

Recycling Garbage Could Be In Works Soon For County, Municipalities

Warren County and its three municipalities would have to start active programs to recycle certain waste products, as early as the summer of next year, under legislation now pending before the North Carolina General Assembly.

That apparently could mean that Warren County, Warrenton, Norlina and Macon residents alike could soon be required to sort out their garbage, saving such items as aluminum cans, paper products and certain plastics for the recycling bin.

A bill introduced in the House April 14 by Rep. Joe Hackney, D-Orange, proposes major revisions to the state's solid waste management laws.

Hackney's bill sets three goals for solid waste management:

- A 30-percent reduction of the 1989 volume of solid waste requiring disposal in landfills by the year 1995;
- Introduction of a solid waste collection system in every county by 1995; and
- Beginning programs to expand existing markets for recyclable materials.

Hackney's bill gives the Department of Human Resources (DHR) new powers and duties to develop and start, in consultation with local governments, a state

solid waste management program that would have to be updated at least once every three years. DHR also would be required to give technical assistance in solid waste management to local governments, to encourage recycling and resource recovery systems, and, among other things, to contract with private industry of the University of North Carolina for help in starting a solid waste management program.

The measure calls for DHR to begin work on the solid waste management program by Feb. 1, 1990 and to begin making the

rules needed to start the program by Dec. 31, 1990.

Among the extensive provisions of Hackney's bill is one that directs each North Carolina county to start a recycling program by July 1, 1990. The program must comply with requirements specified by the DHR. Under the measure, each county must ensure that all municipalities in the county participate in recycling and solid waste management programs, and each county and municipality must try to achieve certain specified goals for reducing solid waste. Each county also would be required to submit to the DHR an annual report on its

program. The DHR would have authority to adjust a county's solid waste reduction goal under certain circumstances. Also, local governments could contract with others for full solid waste disposal services.

The state would regulate the development of recycling programs by local governments, including procedures for starting curbside collection of recyclable materials.

A local government could impose solid waste management rules stricter than those set by the state.

A local government would not be required to join a regional

solid waste management program until such time as the local government's governing body determined the action to be economically feasible.

A county that failed to meet requirements of the recycling program or its solid waste reduction goal would be declared ineligible for grants from the Solid Waste Management Trust Fund, which would be set up under the legislation to help pay for solid waste reduction activities. Each county with a population under 30,000 would be eligible for \$25,000 each year from the fund through 1993.

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Bomb Threats Are Reported After Killing

Bomb threats have caused the evacuation of at least 30 households from an area apartment complex, and investigations begun after the April 22 murder of a Norlina man in the parking lot there continue, as local law enforcement officers are assisted by personnel from the SBI.

State Bureau of Investigation agents have been in Warren County almost daily as leads are being sought in the murder of Frank Jonathan Alexander.

Alexander, a 36-year-old Kearney Street resident, was found shot to death in the back of his van. The van had been parked in the lot of the Pines Apartments on US 1 in Norlina.

Last Wednesday evening, multiple bomb threats caused the evacuation of a number of residents from the Pines Apartments.

"Rumors of the bomb threats spread by word of mouth and at least 30 households at the Pines were evacuated," Chief Deputy Bobby D. Bolton said Monday.

Those rumors had also made several residents hesitant to attend Alexander's funeral, which was held last Saturday in a Palmer Springs, Va. church.

"The funeral service was without incident," Chief Deputy Bolton said.

There was no explosion at the apartment complex.

SBI Field Agent David Bridges has been assigned to the murder investigation.

Rumors of the drug-related nature of the crime remain unconfirmed.

Local law enforcement officers who patrolled the apartment complex in the wake of Wednesday's bomb threats, in addition to Chief Deputy Bolton, were Sgt. Lawrence Harrison and Norlina Police Lt. James Champion.

Sheriff Williams urged all persons with knowledge concerning the murder to contact his office. "All leads will be kept in strictest confidence," he said.



This Doberman pinscher took to the wheel the minute his master left the vehicle to run an errand in a Warrenton store last week. Despite its reputation as a real fighter, the dog meekly surrendered his place when his driver returned.

(Staff Photo by Phyllis H. King)

Norlina Board Moves To Extend Contract

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To keep its pipes and faucets from running dry after the turn of the century, action was taken Monday night by the Norlina Board of Town Commissioners to extend to the maximum limits the water agreement between Warren County and the town.

In the absence of Norlina Mayor Bill Delbridge, Mayor Pro Tem James Vaughan signed the agreement to extend the town's 30-year agreement for water from the Soul City Sanitary District.

Mayor Delbridge has taken a leave of absence for personal reasons for a minimum of two weeks. The two-week period ends on Monday, May 8.

The problem had been brought to the attention of the board by its attorney, Jules Banzet, who had learned from FHA that a 40-year extension for water service would be expected.

The life of the bonds to be sold for the replacement of Norlina's transite pipe has a life of 40 years, Banzet said.

According to Banzet, on Feb. 14, 1973, Warrenton, Oxford and Henderson entered into a 40-year agreement for water from the Soul City Sanitary District.

"The contract was six years old when Norlina entered the agreement and the town got 30 years of water service, beginning in 1979," Banzet said.

According to Banzet, the towns of Warrenton, Norlina, Oxford and Henderson will be without a water contract after Jan. 1, 2013. "Something must be done," he said.

Monday morning, the Warren County Board of County Commissioners had entered into an agreement to extend Norlina's participation until Feb. 14, 2013.

On motion of Dwight Pearce, seconded by Bill Leonard, the board agreed to enter into that water agreement, which granted a maximum extension from March 1, 2009 to Feb. 14, 2013.

