

Town Crier

PCP cleanup in Shiloh to start soon

A Christmas parade through the streets of Morrisville? Not this year, but maybe next year if Commissioner Phyllis Newnam has her way.

The idea of a parade came during the Board of Commissioners' first meeting in November when the board discussed the stringing up of holiday lights.

"Why don't we have a Christmas parade?" Mrs. Newnam interjected. "All of the other towns have one. Why can't we?"

"Where would we get the floats?" she was asked.

"That's no problem," said Mrs. Newnam. "We can get them."

It was suggested that the Cary Jaycees might be willing to cooperate with local sponsors in organizing the first parade.

"Well, anyway, it's too late this year," Mrs. Newnam said with a smile.

The parade may be a year or more away, but Morrisville's annual tree lighting ceremony is on tap for Sunday, Dec. 3. The tree will be aglow at 5:30 p.m. in a ceremony at Ruritan Park, located behind Fire Station No. 1.

After Santa Claus makes a special appearance, an open house will be held at Town Hall featur-

ing refreshments and entertainment by the Homeland Quartet. The holiday calendar also includes the annual Christmas dinner for town employees. That will take place Dec. 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel in the Imperial Center.

Late January is the target date for finishing the surface water phase of a hazardous waste cleanup in the Shiloh community.

Two ponds are being drained and filled at a 52-acre site off N.C. 54 where Koppers Chemical Co. once treated wood with a pentachlorophenol or PCP. The chemical, which is a possible cause of cancer, was used from 1968-75.

Beazer East, Inc., a Pittsburgh-based company that bought Koppers in a hostile takeover in 1983, is responsible for the three-phase cleanup, which is one of 1,400 ordered nationwide by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Although EPA's plan calls for the groundwater phase of the project to take up to 30 years, Beazer's project manager, James A. Cook, believes the work can be completed much faster. In the groundwater phase,

which will start in mid-December, 20 gallons of water a minute will be pumped from underground bedrock from a well on the site. Cook hopes that process will bring in contaminated water from other private wells within 1.5 miles of the site.

Beazer is negotiating with companies in Kentucky and Kansas to handle the cleanup's third phase: shipping out 500 cubic yards of contaminated soil for incineration. That process would take up to a year.

The EPA and Shiloh residents originally had hoped to avoid shipping out waste by using a process which would strip the soil of harmful chemicals. However, that plan was shelved after doubt arose as to the effectiveness of the new technology.

North Carolina has approximately 3,000 inspectors charged with enforcement of the State Building Code, but only 49 of them have earned the highest certificates available in each of the five inspection fields.

And one of those 49 is Wallace R. Baker III, building inspector and codes enforcement officer for the Town of Morrisville. The N.C. Code Officials Qualification

Board, authorized by the General Assembly in 1977 to establish an education and licensing program, presented the certificates at a meeting in Raleigh.

Certificates are offered at three levels in the fields of building inspection, plumbing inspection, electrical inspection, mechanical inspection (heat and air conditioning) and fire prevention inspection.

Julie Andrews is a hit on Broadway, but parents and friends were just as impressed with kindergartners at Morrisville Year-Round Elementary School.

The kindergartners' November production of "Do Like the Animals Do" included a well-choreographed blend of singing, hand movements and sound effects. The production was directed by Jane Hoch, an instructor in music, dance and drama.

Ms. Hoch said the production's title was appropriate since kindergartners' learning musical programs have a lot in common with kangaroos. "One of the most well-received segments was entitled "Snakes Can Slither."

Town fines Hampton Inn for setback error

A survey error in site planning has cost developers of the new Hampton Inn now under construction on Airport Boulevard a \$15,900 fine levied by the Town of Morrisville.

Daly Seven, a firm based in Lynchburg, Va., received approval from the Morrisville Board of Commissioners in January to construct the hotel. Construction began in February and has progressed to a point where the hotel is expected to open just after the first of the year.

The original site plan required that the hotel would sit 72 feet from the edge of the right of way for Airport Boulevard.

Recently, however, upon consideration by authorities of a site plan for the Waffle House on an adjacent property, it was discovered that the right of way for Airport Boulevard extends about 14 feet further into the Hampton Inn property than was shown on the approved site plan.

What further complicated the situation was that the developer had located the hotel 17 feet closer to the right of way than was shown on the original site plan.

