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Amherst County Celebrates Building Safety Month

The Amherst County Building Inspections Division is pleased to announce its participation in the 43rd annual Building Safety Month, a worldwide campaign presented by the International Code Council, its members, and partners to promote building safety. This year's campaign, "It Starts With You!" highlights different ways building safety impact individuals and communities.

Amherst will be celebrating Building Safety Month with courtesy inspections of existing decks. With warm weather on the way, it is important to make deck structures safe and up to the task of hosting those summer BBQs. To schedule your inspection, please call (434) 946-9302. Checks will be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis as time allows. The county will also share important safety information on social media and introductions of the Building Inspections team.

"The sole purpose of the Building Inspections Department is to perform inspections and enforce the codes that keep our county safe, healthy, and beautiful," says Building Official Nate Young.

Learn more about Building Safety Month at www.buildingsafetymonth.org or the resources link on the county's building inspections page.

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