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Petition Seeks Civility From Councilmen

BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

A petition is being circulated in Hertford that seeks to change Councilmen Frank Norman and Quentin Jackson's conduct during Town Council meetings, but if that doesn't improve, asks for their resignations.

"This petition is absolutely necessary and a crucial part of the future of Hertford," said J.P. Burket. "It's been said by Abraham Lincoln and Jesus 'A house divided against itself cannot stand.' The divisive, racially charged, aggressive behaviors displayed by Councilman Quentin Jackson and Councilman Frank

Norman rip down everything that this community stands for and purposefully create discord. If this community is to prosper, it requires elected officials who will be role models for our children and lead in a civil manner, even in the face of disagreement." Petition is published at the end of this article.

Neither Norman nor Jackson offered any comment about the petition when contacted via email and social media seeking their input.

Organized by Friends for the Best of Hertford, the petition drive started Monday and seeks to gain more than 800 signatures.

"How effective this

petition is will depend on the caliber of the character the councilman actually are at their core," Burket said. "Being that this petition stems from disgruntled citizens from all neighborhoods, ages, and races, a considerate councilman would heed the petition

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JACKSON



NORMAN

NC Sheriff's Association Clarifies Gov.'s Order

BY STAFF REPORTS

On June 24, Governor Roy Cooper issued Executive Order No. 147, which requires face coverings to be worn by persons in certain circumstances.

It also EXTENDS the restrictions and other provisions contained in Executive Order No. 141, which was issued by Governor Cooper on May 20, 2020.

The requirements of Executive Order No. 147 became effective beginning at 5 p.m. on Friday, June 26, and will remain in effect until 5 p.m. July 17 unless replaced or rescinded by another Executive Order.

Key Provisions of Executive Order No. 141 That Are Extended

Some key provisions from Executive Order No. 141 that are extended through July 17 include:

- The "stay at home" Order remains lifted.

- Mass gatherings remain limited to 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors.

- The mass gatherings limitations DO NOT apply to church services, First Amendment gatherings (such as protests), for work or for obtaining certain services (such as governmental services).

- Bars are to remain closed BUT may continue to operate to the extent they sell for off-site consumption certain alcoholic beverages, such as beer or wine in sealed containers; or they both prepare and serve food.

- Entertainment facilities and fitness facilities are to remain closed.

- Gaming establishments, such as video arcades and video sweepstakes parlors, are to remain closed.

- Playgrounds are to remain closed.
- ABC Stores and businesses that provide for the sale of beer or wine for off-premises consumption, such as convenience stores or specialty beer or wine shops, may remain open.

- Personal care, grooming, and tattoo businesses may remain open.

- Entertainment and sporting events in large venues may remain open.

- Swimming pools may remain open.

- Parks, trails and beaches may remain open.

- Restaurants may remain open and continue providing service for ON-SITE CONSUMPTION.

- Retail businesses may remain open.

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PLAN SEEKS TO IMPROVE WATERFRONT



Rome wasn't built in a day and neither was Hertford. Like developing the piazzas by the Tiber River in the Eternal City, Hertford planners seek to plant trees, develop a waterfront boardwalk and create an aviance someday that transcends time and becomes a signature attraction for citizens and visitors.

Hertford Secures USDA Grant

BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

Town of Hertford has been awarded a \$145,200 grant from the US Department of Agriculture to develop a Community Plan and a more detailed plan for public improvements on the northern riverfront.

"Hertford's fundamental potential lies in its unique, small town community feel as well as its picturesque location on one of the most underutilized bodies of water in the state," Mayor Earnell Brown said. "The 2020 Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG) awarded to Hertford, this week, is the first step to rejuvenate our town. It will fund the assessment of Hertford's waterfront and identify requirements needed to develop the property. Our waterfront can be a magnet for Hertford and Perquimans County. The renovation will generate employment opportunities for all citizens, affordable housing, tourism and revenue growth."

