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More residents recycle

Once-per-week pilot trash pickup program becomes a plus for Town

By Rebecca Bunch
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The town's experiment with cutting trash pick-up to once per week is already showing benefits, said Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton.

She said that since trash collection service has been reduced, the town's recycling program has really picked up steam.

"We collected a record amount of recyclables the first week of our pilot residential trash collection program," Knighton said.



Knighton

Knighton said that the town had gone into the pilot program with the hope that citizens would turn to more recycling of items, once their trash was only being collected once per week.

Their participation also represents a cost savings for the town.

"The more people recycle, the less trash we have to pay to have hauled to the Bertie landfill," she said.

Unhappy people

Not everyone is so happy with it, however.

At least one local resident, Peggy Brabble, said she would like to know if any of those cost savings would eventually be passed along to Edentonians.

Brabble said despite Knighton's assertion that many people are happy with the new arrangement, that's not what she's hearing from friends and neighbors.

"They are angry," Brabble said. "I've tried to encourage them to go to the council meetings and let our elected officials know how they feel, but so far they haven't."

So, Brabble said, she is considering mounting a petition drive opposing the recently begun pilot program that is scheduled to last for six months.

Another view

Nancy Reilly, on the other hand, said that while she understands people are frustrated by change, she wishes they would give the program a fair chance for success.

She said she and her husband Mark support the pilot single-day trash collection program because they are passionate about recycling.

The limited pick-up schedule. See RECYCLE, Page A2 >

Pembroke Hall on the auction block

By Rebecca Bunch
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Pembroke Hall, one of Edenton's oldest homes, is now on the auction block.

According to published reports, the home is now being featured online on the Accelerated Real Estate Solutions Web site. The asking price is \$1.4 million.

The owners, Jerry and Sharon Smith of Sea Island, Ga., were originally asking \$2.9 million for the property.

Bids are to be received through the online auction until 6 p.m. next Friday.

A woman who answered the phone at the Smith home declined to comment on the sale.

Situated on two acres, the Greek Revival mansion contains five bedrooms as well as three full and two half-baths.

Other features include formal dining and living rooms, a wine cellar and numerous Italian marble fireplaces.

Jerry Smith announced plans to sell the home during an Aug. 18 Board of Adjustments meeting where Smith appealed a decision by the local Preservation Commission denying him a certificate of appropriateness.

Smith had requested the certificate so that he could begin construction of two houses on the grounds of Pembroke Hall, which have been subdivided.

The board denied his request, saying that it found

no errors after reviewing the earlier ruling by the commission.

Anne Rowe until recently owned Wessington, located across the street from Pembroke Hall. Her home sold for \$1.6 million.

Rowe said it was her father, John Graham, who suggested to his cousin, Gertrude Rosevear, that she consider purchasing Pembroke Hall.

Rosevear, an Edenton native, fell in love with the house. She and her hus-

band, William, bought it in 1947.

They restored the house, built in 1850, and gave it the name Pembroke Hall.

Gertrude Rosevear died 15 years ago; her husband in 1979.

Another Edentonian, Richard Elliott, remembers playing there as a child when the house was owned by his grandmother, Addie Elliott, who died in 1943.

She and her husband, Oscar, who died in 1931, had See PEMBROKE, Page A2

Looking to the future

Residents share the hopes and challenges they face in 2009



Bass

Carole Bass

"I'm hoping that the economy will be better, that there will be more jobs available here in the year ahead and that better economic times are ahead for the whole country."

"I would have to say the economy, because things are slow for the local businesses in our community right now. Business was not good during Christmas. Hopefully, it will be much better in the coming year."

Charlotte Britton

"That the economy improves, because that would help everybody so much. I think it's at the bottom, or close to it right now. I don't think it can go much lower."

"Probably the biggest challenge I'm dealing with personally right now is trying to get my son motivated to focus on his senior project at his school. His deadline for deciding what he wants to do it on is today (Monday) actually, so I'm hoping he's figured that part out."



Jones

Tom Jones

"That 2009 will be a heckuva lot better year than last year, and that we see the economy start to turn around. I'd sure like to see more businesses coming into the area."

"I would have to say job security, the economy, finances. I moved away from here once because there was no work, and stayed away for about 12 years. Then I came back, because I have family here, I've got a grandson. Now the job situation is looking bad again, but what can you do?"

