



May is Historic Preservation Month

May has been designated Historic Preservation Month both nationally and locally. The theme for 2007, "Making Preservation Work," calls on communities to celebrate their diversity and irreplaceable heritage.

Here in Forsyth County, we have the opportunity to acknowledge and commemorate the efforts of those who have helped preserve the resources that make our county unique. This is a time for everyone to celebrate our community's rich and diverse history by identifying resources and efforts, evaluating which properties deserve attention, and appreciating our heritage.

A featured Historic Resources Commission event during Historic Preservation Month will be the unveiling of a new City historic marker on Sunday, May 20, 2007, at the site of the George H. Black House and Brickyard, at 111 Dellabrook Road in Winston-Salem. Scheduled for 3:00 p.m., the marker unveiling will recognize the contribution of George Black to historic preservation. Black was a nationally and internationally recognized African American brickmaker. Up until his death in 1980 at the age of 101, George Black made bricks for use in Winston-Salem's finest houses,

**WINDOWS
TO OUR PAST...
KEEP THEM OPEN**

Historic Windows
One of a building's most significant features is its windows. Windows provide an identity to buildings, regardless of their style or age. They lend personality and character to structures, such as houses, stores, skyscrapers, and even log cabins. Additionally, the rhythm and pattern of a building's windows reflect a merging of design and function. The imperfections of historic glass, the elegance of a beveled window pane, the simplicity of a six-over-six sash window, or the intricacy of Victorian styles all contribute to the importance and beauty of a historic resource.

For more information visit our Web Site at: www.ForsythCountyHRC.org.

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in churches, businesses, and restorations in Old Salem and Colonial Williamsburg.

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Plan Completeness: One Key to an Effective Development Review Process

One of the guiding principles of the City-County Planning Board is continuous improvement. Whether it be individual training opportunities for staff members or a new approach to gathering public input for an area plan, we constantly strive to make the process or product better, easier to use, etc. This is particularly true for the monthly development review process administered by the Design and Development Review (DDR) team.

With one of the fastest processing times in North Carolina (rezonings with a site plan can run through the system and be approved by the Elected Officials in about 2 months), it is imperative that the DDR Team make sure that the development review processes assigned to the

Planning Board work well. With more departments providing feedback into the process and with more emphasis being placed on design, the overall complexity of the development review process has increased. To ensure that we are effectively dealing with increasing complexities, Planning staff is constantly seeking ways to improve the development review process. However and most importantly, we need the help of developers in maintaining and improving our system to keep these fast processing times.

Over the past several months, we have been concentrating our efforts to ensure that plans submitted into the monthly cycle are complete and accurate. In order to avoid delays in the plans review, plans must have all information required on the

appropriate submittal checklist. Plans that fail to have all required information when filed on the submittal deadline for that month **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED** for review, forcing a delay of at least a month.

If we want to maintain our fast development review processing times, working together to help the process function efficiently and effectively is essential. Therefore, continually check with our office and/or web site to learn about new policies, forms and/or toolkit information sheets. We welcome your input so that we can all work towards achieving our common goal – improving and strengthening our great community!

Want more information?

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Ben Stamey Joins the Planning Information and Graphic Services Team

After 23 years with the Tax Administration Department of Forsyth County Government, Ben joined the Planning Department in late February. His position as Address Coordinator involves assigning new addresses and street names throughout Forsyth County, excluding Kernersville. Currently Ben is working with the Mobile Video project to correct errors discovered in the address and/or street name file. This project will create an address point GIS layer which will pinpoint the exact location of every address in the county and will improve the efficiency of Emergency Services in our area.



Ben Stamey

Ben is a graduate of UNC Charlotte with a degree in geography. He is a native of

North Carolina and a valued asset to the PIGS team and Planning Department.

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