Welcome to Our Newsletter

Whether this is your first CAT newsletter or your fiftieth, we would like to greet you as an old friend and thank you for checking it out. So first things first, let’s get reacquainted.

**Chadwick Reese** is our Executive Director. He has been the ‘driving’ force behind such noteworthy CAT events this year as the Downtown Intermodal Transit Facility Groundbreaking, the Operations and Maintenance Facility Groundbreaking, and the Community Fish Fry. His second-in-command, **William Law**, has ‘taken the wheel’ of our service delivery as Chief Operating Officer, introducing consistent Work Rules and cracking down on unnecessary overtime. Heading up the administrative side of things, **Terri Harrison** climbs every mountain to look for funding sources as our Chief Financial Officer. We also have **Erica Franklin**, Director of Safety, Training & Environmental Services, who has raised our company compliance stats and lowered the number of accidents at CAT. Our Human Resources Director, **Sheila Michael**, continues to seek out new talent to add to CAT’s staff while also taking care of the rest of us. And the newest member of our top-tier management is Chief Development Officer **Ramond Robinson**. Ramond came to us over the summer from the CATS system in Charlotte, NC, and he has dived right in to help figure out more efficient routing and to bolster our Marketing and Outreach efforts. Together, we’re working hard to make CAT into a premier transit agency.

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**What’s New?**

**October 15, 2012 Board Change**—
You may have come to our public meetings and shared your suggestions for schedule changes in October. We’re simplifying the passenger schedules and streamlining routes, so look for details on our website (www.catchacat.org), Facebook, Twitter, and in the newspaper.

**Google Trip Planner**—
We’ve got an amazing trip-planning tool available on the Internet. Google Trip Planner is accessible on our website or through Google maps. You simply type in your information and let Google tell you which routes will get you to and from. Don’t have a computer but want to try it out? Head to your nearest **Live Oak Library** branch. The libraries offer free computer use to the community. They also usually have our printed schedules available, and you can buy passes at some branches.
Unstoppable

While we work inside improving our schedules and efficiency, construction crews toil outside at both our new downtown facility and our operations yard. We are determined to mark 2012 as not only the 25th year of our service to this community, but the year we show innovative progress in all aspects of our business. We’re using smarter analysis in our route-building, we’ve branched out on social sites like Facebook and Twitter, we have an electronic comment form on our website, and we’re constructing LEED-certified facilities. We’re excited to be involved in such a period of progressive change, and we’re proud to offer the benefits of our labor to you.

Kudos

There’s no doubt that working at CAT is more than just a job; it’s a Career. We’d like to thank all of our employees for their contributions during some amazing years of service, with special recognition to those below. Whether administrative, mechanical, or operational, WE APPRECIATE YOU!

20-24 Years
Jimmy Bennett
Leroy Brown
Iris Bryant
Katy Holcombe
Russell Jennette
Gary Jones
Kenny Lawyer
Craig Owens
Earl Perry
Ben Reese
Jackie Sumpter

25-29 Years
Morgan Bedgood
Robert Gosha
Hurley Holcombe
C.O. Johnson
Calvin Kennedy
Charlene Kennedy
James Lee
Gerald Lewis
Tom Parrish
Valerie Ragland
Fitzhugh Simmons

30 Years or More!
Christopher Blake
J.A. Brown
John Butler
Dave Flanders
Tyson Gardner
Fred “Flash” Gordon
Alexander Hester
Fred Jones
Calvin Lawrence
Richard Richardson
Bernard Smalls
Ulysees Williams

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