



City of Anniston  
National Building Safety Month

May is national Building Safety Month  
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Just a quick reminder of May  
holidays.

Mother's Day

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 14, 2023

Memorial Day

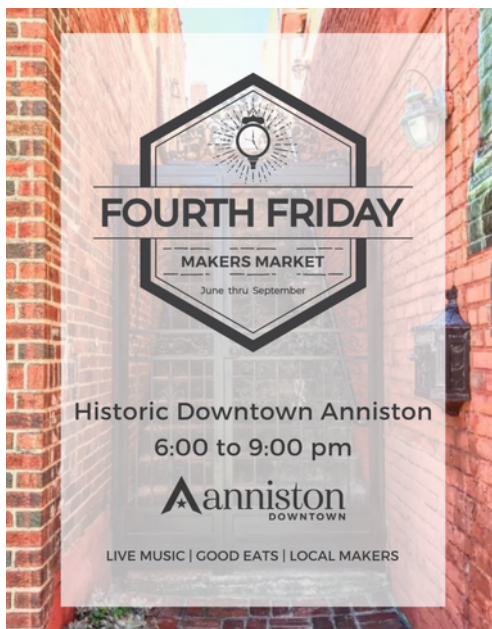
Memorial Day, observed on Monday,  
May 29, 2023. City of Anniston offices will  
be closed in observance of the holiday.



# Save the Date

The Downtown Market is back!

Every Saturday, from 7 AM until 11 AM,  
beginning May 13th through September  
30th.



Fourth Friday coming soon!

Every fourth Friday, from 6 PM to 9 PM

June, July, August, and September

City of Anniston Heritage Festival

Saturday, June 24th at Zinn Park





## WHAT IS NATIONAL BUILDING SAFETY MONTH?

Building Safety Month is an international campaign that takes place in May to raise awareness about building safety. This campaign reinforces the need for the adoption of modern, regularly-updated building codes, and helps individuals, families and businesses understand what it takes to create safe and sustainable structures.

The International Code Council, its members, and a diverse partnership of professionals from the building construction, design and safety communities come together with corporations, government agencies, professional associations and nonprofits to promote building safety through proclamations, informational events, legislative briefings and more. We come together to support Building Safety Month because we understand the need for safe and sustainable structures where we live, work and play.

All communities need building codes to protect their citizens from disasters like fires, weather-related events and structural collapse. Building codes are society's best way of protecting homes, offices, schools, manufacturing facilities, stores and entertainment venues. Code officials work day in and day out to keep the public safe.

For the month of May the International Code Council celebrates Nation Building Safety month by bringing awareness through weekly themes.

