



## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Oak Ridge takes great pride in its natural beauty, rural and historic roots, unique character, and independent spirit,

WHEREAS, Oak Ridge has grown steadily since its incorporation in 1998 while retaining its small town charm and livability; and

WHEREAS, the programs and services the town offers to its residents have also grown steadily, as has the involvement of residents in the town's many boards, commissions, and committees, and governance; and

WHEREAS, the town continues to honor its history and preserve open space through a variety of programs and projects,

WHEREAS, the town's staff members have played a critical role in developing these programs and projects, actively engaging Oak Ridge residents and town leadership, and ensuring the highest level of professionalism in all of the town's efforts; and

WHEREAS, Parks & Recreation Director Terry Lannon joined the Town's staff in June 2007 and recently completed his 15th year on staff, during which time he has:

- Led the opening of our 80-acre Town Park in 2008 and has guided all subsequent development, including the addition of new trails, a new playground, a dog park, and countless other amenities and improvements;
- Guided the use and development of the town's athletic fields and athletic programs, which continue to serve youth and families in Oak Ridge and throughout northwest Guilford County;
- Played a leadership role in establishing and maintaining the Cascades Preserve and the town's growing network of trails
- Helped lead the planning and development of the town's second major park, Heritage Farm Park, and played a key role in obtaining a \$490,000 grant to the town from the North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF);
- Guided the town's Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and worked with other committees and outside groups to ensure the success of community events such as Music in the Park, Ridgefest, Canine Capers, Light Up the Night, and Heritage Day, as well as numerous Eagle Scout projects;
- Provided the highest levels of staff leadership; and

- Through his tireless and devoted leadership, helped establish Oak Ridge's Town Park as one of the finest in the region and a model to be emulated

WHEREAS, Parks & Recreation Crew Leader Brock Dunigan joined the Town's staff in June 2011 and recently completed his 10<sup>th</sup> year on the parks staff, working with Director Lannon, during which time he has:

- Worked tirelessly with the Parks Director and park staff members to maintain the Town Park to the highest standards;
- Played a key role in establishing Oak Ridge's reputation as home to the finest and best-kept athletic fields in the region;
- Demonstrated leadership among park staff and a commitment to the highest standards of integrity and excellence;
- Played a leadership role in supporting community events held in the Town Park;
- Contributed to planning for the future use and maintenance of all park facilities, including Cascades Preserve and the new Heritage Farm Park;
- Represented our town with warmth, energy, and dedication in his interactions with park visitors; and
- Earned the respect and admiration of all who work with him

WHEREAS, Town Clerk Sandra Smith joined the Town's staff in 2011 and recently completed her 10<sup>th</sup> year on staff, during which time she has:

- Achieved the status of Certified Municipal Clerk, NC Certified Municipal Clerk, and is in the process of achieving Master Municipal Clerk status, reflecting hundreds of hours of training;
- Consistently applied her professional expertise to guiding Town Council, committee members, and staff toward compliance with the highest municipal standards;
- Strengthened our community through her creative leadership of events such as the town's annual Heritage Day, Canine Capers event, and Light Up the Night luminary, and through her support of the town's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in 2018;
- Served on the town's Future Land Use Planning Committee and represented Oak Ridge on the Triad ABC Board for eight years, including three years as Board Chair;
- Applied her unrivaled knowledge and expertise in researching, writing, and photographing all things Oak Ridge in compiling an inventory of historic properties in Oak Ridge and serving as lead writer for the Explore Historic Oak Ridge publication and author of the forthcoming *Historic Oak Ridge* book;
- Managed the town's communication efforts, which recently included a major update to the town's website, as well as budgetary, financial, and human resources matters; and
- Served as a gracious and knowledgeable resource to all, consistently demonstrating her dedication to Oak Ridge and its residents.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we honor these exemplary staff members on the occasion of their recent anniversaries, express to them our deep gratitude for their long commitment to serving Oak Ridge, and honor their many contributions to our community, understanding that their efforts help make Oak Ridge a better place to live for all of us.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ann Schneider, Mayor of the Town of Oak Ridge, on behalf of the Oak Ridge Town Council, do hereby proclaim this day, August 4, 2022, as a fitting day to honor the anniversaries and contributions of Oak Ridge Town staff members Terry Lannon, Brock Dunigan, and Sandra Smith. I urge all residents to join this Council in celebrating their milestone anniversaries.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Oak Ridge to be affixed this 4th day of August 2022.

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Ann K. Schneider, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Ashley Royal, Deputy Town Clerk