

Pembroke Housing Authority Designated High Performer

PEMBROKE-The Pembroke Housing Authority has been awarded the title of HIGH PERFORMER under the Public Housing Management Assessment Program for the second consecutive year. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development presented this designation to the Authority at the Carolina's Council of Housing & Redevelopment Codes Officials Annual Conference during August of this year. This is only the second time in the history of the Authority the agency has received this prestigious designation.

"Our agency has scored above the ninetieth percentile required under

the PHMAP guidelines to be a high performer. This designation allows our management to exercise budget approval on the level and provides relief from numerous reporting requirements", says Lemark Harris, Executive Director. "This designation also provides our Field Office, in Greensboro, NC, with the tools it needs to evaluate our grant proposals during the award phase. We firmly believe that our PHMAP score has had a direct impact on our recent success with the CIAP, PHMAP, and YSP grants", says Harris.

During fiscal year 1996, the Authority received grant funding in the

amount of \$355,225 for continuation of the drug prevention programs with the youth and increased safety of the dwelling units. According to management reports, these funds will be available in early 1997 for expenditure. "We are very excited to have received these additional funds to provide a more secure living environment for our residents", says Harris. "With these funds we will be able to finish the installation of dwelling unit doors for enhance security, dwelling unit screen doors for a more domestic look, and a one and a half year extension of our current drug elimination program."

Improvements Authorized at Local Intersections

Representative Ron Sutton, NC House District 85, reports that following his latest request for a study of the traffic situation at the intersection SR 1339, NC 710 and NC 711, the N.C. Department of Transportation recently completed another evaluation. This is the latest in a series of studies involving this dangerous situation.

The following actions are planned by the Department of Transportation to help resolve the traffic situation:

- a) Provide left turn lanes on NC 710/711 at SR 1339.
- b) Widen NC 710/711 from the SR 1339 intersection east to the NC 710/711 intersection due to the close proximity of those two intersections.
- c) Install a traffic signal at the SR 1339/NC 710/711 intersection.

The above improvements are proposed by the Department of Transportation due to the traffic flow at this critical junction. Realizing that there is a high rate of traffic passing this area daily, Rep. Sutton is more concerned with the nature of the traffic that passes through these two intersections. More than fifty bus trips pass through there daily in addition to hundreds of trips made by teenage drivers going to and from Purnell Sweet High School. Many of these young students drop and pick up younger siblings at Pembroke Middle School located on SR 1339.

These improvements will be made as soon as funds are available. At this time the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is funded through this current fiscal year.

Therefore, funds for this project will have to be identified.

Representative Sutton indicates that he has the support of the full local delegation in efforts to identify funds for completion of this work. He also stresses that he appreciates the efforts of the many local citizens that are concerned about this intersection and are working with him on it. He is especially appreciative of the efforts of Jimmy Locklear and Rev. Bruce Sweet.

Representative Sutton cautions that the work is not done yet. We have the Department of Transportation commitment, now we must follow through to get the actual improvements made. This will continue to be an on-going project of Rep. Sutton until the work is done.

SCAC's Arts Bus - "Celebrate the Arts!"

The South Carolina Arts Commission's (SCAC) new Arts Bus is now traveling routes throughout the Midlands with the message "Celebrate the Arts!" Although the concept was developed by the Arts Commission, the bus space to carry the message was donated for one year by the SCANA Corporation. The debut of the Arts Bus correlates with the Commission's 30th anniversary of public service.

"We're very pleased that SCANA choose to support this endeavor as a symbol of the importance of the arts in our state. Without their assistance, the bus project would not have been viable. This is simply another example of why SCANA has a long-established reputation as an active business partner of the arts," said Susie Surkamer, Executive Director of the Arts Commission.

In addition to SCANA's contribution, six individuals volunteered their time to model for the bus graphics. Each represents various arts disciplines and all represent the cultural diversity of the arts in the state.

Among the volunteer artists featured on the bus is Scott Blanks, an accomplished actor, singer and dancer. Scott is Chair of the Fine Arts Department and an Assistant Professor of Theatre and Communications at Benedict College. He has performed

leading roles in theaters across the country in such productions as *Brigadoon*, *Hamlet* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. As a Native American Performing Artist and Arts Consultant for the United Tribes of North Carolina (his native state), he frequently offers workshops, lectures and performances to related associations. Recently he performed in the national tour of the Broadway musical hit, *Evita*, and starred in the South Carolina Shakespeare Company's production of *Much Ado about Nothing* at the Piccolo Spoleto Festival in Charleston.