Considering the two situations, the hotel now under construction is located only 41 feet from the actual right of way. The Special Highway Overlay District requires that the minimum front setback for build-

ings be 55 feet. Hotel representative Bob Daly appeared before the commissioners to request a site plan amendment and a variance to allow relocation of some parking spaces which were in front of the building and to allow the relocation of the building to 41 feet from the right of way. He told commissioners that a total of three surveys had been made and each of them was incorrect.

The town has been accruing penalties of \$60 a day against him for variations from the approved site plan since Oct. 10, 1995.

Commissioners pointed out they were concerned over such errors, suggesting they could request that the infringing portion of the building be chopped off or that the building even be torn down. They emphasized that such mistakes will not be tolerated in the future, but then approved the requests, with a revision recommended by the Planning Board.

The developer must increase the fire lane in front of the building (parallel to the street) to 40 feet in length. This fire lane must be marked "No Parking" and information denoting the area as a fire lane must be painted on the pavement.

The developer had paid a civil penalty of \$13,860 and agreed to pay an additional \$2,040 to bring the total to \$15,900.

Chamber membership continues to inch toward 300 mark

Seventy-four members of the chamber participated in the fall golf outing at the Governors Club near Chapel Hill.

The event, headed up by chamber board member Roy Mashburn, took place on a clear and sunny Nov. 14 that was sandwiched between heavy rain the weekend before and for several days thereafter.

It was a "no frills" event that promised "no dinner, no lunch and no prizes." The frills are expected at the chamber's spring golf outing.

Six committee heads have been named by the chamber.

Hearon Dickson, chairman of the chamber board, reported that posts have been accepted by Jim Huggins

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and Paul Nicholas, ambassadors; Cleve Folger, meetings and seminars; Ann Morgan, long-range planning and Raleigh Icecaps Night; Mark Bolcbruch, government relations; and Bill Kirkland, membership.

Other committee posts due to be filled are in the areas of beautification, education, publications, accreditation, the Postal Customers Council, and a night with the Durham Bulls.

Karen Puckett, president of Cellular One's Southeast region, will

be the featured speaker at the chamber's Issues and Eggs breakfast on Dec. 15.

There is a \$7 charge for the 8 a.m. event, which will take place at Sorrento's in the Triangle Factory Shops. Members are asked to make reservations through the chamber office (380-9026) no later than Dec. 11.

The November Issues and Eggs breakfast was canceled after Congressman Fred Heineman was forced to stay in Washington in the battle over the budget. Heineman has been rescheduled for Jan. 12.

Chamber membership continues to grow and officials are optimistic that a goal of 300 will be met before the chamber year ends next Sept. 30.

Latest members include Rogers Realty, Con-Way Southern Express, Teklek, Merrill Lynch, CUI Staffing, Little Caesars, Megabytes, Clintrials, Check Care Systems, Electric Supply & Equipment, Turner Backhoe Service, Catering Works, Butterfield's, AirPark As-

sociates, Microtel, 1920 Deli Restaurant, Wynne Residential Suites, First Union National Bank, China Gate Restaurant, LEP Profit International and Kuehne & Nagle.

Christmas will be in the air at the next Business After Hours, which will take place at the Treybrooke Apartments, 201 Narrowbrook Court.

The holiday social is set for Dec. 6 and will run from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Businesses interested in sponsoring a Business After Hours in 1996 are asked to contact President Ray Lech at the chamber office.

The chamber calendar also includes a highway cleanup on Dec. 16 and attendance at a Raleigh Icecaps game on Feb. 4.

Those wishing to take part in the cleanup are asked to meet at the Deli Box at 9 a.m.

Tickets for the Icecaps game against the Roanoke Express are available through the chamber office at \$6 each. Chamber members and their families will sit as a group.

Triangle area named 'hot spot'

The Raleigh-Durham metropolitan area ranked fourth in the country in the latest list of "Entrepreneurial Hot Spots" compiled by a research firm in Cambridge, Mass.

The Triangle area was fifth a year ago and for the first time has moved ahead of Charlotte, which dropped from second to fifth in rankings announced by Cognetics, Inc.

Salt Lake City-Provo, Utah, finished first in the rankings, which are based on the number of business startups as well as the growth rate of companies within the area.

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