



In the Spotlight

Highlighting Exceptional Employees

Scott Newton Engineering Inspector–Senior

SCOTT NEWTON OVERSAW A FOUR-TO-SIX-MONTH PROJECT TO COMPLETION IN JUST TWO MONTHS.

Ridge Road, located near Boshamer Stadium, underwent a full street reconstruction that had to be completed before UNC–Chapel Hill students returned from summer break. The scope and size of the project would usually present a four-to-six-month timeline for expected completion. Time management was key with just a two-month window available and unknown sublevel road conditions.

“Ridge Road turned out to be one of the most challenging streets I’ve worked on in my time here,” Scott said. “I wanted to make sure the road was built back correctly as it carries a lot of traffic each day, especially bus traffic.”

Scott worked long hours, including on weekends, in order to keep the job on schedule. Part of his job is working closely with the contractor’s superintendent. Scott said, “No two of these jobs are alike, nor are the contractors, and good communication was necessary to ensure a quality product.”

Scott recently celebrated 18 years of employment with the Town of Chapel Hill. He is the senior engineering inspector for the Public Works Department and was in charge of the Ridge Road reconstruction project this summer.



Photo by Ran Northam

“It’s important to me that when I walk away from a job with my name on it that it’s done correctly,” Scott said.

Day-to-day, Scott’s job involves visiting construction sites to ensure they meet Town standards. This consists of anything from drainage installation and roadway preparation to sidewalk and curb and gutter work.

Before working in Chapel Hill, Scott was employed for eight years with the NC Department of Transportation in Greensboro.

Scott and his wife Jennifer were high school sweethearts and will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary in May. They have a trip planned to Antigua to celebrate.

Scott and Jennifer have two children, Kelsey, 26, and Tyler, 21, as well as four grandchildren.

In his spare time Scott’s family spends a lot of time with family and friends on the water and boating at Hyco Lake. He enjoys the outdoors and hunting.

Scott lives in Burlington where he has lived his whole life.

—Chris Lowder (CaPA)

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