28th

from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Public Works Conference Room



## Birthdays



Tim Allred	Barry Lewis
Kim Andrews	Karen Lovings
Milton Boswell	Jessica Martin
James Brennan	Chris Moore
Marnita Brower	Taylor Morgan
Scott Brown	Natalee Norman
Eddie Burks	Mary Ogburn
Johnny Chaney	Mack Owens
Andy Chriscoe	Lisa Park
Janica Cox	Joe Pecorella
Andrew Davenport	Brent Powell
Curtis Davis	Debbie Reaves
John Evans	Tony Richardson
Jeff Fox	Rayland Richardson
Tony Fruitt	Keith Seabolt
Amanda Gibson	Pam Smith
Jay Hanson	Jennifer Staley
Daniel Harris	Richard Thompson
Brian Hauk	Felix Ward
Jacob Kennedy	Tammy Williams
Preston King	Peggy Williamson
Roger Lambert	Mike Wiseman
Savannah Latham	Anthony Woodell

## Promotions

- Engineering**  
**Max Cole**– Engineering Assistant II
- Fire**  
**Danny Floyd**– Assistant Fire Chief (Safety)  
**Chris Hoover**– Fire Captain  
**Brent Powell**– Fire Captain
- Police**  
**Ralph Norton**– Police Chief  
**Jody Williams**– Police Major
- Recreation Services**  
**Nathan Hare**– Assistant Pool Manager

## August Service Anniversaries

- 15 Years**  
**Scottie Hicks**– Fire  
**Myers Johnson**– Human Resources  
**Jason Joines** – Fire  
**Brian Wood** – Fire
- 10 Years**  
**Jim Mendez**– Police  
**Charles Shimp**– Fleet Maintenance
- 5 Years**  
**Sam Lautenschleger**– Facilities  
**Andy Rippey**– Police

## Welcome to Our New Employees

- Recreation Services**  
**Andy Chriscoe**— Park Manager I (Part-Time to Full-Time)
- Water Quality**  
**Sarah Warner**— Laboratory Tech (Part-Time to Full-Time)

## Dual Employment

- Operations**  
**Claire Ogburn**—Administrative Clerk

## Retirement

Congratulations and best wishes to **Terry Reeder (Fleet Maintenance)** on his retirement on July 31, with **20 years of service**. At the time of his retirement, Terry served as the Fleet Maintenance Superintendent.

## Condolences

- We offer our deepest sympathy to **Reagan Kindley** (Police), whose father, Thomas Ray Kindley, passed away on June 25.
- We also offer our deepest sympathy to **Joe Thatcher** (Water Quality), whose father, Jim Thatcher, passed away on July 7.

## Personnel Committee Gives All Employees A Chance to Voice Their Opinions

The Personnel Committee is a representative body that gives employees a way to express their opinions about policies, rules, regulations, benefits, and procedures. If you have issues or concerns that you would like to bring up, please share them with a member of the committee. Current members are:

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|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Robert Caviness– Fire     | Tracy Scott—Finance    |
| Jason Cheek– Police       | Jeff Sugg—Legal Serv   |
| Mark Didly– Operations    | Pete Sulzer—Tech Serv  |
| Bobbie Hatley– WBilling   | Kristen Terry—Rec Serv |
| Nick Hylton– Operations   | Eddie Cockman—Fire     |
| Myers Johnson– HR         | Lesia Cox—HR           |
| Trevor Nuttall– Planning  | Bill Zuker—Street      |
| John Ogburn– City Manager |                        |

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