

# Auditors give Morrisville 'clean' marks

By Mary Beth Phillips

Morrisville's property valuation grew 12 percent from June 30, 1996 to June 30, 1997, according to the audit report recently completed.

Acresage and capacity fees more than tripled from the previous year, and tax revenues increased 35 percent, although there was no tax increase to residents and businesses.

The number of building permits more than doubled over the previous year.

The auditors, Mills, Rouse & Company, pronounced Morrisville's audit "clean," although some recommendations were made to improve the town's financial reporting because of the phenomenal growth experienced by the town.

The auditors proposed that new categories be set up, including "new residential," "new commercial" and "other" to provide a better audit trail of the revenues generated.

"We have seen phenomenal growth," said Mayor Pro Tem Billy Sauls after receiving the report. "We have the town prepared to receive even more phenomenal growth. We are leaving our successors in good shape."

"I can't imagine what it will be like just one year from now," Mayor Margaret Broadwell said of the town's growth.

Property valuation increased from \$383,726,000 to \$429,630,000 during the one-year period from June 30, 1996 to June 30, 1997.

The town's operating income increased from \$252,000 to \$438,000. Acresage fees went up from \$25,000 to \$74,000. Capacity fees increased from \$92,000 to \$281,000.

During the year, the town issued 206 building permits. Of those, 153 were for commercial/industrial growth, and 53 were for residential developments.

The money left in the general fund after expenditures increased from \$296,000 in the fiscal year ended June 30, 1996, to \$498,000 this fiscal year. The total general fund budget increased by \$505,000 from \$2,499,000 last year to \$2,904,000 this year.

# Chef 'K' uses culinary talents to help the hungry

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He said the award presentation was a "neat event," themed around the St. Francis of old.

His favorite part was the Bible verse about the woman who gave the only two coins she had. "I can hear that verse again and again," he said.

Kaminski has been chef at Prestonwood since October of 1989. His official last day was Oct. 31, but he stayed around to help the new chef some during November.

He began his career working in restaurants during high school, and friends said he had a knack. "You ought to do this," they told him.

But first he went to technical school for a couple of years to find out what he wanted to do (and worked in restaurants the whole time), before finally agreeing to attend the Culinary Institute in Hyde Park, N.Y., "the finest in the country if not the world," he said.

He has an associate's degree in culinary arts, which he has used primarily at country clubs. A brief stint at the Hyatt Hotel convinced him he enjoyed country club work better.

"It's more personable. You have a limited audience, so you have got to change all the time to keep them interested. You can always do something neat."

He has worked at the Carolina Country Club in Spartanburg, S.C., the Starmount Forest Country Club in Greensboro, and the Greenville Country Club in Greenville, S.C. before coming to Prestonwood.

"It's a tough profession. There's nothing easy about it," he said. "It's a little bit glamorous sometimes, and it's rewarding. You cater to people at very special times of their lives, times they're not going to forget, like their weddings."

He has dreamed about opening his own business for years, and finally decided the time was right.

"I've been saving up, and I've had friends investing, banks investing, it's just fallen together." He took the name, The Glass Onion, from a Beatles song (off the White album) because he and his wife are big Beatles fans.

His business will be part of a trend that hasn't caught on here yet called Home Replacement Meals. "There are places across the country that do it already," he said, "like Paradise Bakeries out West."

He will cater to people who want a restaurant quality meal at home. He will provide, for example, a rack of lamb with green peppercorn sauce, wild rice and asparagus with lemon zest, and throw in some macaroni and cheese for the kids, and maybe even some pureed carrots or asparagus for the baby.

"People these days are looking for more convenience. I read in a trade magazine that people cook less than twenty minutes a day," he said.

The food will be 60 percent cooked and vacuum packed, he said. People will then "go home, throw it in the oven, and 10 minutes later, you've got dinner."

The business will also provide upscale lunches, including nice sandwiches such as smoked salmon with cucumber and watercress with dill sauce, soups, fine chocolates, and gourmet gifts. He will have a full bakery, including breads, pastries and croissants.

And he will be open for breakfast with croissants and coffee—and "big ole fluffy biscuits."

"I want it to be a neighborhood place, where you can make requests and whatever you want, we'll accommodate you," he said.

He will also have a web site, where you can buy a meal for a friend in Missouri, and he will overnight it to them. "Since it's a web site, we could have people from California calling us to send a meal to Florida..."

"We're a global society now," he said. "With the help of UPS and Fed X, we can zing it right to them."

Eventually he hopes to have some unusual kitchen gadgets, and maybe some cook books.

