

# Book Club of Today turns 70

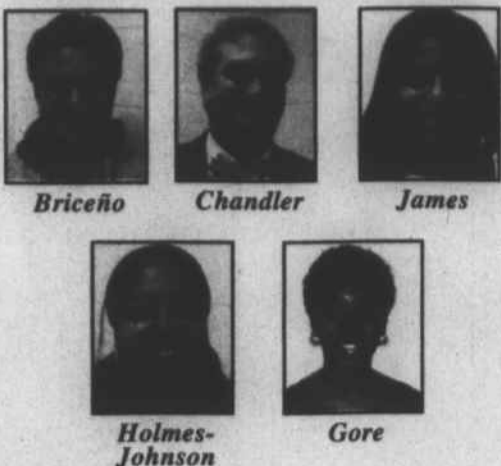
SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Book Club of Today, a community literary organization, celebrated its 70th anniversary recently at Greater Cleveland Avenue Christian Church.

Members and friends were entertained with a spectacular show from "Pattie the Storyteller" at the celebration. The Book Club of Today is the first and oldest African American Book Club in North Carolina. It was founded in 1940 by 12 women who envisioned an organization of civic and literary minded women pledged to a serious study of books, current events and community service.

Through the years, the club has presented a well-balanced program of social welfare and cultural enrichment to the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County community. All 12 charter members are deceased, but their memories still lingers within the club as the present members continue their vision.

The officers are Mildred Wood, president; Arthemise H. Must, vice president; Maxine Whitney, recording secretary; Shirley J. Cloud, corresponding secretary; and Mary Sawyer, treasurer. The other members are Delois Bailey, Elsie Blackman, Andrea Bush, Doris Hartsfield, Ida P. Johnson, Dianne W. Caesar, Annie Hairston, Barbary Hayes, Doris Herrell, Aleise Jessup, Annie B. Kennedy, Vickie Miller Mildred Patterson and Vera Stepp.



## ECHO adds to Board

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The ECHO (Everyone Can Help Out, Inc.) Network has appointed four new members to its board of directors.

The new members are: Adolfo Briceño of the City of Winston-Salem's Human Relations department, Robbie Chandler of DB Alex Brown, Alana James of the United Way of Forsyth County and Daphne Holmes-Johnson, owner of Creative Endeavors and Events, LLC.

"We are elated to add this group of new members who bring a wealth of community assets," said Natasha Gore,

executive director of ECHO. "Their expertise, along with our returning board members, will be key this year as we make important changes to our key programming and transition to our next stage."

ECHO began as a program of the Winston-Salem Foundation and has evolved into an independent non-profit working on social capital and trust in the greater Winston-Salem community. ECHO's flagship offering, the ECHO Council, is being revamped for a spring launch.

For more information, visit [www.echonetwork.org](http://www.echonetwork.org).

### Public Review and Comment

- Triad Regional Air Quality Conformity Determination Report
- Amendment to the 2012-2018 Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP)
- Federal and State Transportation Funds Obligated in 2011.

The Winston-Salem Urban Area Transportation Advisory Committee, the High Point Transportation Advisory Committee, the Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation and the Winston-Salem Transit Authority are seeking public review and comment on the above listed documents.

These documents have details about the amendment of the 2012-2018 MTIP document to include funding for the Northern Beltway - Eastern Section as well as other minor amendments to transportation improvement projects and funds obligated in 2011 for Forsyth County, and portions of Davidson, Davie and Stokes counties.

The documents can be reviewed online at [www.dot.cityofws.org](http://www.dot.cityofws.org) or at public libraries in Forsyth County and King, each municipal town hall, the N. C. Dept. of Transportation Division 9 office at 375 Silas Creek Parkway, Winston-Salem, the Winston-Salem Dept. of Transportation, Room 307, Bryce A. Stuart Municipal Building, 100 E. First St., Winston-Salem, and the High Point Dept. of Transportation, 211 S. Hamilton, Suite 210, High Point.

ONLY WRITTEN COMMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2012, AT 5 P.M.

