

# Ocean Isle Adds Line For Development

**BY MARJORIE MEGIVERN**  
The Ocean Isle Beach town board voted Tuesday to install another eight-inch water line down the west end of the island, in response to pleas from DeCarol Williamson, developer with his sister, Mayor LaDane Bullington, of Ocean Point, a condominium development there.

Mayor Bullington told the board that only a six-inch line was laid the full extent of west Ocean Isle. "It can't deliver to much development, and it isn't geared to enough pressure for fire protection," she said, "another line is needed, an eight-inch one."

Williamson said the project would cost approximately \$50,000, which the town would recover in impact fees from the developers, as well as building permits from future builders. "I'll have to talk with my

partner, but I think the developers would be willing to pay impact fees in advance enough to cover the costs," he said.

Total impact fees from Ocean Point, previously known as Oceanique, were estimated at \$175,000, figured at \$1,159 per unit with 144 units.

Board members said the line is needed now, as fire protection was questionable in peak holiday seasons. Hydrants were to be installed only at existing projects.

**Let There Be Lights**  
Malcolm Grissett, member of the Department of Transportation task force for Brunswick County, said a traffic signal at the intersection of Highways 904 and 179 had been approved. He said, "The money is now being appropriated and you may see some action in four to six weeks." He

added he would request a demand switch to provide automatic control.

Police Chief Jerry Gurganus said 450 watt street lights have now been installed at the intersection in question, which may be unnecessary when the traffic signal is installed.

Board member Betty Williamson recommended proceeding with street lights on the mainland. When Gurganus said the cost is \$23 per light per month, board member Debbie Fox suggested using a lower wattage than that of the intersection bulbs.

The mayor appointed Fox and board member Terry Barbee to study first and second streets to determine where lights are needed and what funds are available.

**Holiday Problems**  
The mayor read a letter from a regular vacationer at Ocean Isle who complained about the noise and distractions caused by fireworks, dogs, alcohol and speed limits on the beach.

Gurganus said, "The dog situation is the best ever, and we have officers in breathalyzer school right now, so that's two of the problems taken care of." He admitted all shooting of fireworks had not been eliminated. However, building inspector Druid Robison commented, "They confiscated so many fireworks last weekend, I was about to declare the fire department unsafe, but you can't get them all."

The mayor and several commissioners expressed their irritation with the noise of fireworks all night. Fox said, "It's not just vacationers, though; residents are shooting them, too." Bullington said, "It's against the law, but lots of people don't mind violating that law and it's a bad example for children to see."

**Cable Woes**  
Gurganus reported that Brunswick Electric had put up new poles, but could not take down the old ones until cable lines are removed. This sparked complaints from all quarters about cable service. Board member Virginia Gibson said reporting ser-

vice problems was difficult, and Fox pointed out the closest service center is Long Beach. Williamson said the company should bury their lines when they are installed, instead of leaving them lying on the ground for months, as they are now doing.

The board voted to send a letter expressing displeasure with services to the cable company.

**Stormwater Rules**  
Bullington announced the Environmental Management Commission will discuss stormwater regulations July 10, and that the draft regulations are quite different than those formerly proposed.

Robison, who has seen the draft, said regulations only cover projects that require major permits and those areas requiring soil sedimentation and erosion control permits, within a half-mile of shellfish waters.

"The board could throw out what the staff recommends, though," Bullington said. "The things I disagree with, that could be detrimental to Ocean Isle Beach, are the increase of the AEC (Area of Environmental Concern) from 75 feet to 150 feet, and the impervious limits being increased to 30 percent. Also, will these new regulations require another public hearing?"

**Other Business**  
Gurganus said a dangerous pile of rock, bricks and other debris had been reported at the end of Durham Street, and the board instructed him to have it removed.

He also said pedestrian crosswalk signs are ready and the street lines would be painted late next week. Public access signs are also in place, he said.

Board member Bill Benton said he would have the new highway sign design and its price ready in a few days. The board voted to have both posted in the Town Hall for them to see and approve with their signatures.

The board concluded with its customary executive session to discuss personnel.

## Brunswick Schools Awarded Pregnancy Prevention Grant

Brunswick County is one of three southeastern North Carolina counties awarded a grant for a program to prevent adolescent pregnancies.

Awards to Brunswick, Columbus and Onslow counties were announced last week by the Department of Human Resources, which will administer the projects. Each will receive no more than \$60,000.

