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Chowan County Planner Elizabeth Bryant talks about proposed changes to the county's solar ordinance during Friday's Planning Board meeting. Chowan County has a 120-day solar moratorium in effect until Aug. 28.

New solar rules urged in Chowan

BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

EDENTON — Any new solar farm developed in Chowan County would be subject to stricter setback and buffering rules as well as decommissioning requirements, according to a list of ordinance changes being recommended by the county's Planning Board.

The board, meeting Friday, approved the recommendations after hearing from both a solar industry representative and Chowan residents, many of whom were opposed to any future

"I have no issue with stricter rules and making sure we meet these rules, but I want you to consider to not make it hard for an industry to come to Chowan County."

Linda Nwadike

Project manager for SunEnergy1

solar development in the county.

The Planning Board's recommendations for changing Chowan's solar farm ordinance will now go to the Board of Commissioners for its review and possible action. Commissioners im-

posed a 120-day moratorium in May on any new solar development in the county to give the board time to study the county's current ordinance and recommend potential changes. That moratorium ends Aug. 28.

Under the planning

board's recommendations, a new solar farm would have to have a 250-foot setback from a homeowner's property line. In addition, a 100-foot setback would be required between solar farms and street rights of way. In those setbacks, the solar farm would have to include buffering that included trees and vegetation. The board's recommendations include types of natural and landscaped vegetation for buffer zones.

Under the proposed changes, solar developers

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Employees of TJM Marine of Belhaven prepare to lower a steel girder into the water as part of the installation of new bulkheading on the downtown Edenton waterfront.

Waterfront makeover drops anchor

BY REBECCA BUNCH
Staff Writer

The downtown Edenton waterfront has been an especially interesting place to be in recent weeks with bulkhead renovations underway and plans to create a historically accurate wharf at the waterfront adjacent to the Penelope Barker House Welcome Center.

According to Mike Ervin, who serves as executive director of the Edenton Historical Commission and manages the Barker House, TJM Marine of Belhaven began installing new bulkheads last month to give the waterfront area a much-needed facelift.

"Work began the first week in June with a completion date scheduled for the first of September," Ervin said. "Toby Tetterton of TJM

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"WE LOVE OUR LITTLE TOWN"



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Near where a woman was shot on July 9, Edenton-Chowan Community Against Violence held a prayer and march/walk recently on Park Street by John A. Holmes High School. More than 20 people attended the event including members of Edenton Town Council and area law enforcement.

Group holds prayer, march event

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Edenton-Chowan Community Against Violence held a prayer and march/walk recently on Park Street by John A. Holmes High School.

The event marked the recent shooting of an Elizabeth City woman who sustained a non-lethal gunshot wound July 9 morning at/or near the same spot where about 20 people gathered to offer a prayer last week.

Edenton Town Council members Steve Biggs and Norma Simpson attended the prayer/march July 12 as did Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton and Grace Bean, senior warden of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, as well as members of area law enforcement.

The group's goal is to bring aware-

ness to the use of firearms in local neighborhoods. Meetings of interested citizens representing the schools, churches, town administration and law enforcement have been held at the Public Safety Building.

Pastor Jonthan Downing of Shalom International Church and Missie Harrell led the prayer group.

"A girl was shot here (Park Street) — that's why we chose this as a target area so we could come and lift these people to the Lord and their homes," Downing said. "We love our little town. It's very precious to us. We simply believe that's the only way. We thank God for our local officials and law enforcement. We simply believe that the Lord has to have full reign in this, so that's why we're here."

Harrell added, "We have been instrumental in getting a group going

not only by ourselves but others to help bring attention to the violence that is happening in our community. We stand against violence and for unity, peace and restoration."

During the Edenton Town Council work session June 26, Harrell spoke of the group's humble beginnings as a result of a chance conversation with Tonia Walton. She credited Walton with coming up with the idea to form the group.

"Tonia was the inspiration behind this," Harrell told town council members.

Harrell said that while many local residents joined in a recent walk against violence, the group's goal is to become even more visible in the community by participating in events such as the Aug. 1 Night Out Against

See PRAYER, 4A

Repairs delayed by law

BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

County Manager Kevin Howard provided an update about Swain/Senior Center repairs during Monday's Chowan County Commission meeting.

Howard said he is trying to get contractors to consider bidding on the project aimed at repairing the damage wrought by Hurricane

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Man given brewpub deadline

BY REBECCA BUNCH
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Edenton Town Council voted unanimously at their July 11 meeting to give Raleigh businessman John Glover until Sept. 11 to decide whether he intends to move ahead with efforts to establish a brewpub on the downtown waterfront. Glover has expressed

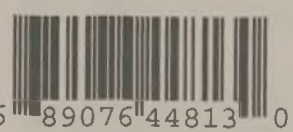
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EDITOR'S NOTE

■ Filing period for Edenton Town Council will close at 12 p.m. Friday, July 21. Third and Fourth Ward seats are up for election as is a seat for councilman-at-large. As of press time Tuesday, Fourth Ward Councilman Elton Bond Jr. has filed for re-election and no one has filed for the Third Ward council seat.



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Veterans file for Edenton Town Council

Armstead and Miller seek council-at-large seat

From staff reports

Derrick Armstead is a candidate for councilman-at-large for Edenton Town Council in the municipal election that will be held Nov. 7.

Armstead, 45, of Iredell Street, is married to Electra and they have two daughters and one son.

Armstead served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1989-1993 and



ARMSTEAD

received the National Defense Service Medal and Good Conduct Award. He graduated from North Carolina Central University in 1998 with a Bachelor's degree in English. He also attended college for two years at the Massachusetts School of Law.

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Craig Miller is a candidate for the councilman-at-large seat on Edenton Town Council for the municipal election that will take place Nov. 7.

Miller, 73, of West Church Street, is married to wife Marianne and they have two daughters and five grandchildren.

An East Carolina University



MILLER

alumnus Class of 1967, Miller served in the U.S. Army Intelligence Corps from 1967-1971. A Vietnam Veteran, Miller received the Bronze Star and Air Medal.

Miller retired as a nursing home administrator and he is active in many civic groups including ser-

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