

New recycling centers open, more expected soon in county

By Holly Edwards
County Editor

Newly established county recycling centers have opened on Oxpen Road and on N. C. 904 near the Seaside community, and two more centers should be open in the near future, said Brunswick County recycling coordinator Mary McCarley.

Although the county is currently accepting only aluminum, newsprint and green, brown and clear glass, McCarley said she hopes to soon expand the program to include other materials, such as plastics. Some municipal recycling centers are still accepting plastics, as well as M&J Plastics in Bolivia.

McCarley said she is glad more people are using the recycling centers, but stressed that the centers are for recyclable goods only, not household garbage. She also offered the following recycling guidelines:

Rinse aluminum cans and make sure scrap metal is 100-percent aluminum; Pull out slicks and glossy inserts from all newspaper material; Rinse glass containers thoroughly and discard lids -- dispose of only beverage and food containers, not plate glass, automobile glass, mirrors, ceramic or clay containers, Pyrex or light bulbs; Drop recyclable materials in the appropriate bins and take all plastic bags home or to the grocery store.

County recycling centers are now open at the following locations:

•Southport Transfer Station; located at the intersection of highways 133 and 87, next to the Brunswick County school administrative offices; open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

•Leland Transfer Station; located at Chappell Loop Road next to the wastewater treatment plant; open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

•Ocean Isle Beach Transfer Station; located at Hale Swamp Road; open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

•Oxpen Convenience Station; located at the intersection of Highway 130 and Oxpen Road, S.E.; open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, and 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday.

•N. C. 904 Convenience Station; located at Seaside Road, S.W.; open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday; and 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday.

•Northwest Park (temporary center); located at Highway 74-76 after overpass of Lanvale and Mt. Misery roads; open 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

•Town Creek Park (temporary center); located on Highway 17 at Winnabow; open 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

•Waccamaw Park (temporary center); located on Highway 130 near Waccamaw School; open 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

New centers will be open soon at the Brunswick County landfill and on Highway 211, McCarley said.

County requests investigation of Brunswick airport account

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Brunswick County commissioners voted unanimously Monday night to turn over an airport commission audit to the district attorney for investigation.

A member of the Brunswick County Airport Commission asked the board of commissioners two weeks ago to initiate an investigation into former airport attorney and treasurer Grover Gore's alleged misuse of public funds.

The board of commissioners took no action on the request at that time, but commissioners chairman Kelly Holden said after the meeting that if the airport commission did not act on the issue within the next two weeks, he would feel compelled to bring the problem back before the board of commissioners.

"We've heard quite a bit of controversy surrounding the airport commission audit, and I for one would like to see it put to rest," Holden said

Monday. "I figured the only way to resolve it was to ask for an investigation. That should have been the initial reaction of the airport board."

Airport commissioner Bob Miller told the board that Gore's alleged misuse of airport funds may have totaled nearly \$10,000. A recent audit showed Gore made \$856 worth of phone calls on the airport's calling card, Miller said, and many of them were to Gore's son and daughter. The airport's phone bills for 1990 and 1991 totaled \$2,725, but Miller said since Gore left the airport commission there have been no long-distance calls made on airport calling cards.

In addition to the phone calls, Gore was paid about \$6,500 for his legal services to the airport commission, which Miller claimed an auditor has called a conflict of interest and a violation of state law.

Airport commissioners recently voted 4-2 against a motion to ask county authorities to investigate the allegations against Gore, saying there was not enough evidence to warrant an investigation.

COUNTY BRIEFS

Emergency response exercise

The North Carolina Division of Emergency Management, Brunswick and New Hanover counties and Carolina Power and Light Co. will participate in an exercise of the emergency response plans for the Brunswick nuclear plant on Tuesday, June 2.

Using a scenario of events, the participating agencies will "go through the motions" as if it were a real event. This type of drill is conducted for every nuclear power plant at least every other year as required by the federal government.

The public is welcome to observe a critique to be conducted by officials from the state, Brunswick and New Hanover counties and CP&L at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, June 4. The meeting will be held in the Brunswick County emergency management center, Brunswick County Government Center, at Bolivia.

Sunset Harbor: informal 'no'

Sunset Harbor's Committee for Fair Government conducted an "informal referendum" last Friday on the issue of incorporating the Sunset Harbor community, and a solid majority of people said they were against incorporation.

Of the 141 people who participated in the survey, 130 said they were against incorporation and 11 said they were for it. The results of the referendum will be sent to Rep. David Redwine (D-Brunswick), who will make a decision on whether or not to submit a bill to incorporate Sunset Harbor.

The Committee to Incorporate Sunset Harbor has been holding public meetings in an attempt to solicit support for incorporation.

Should Sunset Harbor become an incorporated community, it would have the ability to elect a mayor and aldermen, enact zoning laws, form a police department, develop a water and sewer system, tax residents and fund public service initiatives.

Deputy's vehicle hits moped

A Brunswick County Sheriff's Department vehicle struck a Southport man on a moped last Monday morning on N. C. 211 near River Run Shopping Center.

The driver of the moped, Mario Franko Mili, Jr., 30, was taken by ambulance to Doshier Memorial Hospital emergency room, and immediately transferred to New Hanover Regional Medical Center, where he is currently listed in serious condition.

Mili's mother, Pat Nashlenas of Long Beach, said Mili suffered head injuries and a broken leg. Mili underwent emergency brain surgery and plastic surgery for his leg, she said, and his condition is now improving daily.