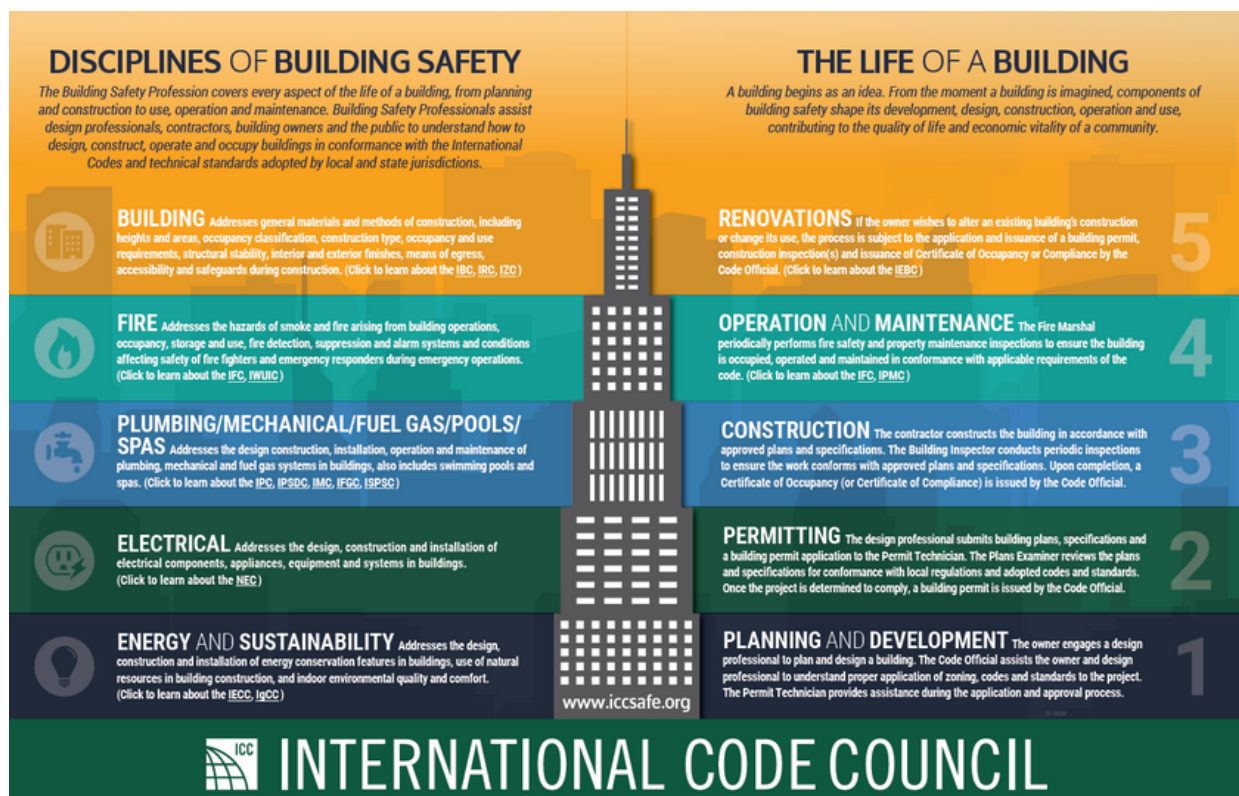
[Week 1](#) Building Safety Starts at Home.

[Week 2](#) Building Safety Professionals and You

[Week 3](#) Prepare Your Community

[Week 4](#) Advocate for Your Community

[Week 5](#) Solving Challenges Together



# Public Relations Department



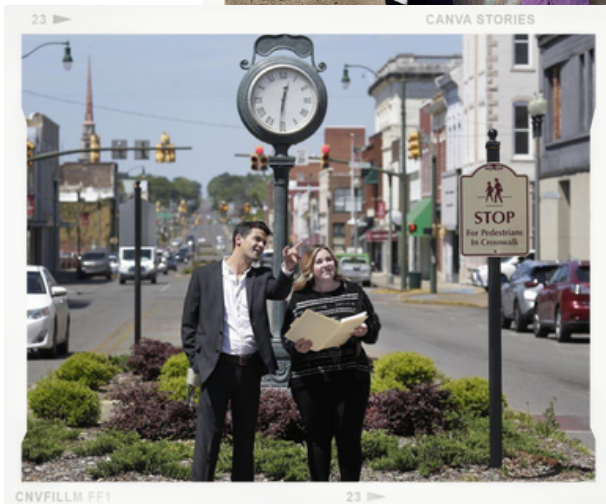
## Jackson Hodges

Public Relations Director

Jackson Hodges acts as the City of Anniston's Director of Public Relations. The Public Relations Department consists of city's public relations, our Main Street Anniston Department, and the Anniston Downtown Market.

Our Public Relations Director handles the following tasks:

- Provides information on municipal services, operations, and plans to the public.
- Maintains city website and social medias.
- Prepares Press/Media Releases.
- Communicates citizen's concerns to city staff, and assists in answering citizen questions.







## Karla Eden

### Main Street Anniston Director

Karla Eden is Main Street Anniston Director. She works with the community to encourage entrepreneurship and downtown business growth while assisting with revitalizing historic downtown Anniston. Mainstreet hosts many events to attract shoppers to downtown. Some of the event highlights with Main Street Anniston are Wacky Wednesday's, Fourth Fridays, Neewollah, and the City of Anniston Christmas Parade. Karla enjoys working with downtown merchants and the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce to boost small business growth in downtown Anniston.