In addition to all these accomplishments, Scott is the Managing Director of the South Carolina Shakespeare Company, based in Columbia. In this role, Scott oversees the development of two major productions yearly, both cabaret and touring performance and workshops, and often performs as well. Says Scott, "It's a privilege to play and active part in an organization which not only provides quality classical theatre, but enhances cultural awareness by providing productions free to the public year after year. The growth and success of the company is due to dedicated volunteer personnel as well as generous support from the South Carolina Arts Commission, other agencies, the City and Columbia and corporations."



The Mayor of the Town of Pembroke, Milton Hunt, appoints the members of the Pembroke Housing Authority. They are shown above with the Mayor. Shown left to right, seated, are: William Locklear, who is director of the JTPA Program under the auspices of Lumbee Regional Development Association; Mayor Milton Hunt; LeMark Harris, executive Director of Pembroke Housing Authority; J. Garth Locklear, who also serves as an Investigator with the Public Defender's Office. Standing left to right: Mrs. Olivia Revels, who owns and operates Revels Funeral Home along with her husband Juddie, Jr.; Dr. Gerald Maynor, retired Chairman of the Education Department at UNCP; Wesley Revels, Principal of Purnell Sweet High School; and the Attorney for the Housing Authority, Earl Homer Strickland.

Francesca Maynor Locklear to be Featured in Television Commercial



Francesca Maynor Locklear has been selected to be a part of the annual CP&L holiday television commercial. This commercial will air on local television stations throughout the state from December 10, 1996 through January 1, 1997, and will feature fifteen (15) students from Charles R. Bugg Creative Arts and Science Magnet, Raleigh, North Carolina. She is a 1st grade student of Mrs. Kimberly DeMartz and a drama student of Mr. Mack Porter, who is also featured in this commercial.

Francesca resides in Cary, North Carolina with her parents, Anthony and Felecia Locklear and sister, Anjelica. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Maynor of Pembroke, NC and Mr. and Mrs. Curt Locklear of Red Springs, NC.

Miss Indian North Carolina Pageant to be held

Applications are now being accepted for the 1997-98 Miss Indian N.C. Pageant. The pageant will be held during the 22nd annual Indian Unity Conference which is being held at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux March 13-15, 1997. The pageant is open to a Native American female between the ages of 17-25, at least a high school senior and a resident of the state of North Carolina. She must have proof of her tribal affiliation. This is a great opportunity for a Native American female. For more information and other guidelines please contact Rebecca Jones at (910) 858-3801.

Big Day Planned

It's a big day in St. Pauls and everyone is invited!

Activities begin at 9:30 a.m. with a big parade down the town's Broad Street. The parade, co-sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and the Town of St. Pauls, will feature four bands, 10 floats, costumed animal characters, Shrine go-carts, beauty queens, marching groups, equestrian units, vintage and antique cars, a golf cart brigade and of course, Santa Claus.

Entries are still being accepted, and there is no entry fee. Please call Karen Ratley at 865-5885 before 5 p.m. Friday for information.

Art & Crafts Show
On the evening of Saturday, December 7, an art and crafts show and sale will be held in St. Pauls to benefit the Town's proposed war memorial.

The sale will feature the donated works of local artists and hand-crafters. There will be great gift shopping ideas, one of a kind ornaments, keepsakes, souvenirs of long-gone days and original art and prints.

John Evers, a Lexington resident and St. Pauls native, will be the featured artist. Mr. Evers is a renowned artist, whose seascapes and North Carolina lighthouse series have proven extremely popular throughout the South.

In addition to being an artist, Mr. Evers is also famed for his philanthropy. His "art with heart" has helped generate approximately \$1 million for North Carolina charities, causes, colleges, pediatric wards, domestic shelters and transplant patients.

The show and sale will also feature food and hot apple cider, piano music, carols, a roaring fire in the huge fireplace, and horse and buggy rides to view St. Pauls' downtown Christmas decorations.

The R.E. Hooks Community Center is located in downtown St. Pauls on North Third Street. For more information about the art and crafts sale, please contact Paul Terry at 865-4179.

