

# Ocean Isle Beach Businesses Will Match Promotion Funds

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A state grant of \$5,000 to promote Ocean Isle Beach will be secured with matching funds from a group of businesses who are interested in organizing.

Town Commissioner Betty Williamson reported at Tuesday's town board meeting that the local business owners would provide half the match for the grant, \$2,500, if the town would give the rest. The town board had already agreed to spend this amount from its tourism budget.

Williamson had been appointed to suggest appropriate projects for which Ocean Isle could apply for the grant. "I met with Miller Pope and Anne (Schettini) at the (South Brunswick Islands) Chamber, and we decided to undertake a billboard project," she said.

The grant application must be sent in by Sept. 15. Williamson said this is the first in many tourism projects the new organization will attempt.

The board discussed at length the problem faced by renters leaving water bills unpaid, after having water turned on in their name. Town Attorney Elva Jess said that, although the town's water ordinance requires people turning on water service to pay a \$16 deposit, many were coming into the office, leaving a notice to turn on water, but failing to pay the deposit. "Then they leave before getting their water bill and the town is getting stuck with a lot of them," she said.

The board approved a \$45 refundable deposit to be made at the time service is requested, plus a \$5 service charge for changing the name. It also voted to charge \$10 for disconnecting or re-connecting service.

Ferman Riddle of Fayetteville spoke to the board about a problem at his cottage between Raleigh and Greensboro St. "I have a terrible water problem," he said. "There's a 400-foot dip in First St. and the water

just stands in it. Garbage people can't even pick up there. We've had 14 inches of water under the house, and it's shorted out our air conditioning and ruined the motor."

Riddle said the 12-inch ditch dug out of the shoulder in front of his house had caused paving to begin breaking off. "It's dangerous," he said. "It could flip a car at night. I've talked to the state about it, but I thought if you'd put pressure on them, they might do something about it."

Commissioner Debbie Fox confirmed his story. "That's the worst spot on the beach," she said.

Building Inspector Druid Roberson said, "It's a state road, which hinders the town from doing much. I've talked to the state and so has Jerry (Police Chief Gurganus). The only way to drain it is to drain to the ocean."

Mayor LaDane Bullington asked

the town attorney to write a strong letter to the state Department of Transportation, pointing out the dangerous situation and the state's liability in it.

The board discussed its concerns over trash pickup with Steve McCarthy, marketing manager for Chambers Co., which began providing this service for the town in May.

There had been dissatisfaction with the unsightly appearance of the streets when renters or property owners failed to return trash carts to their original positions after they were emptied. The town board requested that Chambers replace the carts, and was told there would be an additional charge of \$10,000 per year for that service.

"What you're saying is that what's in the contract is not all you want done," McCarthy told the board Tuesday. "We have gone beyond the

contract in our roadside pickup, so now you want us to go beyond it in regard to the carts."

Bullington said she didn't consider they had done more than fulfill the contract in cleaning up litter along the road. "We thought roadside pickup meant walking along the road, cleaning up litter, even things that blow away into a fence," she explained.

Fox added, "We talked about this in great detail when we signed the contract, about our problem areas that we wanted cleaned."

McCarthy said, "Service is all we have to sell. We want to please you." Commissioners Fox and Terry Barbee will meet with him to work out a compromise on the problems.

The board voted to proceed on construction of a 24 by 12-foot sign for Hwy. 17, directing people to Ocean Isle Beach. The town's name in flowing black script is superimposed on a

white seashell, fanned out over an aqua background. The sign will cost \$3,171, and will be built by Buddy Norris of Grissettown.

Fox asked that the building inspector inform property owners about their responsibilities in regard to the new sewer system. She and Barbee both noted that there is misunderstanding about who connects the house to the system.

Roberson said, "The \$900 tap-on fee pays only for a pipe bringing the sewer line to within a foot of the property line. The property owner is responsible for having a line run from the house to that tap-on."

Gurganus asked that the board consider liability insurance for police officers. He said the present coverage for the board costs \$649 per year, and additional coverage for all employees would mean an increase of \$226 per year. The board voted to buy the insurance pending approval by the town attorney.

The building inspector reported nine building permits issued during August, with a collection of \$1,310 in fees for construction valued at \$104,400.

He also announced he would attend a school later in September on the mechanical code.

The police chief reported that ten street lights have been ordered, and in about two months the traffic light at the 904/179 intersection should be installed.

In other business, the board: •Re-appointed Terry Barbee, Bill Bullington and Pat Hostetler for three-year terms on the planning board, and appointed retroactively Jim Hesser to the ABC board;

•Approved a change in the noise ordinance to remove the civil penalty, making "loudness" a criminal offense;

•Appointed the building inspector as safety coordinator, to meet monthly with employees on the subject of safety and periodically with Cecil Logan, Emergency Management director;

•Heard the announcement that the Environmental Management Commission would meet Thursday in Raleigh on stormwater regulations;

•Was reminded of the Property Owners Association meeting and trash bash at noon Saturday, followed by a dance in the fire station at 7 p.m.

## Accident Victim Dies A Week Later

Dorothy Robertson Beale of Wilmington, injured in an Aug. 28 accident near Belville, died Sept. 3 in New Hanover Memorial Hospital, becoming Brunswick County's 13th highway fatality for the year.

Although Ms. Beale, 75, suffered a heart attack at the time of the accident, the New Hanover County medical examiner said her death was due to her injuries.

The county's death toll last Sept. 1 was 11, and there were no fatal accidents during the month of September.

Only one major accident occurred on a county highway during the past week, according to highway patrol reports.

Friday at 4:45 p.m., Joseph David Farrell, 68, of Clemmons was traveling east on Hwy. 130 near Shallotte, driving a 1986 Chevrolet, when Rhonda Gayle King, 16, of Ash, in a 1980 Ford, pulled out of a private driveway onto 130, heading east.

According to the accident report, King pulled into Farrell's path, and he applied his brakes, but struck her

vehicle on the left side.

Trooper D.B. Harvell charged King with failing to yield the right of way.

Both drivers had only minor (Class C) complaints, but their passengers suffered Class B injuries. They were Nettie Farrell, 69, a passenger in Farrell's car, and Sylvia King, 36, and Ricki King, 15, both passengers with King. All were treated at Brunswick Hospital.

Damages to the two vehicles were as follows: \$900 to the Chevrolet, and \$2,000 to the Ford.

## Mobile Office To Visit Southport

Congressman Charlie Rose's mobile office will visit the Southport post office from 9 a.m. till noon Sept. 16.

A staff member will be on hand to assist people with problems involving federal agencies or who want to express an opinion on important issues.



Island's To The Point

It's a tight squeeze in the right-of-way, but dump trucks and other large vehicles will soon have an easier time making the turn at the Sellers Drive-Village Road intersection in Shallotte. DOT crewmen Ervin Milligan, Blanco Simmons, Andrew Norris and Mark Little began

constructing a traffic island there last week. It should be completed late this week, weather permitting, said Milligan. All traffic exiting Sellers Drive will be channeled through the new turn lane. A single lane will accommodate traffic entering Sellers Drive from town.

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