## Kristin Smith

### Main Street Administrative Assistant

Kristin is the Administrative Assistant for our Public Relations department. She joined the team 4 months ago and assists with the day to day operations of Public Relations, Main Street and the Downtown Market. She does a host of things from ordering supplies handling purchase orders, and manage the schedule of both Directors. She enjoys working with Main Street Director in promoting the vision of the district and setting benchmarks to reach our long term goals for the department.

## HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATES



### May Birthdays

Savanah Glad  
Austin Key  
Ray Jones  
Sharonda Hutchinson  
Suzette Miller  
Kenneth Head  
Matthew Masiak  
Dalton Moses  
Tracy Champion  
Deborah Horvath  
Shree Walker-Kidd  
James Pinkard  
Jonathan Yarbrough  
Jason Mayfield  
Zachary Gauthier  
Seth Bombard  
Jacob Barrett  
Adailee Russell  
Austin Hubbard

Matthew McAllister  
Owen Smith  
Thomas Freckman  
Jaylen Parker  
Michael Cairo  
Jaylon Dulaney  
Brittney Arrington  
Shasta Hayes  
Blake McCurry  
Daniel Oswalt  
Jonathan Robinson  
Stephen Graham  
Keith Crider  
Brakston Barkley



## HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATES

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### May Anniversaries

Dakota Morehead  
Terry Cantrell  
Christopher Leach  
Edward Price  
Timothy Suits  
Josh Forrest  
Michael Yocum  
Walter Blizzard  
Derrick Kirby  
Alexis Johnson  
Valentino Halog  
Katherine Meherg  
Josh Barkley  
Jerre Dingler  
Catherine Stanton  
Abby Wilczek  
Madilyn Champion

Emma Collins  
Patricia Pickens  
Mikkalina Spann  
Daniel Spaulding  
Andrew Hayes  
Timothy Kent  
Adailee Russell  
Sylvan Johnson  
Hunter White  
Alan Hughes  
Pamela Chapman  
James Oswalt  
Derrick Dotson  
Jeff Feazell  
Michael Cole

*Thank you for  
going above  
& beyond.*

## HUMAN RESOURCES REMINDERS



**EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM - EAP**

### When life's a little much, reach out and get in touch.

Let's be real: life can be tough. When your responsibilities start to feel overwhelming and showing up each day with a smile on your face seems difficult, it's important to reach out for help. You can lean on your free and confidential Employee Assistance Program (EAP) for support.

**We've got your back.**  
A free benefit from your workplace, the EAP can help you or anyone in your household:

- Be more present and productive at work
- Receive support when you don't feel like yourself
- Get help with responsibilities that are distracting or stressful
- Grow personal and career skills
- Be a caring, loving friend or family member
- Receive care after a traumatic event or diagnosis
- Make healthy lifestyle choices
- Improve and inspire daily life

**We're here for you, always.**  
Life happens, regardless of the day or time. That's why we make ourselves available 24/7, even on holidays. So whenever you need to reach out, we're here for you.



**Support Line**  
Call anytime  
800-624-5544



**Mobile app**  
Search for New  
Directions EAP



**Web**  
Visit [eap.ndbh.com](http://eap.ndbh.com)  
for resources

As an employee with the City of Anniston you have access to an EAP, Employee Assistance Program. The flyer to the left gives information about the services that are provided through the Employee Assistance Program. It's a great resource for all employees. Check it out today!

[www.eap.ndbh.com](http://www.eap.ndbh.com)

\*The company code is  
**Anniston**

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**800-624-5544**

Services are free and your employer will not know you reached out.  
Flip this sheet over to see some common reasons people use EAP.

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
As as full-time City Employee, you get access to benefits & discounts? You can check out those benefits in our 2023 benefits guide. Click [here](#) for details.

\*Check page 22 for details.



To access your claims, benefits coverage information, and other must have tools click below.

