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Town Council seeks rental ordinance revisions

Town looks to condemn historic Gale St. home

BY MILES LAYTON
Staff writer

Edenton Town Council discussed a Short Term Rental ordinance and plans to condemn a historic home that has fallen into disrepair during Monday's work session.

Rather than send

council the Short Term Rental ordinance for consideration at the May meeting, council opted to give Town Hall more time to "tweak" the draft. Councilors sought guidance on matters that may require changes to the proposal so it complies with local codes and state standards. The proposed ordinance addresses issues such as insurance, expanding the

extent of fire suppression measures, parking and alcohol control policies.

In other matters, business, council will move forward with plans to condemn 116 E. Gale St., the historic Hannibal Badham house. Council will determine the property's fate at its May 14 meeting.

"The structure is in a state of decline, and it is so incredibly valuable to the

history of Edenton, especially the African American history," according to Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton's memo to council.

The Town worked with the owner Bernard Overton since 2011, however he died about two years ago. His wife Mary Overton of Maryland now manages the property. Knighton said

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Edenton Town Council is moving forward with plans to condemn 116 E. Gale St. Council will determine the property's fate at its next meeting, May 14.

1,700+ attending Cycle NC

Edenton will host 3-day bicycling event, April 26-28

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The 16th Annual Cycle North Carolina (CNC) Coastal Ride will kick-off Friday, April 26, in Edenton. The 2019 participants represent 36 different states, the District of Columbia and Ontario, Canada.

Edenton last hosted CNC Coastal Ride in 2016, with 1,705 cyclists participating. The town also hosted the Coastal Ride in 2013, 2010, 2007 and the inaugural event in 2004.

In all, this will be the sixth time Edenton has hosted the Cycle North Carolina Coastal Ride, the most of any town. The fun-filled weekend will offer three days of cycling and feature some great Coastal Carolina food, music and historical sites. Cyclists will have many daily route options, ranging from 5-75+ miles, plus a century route to tackle Saturday. The CNC Coastal Ride also will include many off-the-bike recreational activities in the Edenton area. Paddle boarding, kayaking, bird watching, boat rides and beautiful sunsets will fill time away from the bike and provide a taste of spring. Riders also can take advantage of guided trolley tours, walking tours throughout historic Edenton, cruises on the Edenton Bay, and a live spring concert at John A. Holmes

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CELEBRATING EASTER



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BENJAMIN ULLOM

Left: Jesus (center) talks to his disciples during the last supper at Rocky Hock Baptist Church's recent production of "We are Witnesses: Encounters with the Savior." Below: Crosses decorated with flowers appeared at several Edenton churches, including Edenton United Methodist Church.

Church services, plays, egg hunts mark holiday

BY MILES LAYTON
Staff writer

Chowan County greeted Easter weekend not only through worship, but with a bit of fun.

How cool was it when a helicopter dropped thousands of eggs Saturday into the grass by Rocky Hock Baptist Church!? While adults may have smiled as they recalled that scene from the television series WKRP featuring the Thanksgiving turkeys' tragic flight after being tossed from a helicopter, that was definitely not the case with this egg drop Saturday. Kids had lots of fun searching for the eggs - a genius idea!

That gigantic Baptist church is known far and wide for its music and theater, so it seems very important to note its amazing production of "We are Witnesses: Encounters



PHOTO COURTESY ALEXIS TOBIAS
The Easter Bunny greets a visitor Saturday to the 1767 Chowan County Courthouse.

with the Savior."

Historic Edenton State Historic Sites hosted its annual Easter activities Saturday throughout downtown Edenton. Unanimity Lodge No. 7 had a sumptuous breakfast, followed by face-painting and other activities within the 1767

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A helicopter drops Easter eggs on the grounds of Rocky Hock Baptist Church on Saturday.



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Church to seek funding

Effort aims to raise money for Kadesh A.M.E. repairs

BY MILES LAYTON
Staff writer

A champion fundraiser will assist efforts to raise the cash needed to restore Kadesh A.M.E. Zion Church on Gale Street.

Last week, David Cooper, senior partner with the Compass Group, spoke to church members and a local committee seeking to raise the funds needed to repair the interior and exterior damage this historic house of

worship sustained during Hurricane Isabel in 2003.

With more than 30 years of experience, Cooper has served nonprofits, specializing in principal and major gift fundraising for various industries such as higher education, environmental and conservation and human services. He is an expert in both the "art and science" of major gift fundraising and attributes much of his success to effective prospect development and management with focus on working against defined metrics to achieve challenging goals and objectives. Cooper's efforts have generated more than \$500 million for the organizations he has served.

During Cooper's speech



COOPER

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Solar facility policies will be reviewed

Planning Board study Kirby's proposed changes

BY MILES LAYTON
Staff Writer

The Chowan County Board of Commissioners will have the Planning Board review changes sought by county commissioner Bob Kirby regarding the county's solar ordinance. Due to space constraints in the print edition, those changes are included in a web version of the story that is available within the Daily Advance's website at <http://www>

[.dailyadvance.com/Communities/2019/04/23/Commission-considers-reviews-solar-facility-rules.html](http://www.dailyadvance.com/Communities/2019/04/23/Commission-considers-reviews-solar-facility-rules.html).

First, let's shed some light on the subject with a quick recap of this hot issue.

In 2017, commissioners imposed a 120-day moratorium on any new solar development in the county to give the board time to study the county's current ordinance and recommend potential changes. The public became familiar with set-back distances and how

decommissioning might work if the clouds ever blocked out the sunshine coming from federally subsidies needed to power these solar projects.

Changes to the solar ordinance were discussed during long meetings by the Planning Board and County Commission before the final ordinance was adopted in August 2017.

In February, the county commission approved a conditional use permit for



KIRBY

Ryland Road Solar, a SunEnergy1 company, to develop the solar farm at 3448 Virginia Road, north of the Ryland Road intersection in Tyner. Ryland Road Solar is proposing to build

the solar farm on 65 acres of an approximately 106-acre tract.

Later that month, the Planning Board approved a SunEnergy1 company's application to build a solar

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SWEEP CHOWAN



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Cub Scout Pack 164 participated in Sweep Chowan recently by picking up litter in Bennett's Millpond. American Legion Post 40 sponsors the group. According to Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Win Dale, businesses, organizations or individuals participated on 18 projects. So far, a total of 132 individuals have worked 250 hours and collected 223 bags of trash. To join the Sweep Chowan effort, call Dale at 252-482-3400.

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