Lee Lolkema

"I hope we get out of Iraq, and I hope to see more peace in the world. I also hope Barack Obama's presidency will be a successful one."

"My toughest challenge, I think, will be finding enough time to get more involved in the community. I stay busy, but there are causes I care about that I'd like to play a more active part in supporting."



Marquitz

Bill Marquitz

"My hope for the new year is that the stock market gets back up there so seniors won't have to be so stressed about retirement. Back in January, I put all my investments into CD's so my money is safe. I lost money when things went sour in 2001 and I learned to be a lot more proactive when it came to keeping my money secure. Lots of retirees have lost so much money in the stock market, they are having to go back to work."

"I think my biggest challenge is that I'm teaching remedial Algebra at a community college where a lot of the students are adults in their 40's and 50's who don't think they have very good math skills. So I'm having to do a lot of confidence-building, and encouraging them to believe in themselves."

Shirley Owens

"I'm hoping for a better year, and a better economy, in 2009. I'd like to see the war come to an end, more jobs, nobody losing



Powell

Evelyn Powell

their homes, and more people turning to God and asking for His help right now because we sure need for things to turn around in this country."

"I think the biggest challenge for me personally will be dealing with the economy."

Dean White

"I hope our new president will be a blessing for us, and I think we all need to pray for him, that he will see his dreams for America come true. I am praying for our county and town, too, that things will turn around here as well."

"I think my challenge this year will be to keep my faith strong as I ask God to bring good health to all the members of my family, and to keep them safe."

Dean White

"My hope is that the economy will get better."

"I think my biggest challenge will be dealing with this bad economy that we've got right now."

Couple hopes to raise \$15,000 for inclusion on transplant list

By Rebecca Bunch
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Dave Cabana is a man living on borrowed time.

But the Edenton man and his wife, Pam, are hoping that the kindness of strangers may help save his life.

Pam Cabana spends her days trying to figure out ways to collect the \$15,000 the couple will need to give Duke University Medical Center before her husband's name can be put on a heart transplant list.

Then the wait for a donor can begin.

In the meantime, he and Pam, who both receive disability checks, volunteer at the Edenton-Chowan Food Pantry when they are able because they want to give back to the community.

Without warning

Dave, now 48, considered himself healthy until



Volunteer Dave Cabana, pictured here with wife Pam, was surprised when he learned he had heart disease.

four years ago when he began experiencing what he thought was chronic heartburn.

When his symptoms didn't go away, Cabana decided he'd better visit his doctor.

The results were a shock — Cabana learned that he did not have heartburn, but had instead suffered a major heart attack that had

destroyed 80 percent of his heart muscle.

"Doctors say I'm a rare case," Cabana said. "I was asymptomatic, which means I didn't get the normal signs that somebody would of having heart disease."

But over the last few years that has changed.

Cabana now suffers from congestive heart failure. He spends his days hooked up to oxygen and sleeping in a hospital bed.

"I can only sleep about two hours at a time each night because of the diuretics they've got me on," Cabana said.

"I can barely remember what a good night's sleep was like."

His hands are noticeably cool, the result of poor circulation.

Still, he tries to remain active. A good day for the couple is one where they

both feel up to going fishing for a little while, enjoying the sunshine and fresh air.

Challenges ahead

"For the most part, we are homebound because Dave's condition is no longer stable," Pam said. "His doctors have told us, without a transplant he won't survive."

And it isn't as if she doesn't have troubles of her own.

"I have degenerative disc disease," she said, shaking her head, "and I've had a couple of surgeries already."

"Right now, I need to have knee replacement surgery but that will have to wait. I have to make sure Dave is okay first."

Best friends

Things weren't always like this.

Pam Cabana can remem-

ber a time, not so long ago, when her husband worked as a plumber. She had a bookkeeping job.

"We've been best friends for 40 years, and married for just under 30," Pam said, glancing affectionately at her husband.

"Actually, I was five, and he was six when we met. He threw a rock at me that day, and said, 'I love you,' and we've been together pretty much ever since."

The holidays have been tough this year, she said.

"I had a bad time at Christmas," Pam said, tearing up. "I would look at him and think about how this might be our last one together. It just breaks my heart."

Counting on caring

The Cabanas don't have any immediate family in the area. Their three chil-

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