Written comments may be mailed, e-mailed or faxed to: Wendy Miller, Winston-Salem Dept. of Transportation P.O. Box 2511, Winston-Salem, NC 27102

E-mail: [wendym@cityofws.org](mailto:wendym@cityofws.org) Fax: (336)748-3370

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# Rotary Club of Clemmons helps make Dog Park a reality

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The Rotary Club of Clemmons has donated \$500 to support the development of the Dog Park at Tanglewood.

"This is a community-based project that will definitely be an asset to our local area," said Club President Vana Bris-Bois.

Dan Greer, a member of both the Rotary Club and the Dog Park at Tanglewood Committee, says, "The new Dog Park will present a great no-charge entertainment option to both human families and their dogs. It will be wonderful to see kids playing outdoors again with their pets, instead of staying indoors in front of their TV or video games."

The Dog Park Committee has committed to raising \$150,000 from local companies and private citizens to build the dog park. Starting with a donation of



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Rotary Club Members Dan Greer, Vana Bris-Bois and Susan Joy.

\$11,000 from Vulcan Materials to help pay for a parking lot and followed by a \$30,000 grant from The Winston Salem Foundation and another donation of \$9,200 from the Village of Clemmons, the Dog Park at Tanglewood is well on its way to becoming a reality in 2012.

So far, more than \$76,000 has been raised. A Jan. 20 fundraiser is expect-

ed to bring in approximately \$20,000 to \$25,000 more. If the project progresses as expected, the fund raising will be completed by the spring of 2012, and the Dog Park at Tanglewood will be built in the summer of 2012.

For more information, go to [www.DogParkatTanglewood.com](http://www.DogParkatTanglewood.com) or [www.facebook.com/dog-parkattanglewood](http://www.facebook.com/dog-parkattanglewood).

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### NOTICE OF A COMBINED PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED SALEM CREEK CONNECTOR FROM RAMS DRIVE [FORMERLY STADIUM DRIVE] (STATE ROAD 4326) TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DRIVE (S.R. 4325)

TIP Project No. U-2925

Forsyth County

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will hold an open house followed by a public hearing on Monday, Jan. 30, 2012 at the Anderson Conference Center at Winston-Salem State University, located at 601 S. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Winston-Salem.

NCDOT representatives will be available at the pre-hearing open house in the McNeil Banquet Hall between 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. to answer questions and receive comments regarding the proposed project. The opportunity to submit written comments or questions will also be provided. Interested citizens may attend at any time during the above hours.

A formal presentation will begin at 7 p.m. in Dillard Auditorium. The presentation will consist of an explanation of the proposed location, the design, the state-federal relationship, and right-of-way and relocation requirements and procedures. Citizens will have the opportunity to comment or ask questions. The presentation and comments will be recorded, and a transcript will be prepared.

NCDOT proposes to construct a four-lane median divided facility on new location between Rams Drive [formerly Stadium Drive] (S.R. 4326) and Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive (S.R. 4325). A connection to Salem Avenue will also be provided on the western end of the project. The project will include the reconstruction and realignment of the Diggs Boulevard / U.S. 52-311/N.C. 8 interchange and removal of the ramps at the Rams Drive (S.R. 4326) / U.S. 52-311/N.C. 8 interchange. This project is about 1 mile in length.

The purpose of the project is to improve access to U.S. 52 for the area surrounding Winston-Salem State University, Salem Academy and College, and the proposed Piedmont Triad Research Park and improve system linkage for east-west traffic in this area of Winston-Salem.

Maps displaying the location and design of the project and a copy of the Environmental Assessment (EA) are available for public review at the NCDOT District Engineer's Office, located at 375 Silas Creek Parkway, Winston-Salem and at Winston-Salem City Hall South - Suite 307, located at 100 East First St. The maps are also available online at: [http://www.ncdot.org/doh/preconstruct/highway/roadway/hearingmaps\\_by\\_county/](http://www.ncdot.org/doh/preconstruct/highway/roadway/hearingmaps_by_county/)

Anyone desiring additional information may contact Jamille Robbins, NCDOT-Human Environment Unit at 1598 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1598, by phone at (919) 707-6085, or via e-mail at [jarobbins@ncdot.gov](mailto:jarobbins@ncdot.gov). Comments may be submitted until Feb. 29, 2012.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who want to participate in this hearing. Anyone requiring special services should contact Robbins as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.