



# In the Spotlight

*Highlighting Exceptional Employees*

## Betty Byrd Christina Strauch

What do you think of when you hear ‘diversity in the workplace’? What about coworkers who share an office in which they are only separated by 10 feet and are separated by more than 45 years in age.

Town Manager Roger Stancil often reminds us that when he leaves people to their work, he says to ‘have fun.’ Christina Strauch and Betty Byrd are administrative assistants in Communications and Public Affairs. The CaPA duo says they find every opportunity they can to do just that.

“We feed off of each other,” Christina says.

“And we work well together because we don’t take anything personally,” Betty says. “Every day I want to have fun. Life’s too short not to have fun.”

While the two can often be heard laughing—usually at each other—they’re also there to lend a helping hand to one another.

“When I hear her sigh at her desk, I check in with her,” Christina says. “It’s often some piece of technology that has stumped her.”

“In turn, I try to teach her manners,” Betty laughs.

Christina helps with meeting packets for the Town Council, along with other tasks to assist the Deputy Town Clerk. Betty oversees meeting transcriptions and the Town’s mail to name just a couple daily duties.

### Value in the Spotlight Communication

Betty attended Guilford College in Greensboro. She is retired and has worked part-time for the Town for six years. She’s held multiple positions in different fields, but she says she’s always enjoyed doing work where she engages with people.

Christina graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill in 2007. She worked at Caribou Coffee before joining the Town in 2010. She transferred from Business Management to CaPA in 2012 after a brief move to New Jersey.

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#### RESPECT Values

- Responsibility**
- Equity**
- Safety**
- Professionalism**
- Ethics**
- Communication**
- Teamwork**



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