Christmas Open House at Cultural Center

There will be a special Open House and Tribal Tree Trimming Program at the North Carolina Indian Cultural Center on Saturday, December 14, 1996 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and participate in getting into the Holiday Spirit as a United People.

There will be singing, storytelling and entertainment.

Enjoy making hand crafted tree ornaments and hear the story of the no-face-doll by Barbara Locklear. Bring the children to talk with Santa.

For additional information on participating in this special celebration, please call the N.C. Indian Cultural Center at (910) 521-2433.

Come - share the Spirit with us and make a Joyful Noise while you enjoy the sights and sounds of YOUR Cultural Center.

Christmas Banquet and Concert Featuring Carla & Redemption

A Christmas Banquet and Concert will be held at Lumberton High School on Saturday, December 14 beginning at 5 p.m. (banquet) and the concert at 7 p.m. The concert will feature Carla and Redemption from

Lumberton. Also appearing will be Darrell Luster and Singing Sheppards.

Tickets are \$10 for the banquet and concert in advance and \$12 at the door.

Pembroke Housing Authority Activities

Pembroke Housing Authority's "Helping Hands" 4-H Club awarded the following residents during the month of October with Yard of the Month. The winners were Ms. Bernice Bullard of Maynor Manor; Ms. Margarette Maynor of Dial Terrace; Ms. Annie P. Locklear of Chavis Park; Ms. Martha Jacobs of Strickland Heights and Ms. Racheal Chavis of Locklear Court.

November 27, 1996 was a fun day for the 35 VOLUNTEER'S that helped to clean-up yards and streets in Strickland Heights. The Clean-up Day was a beautification project sponsored by the Youth Center's 4-H "Helping Hands" Club. The Club would like to thank all that helped to collect the 30 bags of trash.

In celebration of Indian Heritage Month, the Pembroke Housing Au-

thority sponsored an evening with Turtlevision Inc. for the youth of the Authority. The special event took place November 27, 1996 at the Maynor Manor Youth Center. In attendance were approximately 50 youth and several adults. The youth were exposed to different Native American dances and their meanings, storytelling, Native songs and demonstrations of tools and musical instruments. The evening ended with the youth participating in a group song and dance and refreshments were served following the event. According to Richard C. Jones, Cultural Program Coordinator, "The program was an outstanding success because the youth were able to learn a great deal by the hands on learning approach given by Turtlevision Inc." The Housing Authority would like to give a special thanks to UNC-P and Daniels Bakery for their contributions and Turtlevision Inc. for donating an hour to the program.

Pembroke Kiwanis Report

The weekly meeting was held Tues. evening at the Town and Country Restaurant. President Furnie Lambert presented State Legislator Ronnie Sutton as speaker of the evening. I will give you an over-view of what is happening in the House as they prepare to go back into session in January. The last session had 68 Republicans and 52 Democrats. This time there will be 61 Republicans and 59 Democrats. This is significant in that the majority controls the Speaker, Harold Brakewell. The majority whip is Julia Howard. As a party the Republicans keep their party in line. Chairman of all Committees are Republican. We Democrats are still brides maids. However, we expect better legislation this time. The Senate has ten vote majority and as a result better legislation.

The citizens will be the winner. Also, my chairmanship will not be. I am on the Education appropriations Committee.

Not the Transportation Committee. I am working on a Redistricting Plan. Other things we are working on are the Vouchers for Education Tax

credits. The Lottery, killed by the Senate last year. You will see a vote on the lottery. I would support a lottery for Education. Locally, the Cultural Center \$4,100,000 is needed in cash or pledges to begin construction. May 12th is when the land reverts to the State and the State does not want it. \$16,000 is on hand, so three years has not got the job done. The Board does not report to anyone. The Board does not have any authority. The golf course is a separate entity. It was resolved in 1993. The State does not want the property back. The Farmers Market needs \$6,000,000. We have a meeting scheduled with the Governor but we don't have a commitment. The 710-711 intersection improvements involve two turn lanes and a stop light. A regular stop light will be placed in Lumber Bridge Questions and answers followed Rep. Sutton's very informative address.

Invocation - Albert Hunt; Song leader - Ed Teets; Program - Ron Sutton; Reporter - Ken Johnson. The spaghetti supper is this Friday at 5:00 P.M. and Sat. morning at 6:30 A.M. Breakfast.

