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Barry Watkins Joins County Staff as Building Inspector

Amherst County would like to welcome to its staff Barry Watkins, the newest Building Inspector, to join the Community Development Department. An Appomattox native, Barry spent 17 years serving in their Building Inspections and Maintenance Departments before entering the private sector. He has recently been re-certified as a Residential Building Inspector and is looking forward to returning to inspection work, being outside, and working with the Amherst community.

Barry will be performing inspections to ensure new and remodeled buildings comply with the Uniform Statewide Building Code and local ordinances. Other duties include assuring that buildings are constructed according to approved plans and enforcing the 2018 Virginia Maintenance Code to ensure the health, safety, and wellbeing of Amherst County residents and guests through the required maintenance of existing buildings and structures.

As Amherst County continues to grow, the Building Inspections team provides an essential service to the community. For the first time in over a year, the Building Inspections will be fully staffed.



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