The board also agreed that if, at the expiration of the agreement, a new contract were not negotiated with the Soul City Sanitary District, other options would be pursued. FHA engineers had suggested the use of deep wells as an alternative.

Other water concerns claimed the attention of the Norlina commissioners Monday night.

James H. Moss, Warren County Schools' maintenance director, appeared before the board to request that liquid wastes from Northside School be permitted to feed into the Norlina pumping station. The request had been made following recent EPA rulings that the filter bed at Northside was not in compliance with the state's code. "We can eliminate the use of the filter bed by pumping liquid waste into Norlina's sewer system," Moss said.

According to Moss, Northside has a 10,000-gallon septic tank, which will continue to process solid wastes. He said Warren County Schools would be responsible for digging, materials and installing the pipe. "Norlina would be asked to hook onto the

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Additional Money May Be Arriving

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Warren County may be receiving additional monies to fund their housing demonstration project if their application for funds is approved.

The Warren County Commissioners gave their support of the Maxwell/Fuller Self-Help Housing Fund at their regular monthly meeting Monday morning. The fund, established by the N. C. Housing Finance Agency, will provide financial assistance to recently established self-help housing organizations.

Currently, the county has a self-help housing project under way. The county received a grant in the amount of \$140,266 from the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development to construct three homes for the purpose of providing housing for low- to moderate-income families.

However, the total cost of the project is \$170,566. Therefore, the county needs more than \$30,000 to provide financial assistance for the project.

According to Cathy Wilson, executive director of the Warren County Economic Development Commission, the additional monies will aid the county's efforts by reducing the costs of the housing units to the people.

Families purchasing homes will be able to get loans at the low-market value, Mrs. Wilson said.

To qualify for the Maxwell/Fuller five-year, no-interest funds, organizations must have filed articles of incorporation at least one year before the date of application. Priority is given to applicants who have completed fewer than 10 homes and serve cities or counties of fewer than 100,000 persons.

Maxwell/Fuller funds may be used to acquire land, to make site improvements, to purchase

materials and for contract labor. Funds of \$50,000 are available in the cycle, with a maximum loan of \$5,000 per home and \$10,000 per organization.

In addition, each \$5,000 loan in the cycle can be matched by a deferred payment loan of up to \$7,500 from the Housing Trust Fund. Payments will be deferred for the first five years and then

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Manson Eatery Site Of Entry

The Country Kitchen and Gift Shoppe in Manson was the site this week of \$300 in damages caused by persons who had used wire cutters to break through a metal fence along I-85, before entering the business by prying a lock from a rear door.

According to Sheriff Williams, although no property appeared to be missing when the forcible entry was discovered Tuesday morning, the establishment had been ransacked.

During routine patrol at 3:15 a.m. Tuesday morning, Deputy W. T. Winston had seen vehicles parked near the Country Kitchen, apparently because of heavy rains.

Earlier this week, an alarm system salesman had visited the Manson business. While there, he had made a number of inquiries about the security system in use at the business.

When employees arrived shortly after 7 a.m. Tuesday, the break-in had occurred.

There are no suspects.

Sheriff Williams urged area businesses to exercise caution, if approached by vendors for security systems. He also asked that persons with knowledge of this or other unsolved crimes contact his office at 257-3364.

Retired IBM Executive Named Project Director

A retired IBM executive has been named to direct the strategic planning project for Warren County, an exercise largely funded by the North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center and expected to take 18 months to two years to complete.

Jerry Keir, a permanent resident of Warren County's Wildwood Point subdivision on Lake Gaston, was tapped Thursday for the post.

Meeting in regular session at The Courtyard Inn here, members of the Strategic Planning Executive Committee appointed Keir to the planning post. He will be paid \$150 per day, and is expected to work two days a

week over the course of the project.

A native of Chicago, Keir worked for IBM for 32 years, filling posts in New York, Minnesota, Georgia and Raleigh. He is a graduate of Southwest Texas College. He and his wife have no children.

During his tenure with IBM, Keir was in an operations research group which was required to do strategic planning on an annual basis.

Project directors said Thursday that they wished to act swiftly in implementing the project, and expressed delight that Keir, who has been serving on the committee's support group, would be available to direct the project.

Commissioners Want Planning Board To Create Solid Waste Ordinance

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The creation of a Solid Waste Ordinance was the main topic of conversation at the Warren County Planning Board Tuesday afternoon at their regular monthly meeting.

In a letter addressed to the board from Warren County Manager Charles J. Worth, the county's unanimous support of the Planning Board drafting a Solid Waste Proposal for the county was expressed.

Worth also expressed in the letter his hopes that a solution can be found from joint efforts by the Warren County Board of Commissioners and the Planning Board, along with other interested parties.

One development plan under consideration by the Planning Board is to establish "convenience centers" throughout the county to replace the current dumpster sites.

Several months ago, Cathy Wilson, executive director of the Warren County Economic Development Commission, Ms. Margaret Woods-Bullock, Brad Carroll and Butch Meek met with Raymond Boutwell, Franklin County manager, to seek information concerning the disposal centers.

Franklin County has 14 of these centers, all landscaped, fenced and graveled, and in locations within a five-mile radius to residents. The estimated cost to develop one of these centers in Franklin County was \$7,500.

"Whatever we do has got to be better than what it is now. . . it's just horrible," said Marian Bitler, a sanitarian at the Warren County Health Department, who also serves as a non-voting member of the board.

In addition to discussing the waste disposal problem, the board approved a 90-day extension on the letter of credit for the developers of East Fork Plantation.