Mayor Pro Tem Ashley Hodges added, "Obviously we're excited for this initial individual win, but I'm more excited for what it proves is possible: the Town of Hertford, despite its small size and limited funding, can still work with public and private partners to build winning



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Organized by the Citizens for the Preservation and Growth of Hertford, dozens of folks attended meetings to learn more about proposals to develop the town's waterfront. A US Department of Agriculture grant will be used to prepare a community master plan including the expansion and improvement of businesses in Hertford, in particular along the northern riverfront, but also in the historic downtown.

proposals for highly competitive grant programs. We know from the budget process how much greater our needs are than our means; now we know we're capable of meeting those extra needs if we put in the effort. Winning begets winning and I'm eager to get started on new grant applications with my fellow Councilors soon."

Tim Brinn was key mover and

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ROUND-UP

Hot Dogs and Masks

BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

A round-up of all things Perquimans County... Hertford Bay Tap House is now, more or less, a restaurant.

The nuances in the Governor Roy Cooper's Executive Order allow some businesses to open and others to stay closed until further notice. Restaurants can stay open at modified capacity, but not bars! See page A2 for an explanation.

According to the Executive Order, bars are to remain closed BUT may continue to operate to the extent they sell for off-site consumption certain alcoholic beverages, such as beer or wine in sealed containers; or they both prepare and serve food.

Anyway, starting Thursday, maybe breeze through the W. Grubb Street restaurant to buy the best hotdog in Hertford and perhaps pick up a growler of the good stuff too.

No fireworks this year... Let that sink in.

One reader asked, how come gas in Edenton and Elizabeth City is \$1.99 and in Hertford it is \$2.15? Interesting.

A popular restaurant, Story's Seafood reports the business has outgrown its current property in all areas. Restaurant needs a bigger kitchen, dining area, market area, etc., so plans have begun to expand at the current location. Congrats!

I need to go crabbing with them - I'll work for free. Looks like good, honest work and you get to be on the water.

Since I can see the Albemarle Sound from my front porch, I've come to understand the call of the wind and the waves. Recently, I've "modded" out my kayak to include a sail - game changer. Though I like the sunfish, I don't like being stuck when the winds stop blowing. With a kayak, especially one with a sail, you can keep moving across the Albemarle Sound.

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ARHS Official Urges Unity to Control Pandemic

BY STAFF REPORTS

Albemarle Regional Health Services (ARHS) is providing updated data of lab confirmed positive COVID-19 cases as of 11 a.m. Friday, June 26, 2020 in addition, to the weekly surveillance report (attached). ARHS cases include:

- Pasquotank County - 180 lab confirmed cases - 23 active, 142 recovered, and 15 deaths

- Perquimans County - 32 lab confirmed cases - 4 active, 26 recovered, and 2 deaths

- Camden County - 23 lab confirmed cases - 12 active and 11 recovered

- Chowan County - 19 lab confirmed cases - 0 active and 19 recovered

- Currituck County - 16 lab confirmed cases - 0 active and 16 recovered

- Bertie County - 140 lab confirmed cases - 7 active, 129 recovered, and 4 deaths

- Gates County - 26 lab confirmed cases - 4 active, 20 recovered, and 2 deaths

- Hertford County - 157 lab confirmed cases - 3 active, 144 recovered, and 10 deaths

ARHS continues to monitor multiple outbreaks at local facilities. Elizabeth City Health and Re-

habilitation (ECHR) is stable with 50 residents and 21 staff members with lab-confirmed positive cases and 14 deaths.

The outbreak at the Ahoskie House is also stable with 52 residents and 21 staff members with lab-confirmed positive cases and eight deaths.

Outbreaks at Ahoskie Assisted Living consist of three positive cases in residents and one staff member and Chowan River Rehabilitation and Nursing has one resident and one staff member with lab-confirmed positive cases.

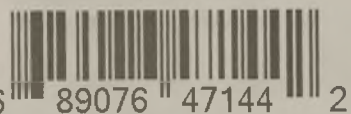
Bertie Correctional Facility confirmed cases remains stable

with 12 staff and 10 inmates.

As noted previously, NCDHHS considers an outbreak to be over if there is no evidence of continued transmission within the facility. This is measured as 28 days after the latest date of onset in a symptomatic person or the latest date of specimen collection in an asymptomatic person, whichever is later.

Friday (June 26), Governor Roy Cooper declared that North Carolina will remain in Safer at Home Phase 2 until Friday, July 17, 2020. In addition, face coverings will be

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