

# Olde Halloween celebrated

STAFF REPORT

The Courthouse Green was filled with the sounds of Halloween fun Saturday during Ye Olde Halloween on the Green.

More than 100 people attended the event, hosted by Historic Edenton State Historic Sites, and sponsored by A.J. Smith & Sons Farm, Chowan Arts Council and Friends of State Historic Sites Edenton.

The activities included candle-making, pumpkin decorating, craft making, costume wearing, and trying out Colonial-era toys and tools.

Next on the Historic Edenton State Historic Sites activities include a free presentation about James Iredell Jr.



Left photo: Children paint pumpkins Saturday during Ye Olde Halloween on the Green. Below: Erica Smith makes thread on a spinning wheel.

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On Nov. 2, Charles Boyette will offering a free presentation about Iredell Jr. at 10 a.m. at the 1767 Chowan County Courthouse, at 117 E. King St.



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Below: Site Manager Bob Hopkins helps kids with crafts inside the 1767 courthouse.

## ZONES

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input."

Council hired a planning consultant to help navigate through the process because the goal was to save the distressed neighborhoods in the core of the town. State statutes provide urban redevelopment laws

within redevelopment zones. Two agenda items from Monday's Town Council meeting pertain to acquisitions that would not have been possible without the redevelopment zones.

"People wanted this — they wanted people living in their neighborhoods, not blighted houses," Councilman Sambo Dixon said

during Monday's council meeting that included discussion about the town's redevelopment zones. More on this council meeting will appear in next week's edition.

The covenants Council has been working on are key foundations to the redevelopment effort, Knighton said.

Dawson Tyler, of Down

East Preservation, has been spearheading an effort to repair old homes throughout Edenton.

Tyler and his crew go into an old home and give it a makeover from the floorboards to the attic. Houses that were once vacant get a new lease on life as they transition to homes for families seeking to move in Edenton's historic neighborhoods.

"The mayor and council tip their caps to Dawson for the great community redevelopment work he is doing," Knighton said. "There's going to be opportunities for others to get involved in redevelopment

as well."

Recently, Tyler led the Chowan Herald on a tour through 207 West Gale St., a two-story home with a sizeable back yard that is a hop skip and a jump away from St. Paul's Episcopal Church. The house screams eastern NC ambience with its front porch, kitchen in the back, bedrooms upstairs and metal roof.

"I frequently compare what I do to adult sand castles," Tyler said. "It really satisfies an artistic urge to return something that was once beautiful back to that state."

Once upon a time, these

white, wooden houses were as common as tobacco fields throughout the farm belt. Nowadays, nostalgia seekers have Down East Preservation to thank for restoring these homes within the town's redevelopment zones. When Tyler is done, the house on West Gale Street will be a modern home with all the conveniences.

"What we at Down East Preservation and other private investors are doing is saving this little town's history and expanding the playing field for families that want to experience the vibrancy of downtown," Tyler said.



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Down East Preservation's crew took a moment to strike a pose for posterity while they are repairing and restoring this old home on West Gale Street. The property is within one of Edenton's neighborhood redevelopment zones.

### NOTICE OF CLOSEOUT PUBLIC HEARING Town of Edenton FY 14 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Edenton will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 6:00 PM in the Town of Edenton Council Chambers located at 504 South Broad Street, Edenton, NC, 27932, for the purpose of reviewing and assessing the performance of the Town's Economic Development Program. This project consists of the Jimbo's Jumbos Economic Development project and was financed with \$520,433.75 of Community Development Block Grant funds (100% of the total program costs) received by the Town from the North Carolina Department of Commerce, Rural Economic Development Division. With these funds the Town installed 2,500 LF of 3-phase electrical recondutoring, replaced 18-40' poles with 18-45' poles, installed 7 new 45' poles and a 3-phase conductor, 4,000 LF of 10" waterline and 2,400 LF of 8" waterline. Jimbo's Jumbos created 82 new full-time jobs, with 70 of these jobs (85%), being filled by persons of prior low and moderate income status.

Citizens are urged to attend the public hearing and make their views known prior to submission of closeout information to the North Carolina Department of Commerce. A public information file exists at Town Hall and may be viewed upon request. Citizens having any questions concerning the Small Cities CDBG Program, or to submit written comments, please contact Anne-Marie Knighton, Town Manager at 400 South Broad Street, Edenton, NC, 27932, phone (252) 482-7352. Comments should be post-marked no later than Friday, November 15, 2019 and a written response will be made within 10 business days. The Town does not discriminate based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, handicap, age or political affiliation in the admission, access to, treatment or employment in the CDBG program and activities. Non-English speaking persons and other persons with disabilities requiring special accommodations or auxiliary aids should contact Anne-Marie Knighton at (252) 482-7352, TDD Relay Service at 7-1-1, at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting. This information is available in Spanish or any other language upon request.

Esta información está disponible en español o en cualquier otro idioma bajo petición. Por favor, póngase en contacto con Anne-Marie Knighton, al (252) 482-7352, TDD Relay Service at 711 o en 400 South Broad Street, Edenton, NC, 27932, de alojamiento para esta comunicado.



Roland H. Vaughan, Mayor

## Have a Safe and Happy Halloween!



The local Downtown Merchants and Destination Downtown is hosting Trick or Treat ages 12 and under, October 31st starting at 5:30pm



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