

GNI Employee Newsletter

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Celebrating 25 Years of Designing Your Community

June-July 2017

Welcome to Our New Employees!



JOSH MACDONALD

GNI would like to welcome Josh MacDonald as a Project Manager. Josh is a graduate of Virginia Tech and a resident of Christiansburg. He first interacted with GNI in 2011 as part of the LDDI program through VT. His positive experience there, along with great recommendations from within the land development community, made his decision to come to GNI very easy, he says. Having a 5 minute drive to work isn't bad either! So far, Josh enjoys that there is a strong sense of family here at GNI, along with the detail-oriented setup of the office and production method has been very apparent. He's also looking forward to working on projects within the community where he lives.

When Josh isn't working, he and his wife Stefanie and his two boys, Alex (2) and Luke (1) enjoy being outside, hiking and camping, and walking through the Blacksburg Farmer's Market on Sunday mornings. He enjoys living so close to the Christiansburg Recreation Center, where he likes to play basketball to blow off steam. He and his family also like picking a new east-coast city to explore a few times a year.

Josh is looking forward to working on projects that impact the NRV community. Most of his previous projects have been out of town efforts, or not really accessible to the public. Working on things like the Huckleberry Trail, local park improvements, and facilities that his family could enjoy would give him a great sense of accomplishment.

JOSH MAURER

Josh joins us as a Project Engineer. Josh is a recent graduate of Virginia Tech. He really loves the Blacksburg area so he wanted to stay here after college. He knew he wanted to work in land development, and he had heard great things about GNI, so this was a great opportunity! So far, his favorite thing about working here is the atmosphere. Everyone is so friendly and always willing to help in any way they can.

Outside of work Josh likes to spend a lot of time outdoors. Some of the things he enjoys are hiking, hunting, and surfing. Josh is hoping to get a dog in the near future!

Josh is hoping to learn as much as he can!



CLAIRE WHITE

Claire is currently an Assistant Professor of Practice at Virginia Tech with an academic year appointment. Since she has summers "off," she will be joining GNI to build upon her consulting experience as a Project Engineer. Prior to joining VT in August 2016, she was a land development consultant in VA Beach for about five years. Claire was also introduced to us through the LDDI program at VT. John and Trevor spoke to her class last fall.

Claire is excited about working on local projects with a diverse group of clients and getting to know the GNI team. So far, she's felt very welcomed by everyone, including LeRoy the deer (her office companion). And of course, she loves the random food surprises!

Claire enjoys cooking, quilting, gardening, hiking, playing piano, traveling, and attending VT athletic events. She has been happily married to Kyle for 6 years and has a cat named Dewberry. Claire's goals are to continue to grow as a professional engineer in both the academic and practice setting and obtain the Envision Sustainability Professional (ENV SP) Certification.

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GARRISON MYER

Garrison joins our survey team as a field technician. He is currently pursuing a master's in environmental engineering from VT with an emphasis on water resources. He felt he didn't know as much about surveying as he thought an engineer should, and he thought the best way to learn was through hands on experience. He likes being outside all day and being able to enjoy the fresh air while he works.

When not working, Garrison enjoys spending time with his wife of 5 years and their 2 children, daughter Evie (3) and son Emrys (3 months old). He also enjoys watching NCIS on Netflix and participating at his church. He and his wife would like to have one or two more children in the future.

Once he completes his degree he would love to work for an engineering firm doing stream restoration and earn his P.E.

Dates to Remember

7/4 Independence Day - GNI Closed



GNI Anniversaries

6/29	Kristin Stump	2 Years
8/1	Matt Tomlinson	10 Years

Happy Birthday!

6/6	Dale Stephens
6/14	Leah Sterling
6/15	Shawn Caldwell



Pictures of the Month



Dare to Care

We had a great turnout at our most recent Dare to Care cleanup. Thank you to everyone who came out to help us beautify Radford Street. We always have a little friendly competition to see who can haul in the most trash, and Josh Maurer was our big winner, with 16 pounds of trash! Coming in second was Tim with 13 pounds and third was Liz with 11 pounds. Good job everyone!



Congratulations to Our Graduates!



Liz Quesenberry

Liz graduated from Floyd High School. She will attend New River Community College this fall.



Landon Bell

Landon (Stephanie's son) graduated from CHS and will attend Virginia Tech this fall and will major in Building Construction.



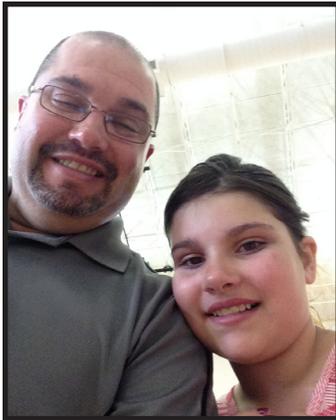
Sam Kimzey

Sam (Trevor's son) will attend Bluefield College in the fall.



Josh Maurer

Josh graduated with his B.S. in Civil Engineering from Virginia Tech this May.



Holleigh Mosteller

Holleigh (Matt's daughter) graduated from CES and will attend CMS in the fall.



Julianne Clements

Julianne (Ralph's daughter) graduated from CMS and will attend CHS in the fall.



Tyler Weir

Tyler (Sarah's son) graduated from Falling Branch Elementary and will attend CMS this fall.