The General Assembly appropriated funds in 1985 to conduct innovative projects to reduce the number of unintended adolescent pregnancies and improve the health of pregnant teenagers and their infants.

The focus of the projects will be on parental involvement, abstinence before marriage, saying "no" education programs, counseling, proper

prenatal care and community awareness.

Laraine Williams, special education director for Brunswick County schools, said, "This will be a modification of the 'no' program, and it will teach students to say 'no' to premature sex, drugs and alcohol."

Williams said a coordinator and three paraprofessionals will be hired and trained by the Brunswick County Health Department, which has conducted "no" programs in the past.

"We'll have mostly group and individual counseling in mixed group sessions, and parents will also be involved in some of the counseling. Coping skills will be taught, so students won't get in situations where they have to say 'yes,'" she said.

Grant money will be spent on videos, flyers to be sent to parents, and salaries, Williams continued. "We want to develop a 'no' club, with t-shirts and everything."

The program with its daily sessions will begin in the fall in grades six, eight, nine and eleven. It will be an elective, and parental permission will be required.

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## Mobile Home Parks Violate State Law

Three mobile home parks in Brunswick County failed to notify their customers that their water systems had excessive coliform bacteria during February, or that their water had not been sampled at all for the period. The information was released by the N.C. Department of Human Resources last week.

The El-Dorado Mobile Home Court was one of five owners of a public water system in North Carolina failing to inform customers and the news media that their water exceeded the maximum level of contamination by coliform bacteria.

Leland Mobile Home Park and Patterson's Mobile Home Park were among owners of public water systems in the state that failed to notify customers and the news media that they did not sample water for coliform bacteria.

Federal and state laws require sampling of drinking water monthly for testing by a certified laboratory to determine if there is contamination.

A failure to test drinking water doesn't necessarily mean the water is contaminated, but it cannot be assumed to be safe without proper testing, according to environmental engineer John McFayden of the N.C. Department of Human Resources.

## Variance Denied At Ocean Isle

Immediately upon adjournment of its regular meeting, the Ocean Isle Beach town board met as a board of adjustments and denied a request from Fleet Crowell.

Crowell, who has a service station under construction in the town, had asked for a variance enabling him to display more than the one name brand sign allowed by city ordinances.

The board said the ordinances had been through public hearing and had been in force for some time, and they saw no reason to allow the variance.

## School Restoration To Be Discussed

A public meeting to discuss restoration of the old Leland school building will be held July 15 at 7 p.m. at the senior citizen building in Leland.

The meeting is sponsored by the Brunswick County 5th District Civic Center organization.

All citizens of Northwest Township are invited to attend.

## Democrats Send 27 Delegates

Brunswick County will be represented by 27 delegates at the North Carolina Democratic State Convention scheduled Saturday, July 12 in the Raleigh Civic Center.

County Chairman Rex Gore said delegates to the state event will be the same as those who represented Brunswick County Democrats at the Seventh Congressional District Convention last month in Wilmington.

Those delegates are Jimmy and Gladys Wolfe, Long Beach; W.A. and Mary Stanley, Shallotte; Eulis Willis, Navassa; Jonathan Hankins, Southport; Jojuan and Darryl Somerset, Grissetown; Ina Mae Mintz, Bolivia; Donna Baxter, Boiling Spring Lakes; Ken Messer, Belville; Edith Tillman, Leland; Joyce Johnson, Supply; Roscoe Butler, Shallotte; Frank Galloway, Bolivia; Rex Gore, Shallotte;

Etherine Butler, Shallotte; Sylvia Ludlum, Supply; Deborah Thomas, Leland; Naomi Henry, Winnabow; Grace Peoples, Supply; LaDane and Bill Bullington, Ocean Isle Beach; E. David Redwine, Ocean Isle Beach; Vernon and Mary Ward, Shallotte; and Diane Smith, Leland. They are among 3,000 delegates elected to the convention.

Gore said the delegation had no plans to introduce resolutions or other items of business.

Executive committee members will be asked to vote on selection of a Democrat to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Supreme Court Chief Justice Joseph Branch.

Other business includes remarks by U.S. Senate candidate Terry Sanford and adoption of the state party's platform.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
The Concerned Citizens of Brunswick County will meet—  
**Saturday, July 12, 10 AM**  
at Eugene Cope's home, Turn off Hwy. 130 in front of Jane's Seafood Restaurant, Mariner's Village, second mobile home on left.  
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