But the first step is purchase and renovation of the site. He is considering two sites in Cary, one in Preston Corners Shopping Center and one across from Maynard Crossings Shopping Center.

He hopes to be open sometime in February, with a grand opening ceremony later in the spring, along with some publicity stunts yet to be announced.

# Forton Bio has new offices

Bobbit & Associates has completed construction of an office and laboratory building for Forton Bio Science at 108 Nova Dr. The 6,000-square-foot facility will be used to produce antibodies for medical testing and diagnostics. The project developer was Brian Van Horn. The architect was Michael G. Huslage, AIA.

# Chamber golf tourney draws 120 players

December's Business After Hours will be held on the 4th from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Triangle Factory Shops Food Court, sponsored by Sorrento's and Off Fifth. Saks Fifth Avenue Outlet.

The Issues and Eggs Breakfast will be held December 11 from 7:45 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. at Sorrento's. The speaker will be E. Norris Tolson, Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Commerce.

The office will be closed Wednesday, Dec. 24 through Monday, Jan. 5.

New members in the month of November include B&R Auto Glass, Coastal Federal Credit Union, John Wieland Homes, Meritus Consulting Services, LLC, and Norwalk Furniture Service Center.

Winners in the 1997 fall golf outing, held Nov. 10 at the Governor's Club were:

First place—Sponsored by Tar Heel Wood Treating—Jim Gallup, Roger Melvin, Phil Rudisill and Phil Ritchie, shooting a 43.9.

Second place—Danny Thompson, Brian Thompson, Mel Cunningham

**Chamber Corner**  
and Dan Squires, shooting a 47.5.  
Third place—Bristol Meyers team—Harry O'Connell, Donnie Bass, Al Powell and Jack Woodlief, with a score of 48.4.  
Winners of the individual contests were:  
Closest to the pin on hole #21—Jim Gallup.  
Closest to the green in two shots on #17—Bristol Meyers team.  
Longest putt made on #15—Dave Haskell.  
Closest to the 150-yard marker on #11—Guy Harvey.  
Closest to the pin on #14—Dave Haskell.  
Closest to the pin in two on #20—L. Dempsey.  
Closest to the green in two on #24—Mike Turner.  
Longest drive on #24—Don Lee.  
Closest to the pin on # 25—Joe Huntley.

More than 120 people participated in the event. Jim Gallup won two American Airlines tickets for shooting a hole in one.  
1—Guy Harvey.  
Closest to the pin on #14—Dave Haskell.

# Christmas parade scheduled Dec. 6

The second annual Morrisville Christmas Parade will be held on Dec. 6 at 1 p.m.

Approximately 45 entries will be featured in the parade, including the N.C. Highway Patrol motorcycle squad, the mayor and the mayor-elect and town commissioners, grand marshals Franklin and Martha Upchurch, three high school bands—Garner, Athens and Cary, the Carolina Hurricanes mascot, clowns, mini-rigs, a stilt walker, the Jelly Bean skate car, the Keystone Cops, Elvis and other costumed characters, the United Vet Club, the Mayberry Squad Car, some fire trucks, a Humvee, the Bull City Riders, horses, marchers, including Scout troops, and finally, the Santa float, provided by the Chamber of Commerce and Triangle Factory Shops.

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Base Engine	V6	V6	V6	V6	I6	V6	I6
Permanent Four-Wheel Drive	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
14 Gauge Full Length Boxed Chassis	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
Independent Temp Control	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
Four Channel All Terrain ABS	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
Head Lamp Washers	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
Upline Windows	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
Aluminum Body Cage	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
Inner Body Cage	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Cargo Capacity	46-70 cu ft.	45-60 cu ft.	43-51 cu ft.	46-58 cu ft.	41-60 cu ft.	85 cu ft.	12-91 cu ft.
Towing Hitch	Yes	Optional	No	Optional	Optional	Optional	No
Towing Capacity	5,500-7,700 lbs.	3,500-5,000 lbs.	1,800-2,700 lbs.	5,000 lbs.	2,000-2,700 lbs.	5,000 lbs.	5,000 lbs.
81 Speaker Sound W/ Subwoofer	Yes	No	No	No	No	Optional	Yes
Central Locking Alarm	Yes	Optional	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Seating For Seven	Optional	No	No	No	No	Optional	Optional
Roof Rack	Standard	Optional	Optional	Optional	Standard	Standard	Optional
Stadium Seating	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
Hydraulic Rear Step	Optional	No	No	No	No	No	No
Rear Fog Lights	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No

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