Welcome New Deputy Director Alan McMahan

Deputy Director McMahan comes to us from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development and brings over 20 years of building code experience to the City. He holds a Master’s Degree in Public Administration from Virginia Polytechnic and State University, a Bachelors in Urban and Regional Studies and Planning from the Virginia Commonwealth University and an Associates in Architectural Drafting and Design from J. Sergeant Reynolds Community College. In addition, McMahan has achieved certification as a Certified Building Official as well as Local Government Management.

McMahan is an active member of the American Society for Public Administration, International Association of Electrical Inspectors (Virginia Chapter), International Code Council, Virginia Building and Code Officials Association, Virginia Fire Association, and the Virginia Plumbing and Mechanical Inspectors Association. Mr. McMahan also serves as an Adjunct Faculty/Instructor at the J. Sergeant Reynolds Community College, teaching Residential Building Code requirements.
The Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development selected Alexandria’s Code Administration Team as the winner of the Statewide Large Locality Building Safety Month Campaign Competition!

The City’s campaign featured community outreach at local businesses, and partnerships with a variety of sponsors and organizations. The kickoff event was attended by over 250 people, and featured training, demonstrations, free door prizes and giveaways. For all their hard work, the Code Administration team will receive a free catered lunch and technical training for the entire staff.

This event featured a training in deck building essentials, led by Mike Wolfe of Simpson Strong Tie and products demonstrations conducted by Virginia American Water and the Alexandria Health Department.

The Code Administration Team would like to thank the city partners, sponsors, residents and valued supporters who helped make Building Safety Month 2017 a huge success.

BUILDING SAFETY MONTH?

Code Administration employees participate in a community outreach initiative, providing residents with building safety awareness information at Ace Hardware and Home Depot.

City sponsors and local businesses partner for this event by providing outreach material, product information, smoke detectors, ICC coloring books and hard hats for children.

City Mayor Allison Silberberg signed and presented the 2017 Building Safety Month Proclamation, and City Manager Mark Jinks highlighted the importance of partners of community safety and economic growth.
The Code Administration Team procured two interns this summer to help with records management and file maintenance. Saide Conde, a junior, and Fasi Negash, a senior, worked with the Department for eight weeks while learning essential management tools for their future careers.

Saide Conde has big hopes of attending Old Dominion University in fall 2019 and plans to study nursing in efforts to become a registered nurse at Fairfax INOVA Hospital. Conde says that this summer internship has taught her how important it is to communicate with your peers and focus on one task at a time.

Fasika Negash plans to attend Northern Virginia Community College for two years after she graduates High School and then transfer to Massachusetts Institute of Technology to pursue a career in Cyber Security and Physics. Negash says she gained a better understanding of Microsoft Excel during her time in Code.

“I was so surprised at how friendly and considerate everyone was.” - Saide Conde
Code Administration Presents...

2012 IBC ACCESSIBILITY AND USABILITY FOR COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS

When: Thursday, October 19, 2017

Instructor: Jim Quigley
Continuing Education Units: Six hours ICC and AIA

Price: Free

Location: Lee Center Auditorium
1108 Jefferson St.

Registration: 8 to 8:30 a.m.

Training: 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Lunch: (provided) 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Resume Training: 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Please RSVP to Penny.Gausman@alexandriava.gov by October 13 to reserve your space.
WHAT’S ENERGOV?

The City of Alexandria has begun a significant implementation process of a new Energov computer system. This system will help make current permit plan procedures much easier and create a new land use management system for everyone to use.

After the launch of Energov, customers will be allowed to:

⇒ Request and submit electronic plan reviews
⇒ View current case status
⇒ Make online payments
⇒ Submit online applications and plans together for all case types
⇒ Submit online complaint requests
⇒ View parcel information
⇒ Improve efficiency and expediency in permit processing
⇒ And much more!

The new Energov system is set to launch Fall of 2018.

HOARDING TASK FORCE TEAM

The City of Alexandria, Virginia’s Hoarding Taskforce is focused on educating the public on the causes and dangers of hoarding and addressing hoarding complaints from residents. The team’s objective is to offer support services for individuals and families to prevent, abate and resolve hoarding and unsanitary living conditions. The group collaborates to provide adults engaged in hoarding behaviors with services and resources available from each department on the task force.

If you suspect a hoarding situation in your neighborhood, it is recommended that you do not attempt to solve the person's hoarding problem. Do not offer to clean up the house. The best action you can take is to contact the Hoarding Task Force at 703-746-HELP (4537).
Virginia’s Freedom of Information Act

Effective July 1, 2017, a new state law (House Bill 1587) went into effect regarding the disclosure of certain records under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. The newly enacted law allows only the applicant or the owner of the property to receive information on engineering and construction drawings and plans related to any single family dwelling submitted for the purposes of complying with the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code of the Statewide Fire Prevention Code. These submissions are not deemed confidential and not subject to disclosure under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. Therefore, all other individuals not listed on the application for the respective permit shall no longer be allowed access to these documents.

National Night Out

CODE ADMINISTRATION
SENIOR STAFF
PARTicipates IN
National Night Out

On August 1, The Alexandria Police Department and other City agencies partnered to celebrate the 34th Annual National Night Out. The special celebration is part of a nationwide crime and drug prevention effort sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch.

This event is an effort to heighten awareness of crime prevention, residents in more than 30 Alexandria neighborhoods turned on their porch lights, hosted neighborhood cookouts and sponsored block parties in support.
Site Plan Reviewer Charles Cooper

Code Administration staff members nominated Charles Cooper as employee of the year. Charles has been noted to be a true team player, always engaged, reliable and dedicated to his team members and customers. Cooper’s work and attitude have been above reproach as he willingly participates in outside developmental projects.

Permit Center Staff

Code Administration’s permit technicians are in many cases, the first step to achieving our residential needs. They work hard everyday to ensure that our cities residents come first. Kudos to our team and all of their hard work keeping our Guiding Principles at the forefront.

Shanisa Dixon

Code Administration’s Senior Management Team would like to congratulate and applaud Shanisa Dixon on completing her final year of internship with the Department. Dixon will graduate with a Bachelors degree in Business Management from Hampton University in May 2018 and hopes to begin a fruitful career in the music industry. Kudos Shanisa Dixon!