"The neurosurgeon at first said he could die anytime," Nashlenas said. "I thank God everyday he's still alive. He's my miracle child."

The accident was investigated by N. C. Highway Patrol trooper D. B. Harvell. No citations were issued.

The sheriff's deputy, Richard Wayne Long, 25, of Winnabow, and Mili were both heading westward on N. C. 211 about 1:17 a.m. on Monday, May 11. Long was responding to a call about a fistfight on the Oak Island bridge and had his blue lights activated. He pulled into the left lane to pass Mili just as Mili moved to the left, the report indicates, and Long's vehicle collided with Mili's moped. The crash caused about \$3,000 damage to the deputy's 1990 Ford and about \$200 to Mili's 1989 moped.

Rural carrier jobs are listed

"Rural carrier associates" will soon be needed to work for post offices at Supply, Leland, Shallotte, Bolivia, Winnabow and Ash, the U. S. Postal Service announced this week.

Applications are available at any of the post offices listed, and will be accepted from Monday, June 1, through June 12.

The position requires individuals to sort mail into delivery sequence, load mail into their vehicles and deliver all mail and parcels to the designated addresses. The position is considered to be an "associate non-career position," meaning that rural carriers work on an as-needed basis. Starting salary is \$9.13 per hour.

The duties of this position are described by the postal service as "arduous," and would require an individual to be in good physical condition and able to lift 70 pounds. Also, placing letters and parcels in mailboxes requires careful handling of the vehicle, and frequent shifting from one side of the vehicle to the other.

No experience is required, but applicants must pass a 3 1/2-hour written exam, qualify on the post office road test, and have a dependable vehicle and safe driving record.

Applicants need apply only one time for each area.

Swimming pool rules is topic

A workshop on swimming pool operation and maintenance will be conducted at the Brunswick County Health Department in the environmental health section conference room on Thursday, May 28, at 7 p.m.

All pool owners and operators are encouraged to attend. The workshop will focus on water quality, pool safety and proposed changes in the state rules regarding public pools.

Secondary road plan: 'straight and narrow'

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Brunswick County's secondary road construction program has been very successful over the past three years, department of transportation district engineer Jim Cook told the board of commissioners Monday. But, some members of the public attending the meeting complained that their roads have been neglected year after year.

"Will I get a chance to ride to my funeral on a paved road?" asked one disgruntled citizen.

Cook said he could not answer any questions concerning the order in which roads will be paved until after all secondary roads have been re-rated this fall. Roads are given a priority rating according to the number of houses and businesses along them, and the number of buses, mail carriers and cars that use them. The road with the highest number of points is paved first, Cook explained.

Commissioners unanimously approved Cook's proposed secondary road construction plan for the next fiscal year. Allocations for secondary road construction are based upon the amount of revenue generated by the gasoline tax, and the final total will not be available until the end of the current fiscal year, or June 30. However, Cook estimated the secondary road allocation to be about \$1,157,040.

The proposal stipulates that the funds be allocated for the following secondary road construction:

•Spot stabilization, paved road improvements, safety improvements and bridge replacement, \$221,078.

•Surveys and resolutions for road additions, right-of-way signatures, \$50,000.

•Drainage and base improvements and surface and erosion control on: Greenhill Road (state road 1410), \$429,650; Green Bay Road (SR 1317), \$100,000; First Street (SR 1275M), \$30,000; Sea-Aire Circle

(SR 1236), \$73,000; Lockwood Folly (SR 1229M), \$62,000; East Tanglewood (SR 1261), \$28,000; Egret Road (SR 1814M), \$70,000; and River Street (SR 1286), \$45,000.

•Improving paved accessways for rescue squads, volunteer fire departments and contingencies, \$48,312.

In other business discussed by the board of commissioners Monday:

•County manager/attorney David Clegg announced that fluoridation of the county's water supply will begin on Monday, August 3.

•The board approved budget amendments to reflect increases in state funds for the health department, \$868, and the agricultural extension office, \$1,050.

•A public hearing on road naming and renaming was scheduled for Monday, June 1, at 6:15 p.m.

•Malcolm Grissett was appointed to the Coastal Resources Commission.

Candidate sought

Precinct chairmen and vice-chairmen are urged to attend a special called meeting of the Democratic Executive Committee on Thursday, May 21, at 7 p.m. at the county headquarters building.

"The topic of discussion is a nomination for the board of education in District 1 due to the resignation of Sam Fletcher Frink," announced Crawford Hart, party chairman.

CRC meeting set next week

The Coastal Resources Commission (CRC) will meet May 28-29 at Beaufort County Community College in Washington to consider a request for a variance to allow construction of a 3200-by-70-foot seawall to protect Fort Fisher.

Since 1985, the CRC's rules have banned erosion control structures on the oceanfront.

Public hearings are set for May 28 at 4 p.m. concerning: amendments to several rules to clarify development guidelines for the estuarine and ocean hazard systems; proposed guidelines for federal agencies to request a declaratory ruling of a CRC rule or policy as it applies to a publicly funded project; and a policy to encourage the beneficial disposal of dredge material so that sand is not removed from the active beach system.


Other items to be discussed include a presentation by the National Marine Fisheries Service on submerged aquatic vegetation and a review of state and federal agency use of land use plans.

The CRC is responsible for adopting rules and policies for development in the coastal area.

'Fourth' committees to meet

A special meeting of N. C. Fourth of July committee members is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, May 21, at the Fourth of July building on West Moore Street. All committee members are asked to attend.

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