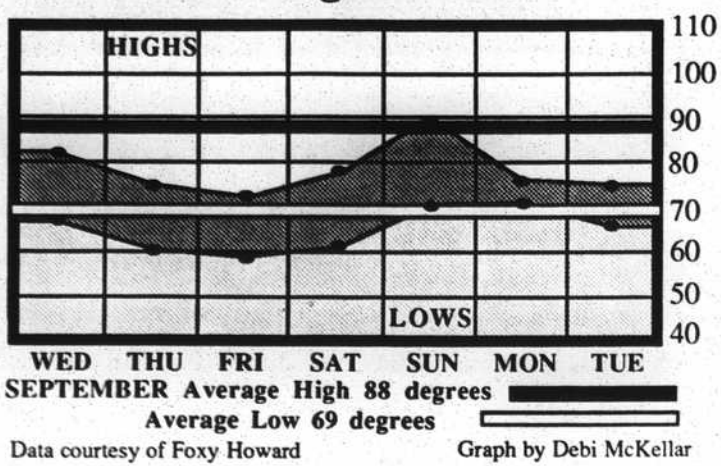


# OUR TOWN

## Past week's highs & lows



## Bald Head Island

Negotiations continue between the developer, the state and the North Carolina Nature Conservancy over purchase of a portion of the maritime forest east of Muscadine Wynd.

Rich Shaw with the state Division of Coastal Management said Monday that the total amount of land which the developer is to sell for state preservation will be determined when two appraisers agree on a unit price, sometime this month. The total price -- \$2,166,666 -- has already been established. The federal Fish and Wildlife Service is to contribute \$2 million, with the balance coming from state funds.

Shaw said that the tract under consideration is a "core section of the maritime forest" which spans Federal Road. The state has also sought an entire sea-to-marsh strip for preservation. Such a tract might be subject of the next negotiations; the total federal grant was for \$4 million, with the remaining half to be spent next year.

## Caswell Beach

The monthly meeting of the board of commissioners, scheduled October 8, has been rescheduled to Monday, October 5, at 5 p.m. because mayor Jack Cook will be out of town on the regular meeting date.

The town tax bills will finally be mailed next week, town clerk Linda Bethune said. The delay has been attributed to the county tax department not releasing information to municipalities until it completed its billing.

Since general statutes require that the due date for the bills be in September, the bills will say that. However, Bethune said the bills can be paid anytime before January 5, 1993, without any interest or penalty being levied.

Bethune also said that if ownership of property has been transferred since January 1, 1992, then the town tax collector should be notified at 278-5471.

## Long Beach

A new town sticker ordinance requires that every permanent resident's motor vehicle be registered with the town tax department beginning January 1, 1993. A five-dollar fee will be charged per vehicle.

The ordinance passed by the town council on September 15 makes non-possession of the sticker a misdemeanor subject to citation, starting February 15 of each year. The registration will begin after the new calendar year starts. More information will be available later this year, though people interested in further details now should contact the Town Hall at 278-5011.

A children's Halloween party will be held on October 31 from 6 to 8 p.m. The party is being sponsored by the recreation department. Anyone interested in further information should call the recreation center at 278-5518.

## Yaupon Beach

Town water bills will be sent out next week, town clerk Nancy Wilson said, and will be due on October 25. The town tax bills will also be sent out in the next couple weeks.

The next regular meeting of the board of commissioners is scheduled Monday, October 12. Construction on the town sewer project is also due to start that same day.

The electrical contract for the sewer project has been tentatively awarded to Barnes and Powell Electric Company, the lowest bidder on the project. New bids for the contract were invited a few weeks ago by the town on the advice of engineering consultant Finley Boney.

## Southport

The city will test the sanitary sewer and storm sewer systems for leaks this week, using smoke as an indicator whether the systems are faulty.

City crews will set off smoke bombs inside the system. The smoke then filters out wherever there is a leak. The purpose of the test is to ensure that no sewage is leaching into the storm sewer system and that no ground water is present in the sanitary sewer system.

City manager Rob Hites said there was a possibility that the smoke might exit in residential homes through vents. He said this may be an indication there is something wrong with the indoor plumbing. He emphasized, however, that the smoke is harmless and non-toxic and that there is no need to panic if one does see smoke coming from the vents.

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The tanker *Seabulk America* moves downriver Sunday afternoon providing a touch of drama for a father and two sons flounder fishing along the Southport waterfront. Soon harbor-watchers will also have migrant yachts to keep them entertained.

## Dosher okays contract; raises Shomaker

By Marybeth Bianchi  
Feature Editor

Dosher Memorial Hospital trustees last Wednesday approved a three-year contract with the new administrator and gave the man currently serving as acting administrator a new title and a pay raise.

In motions offered by Ben Blake, the board approved the contract negotiated by chairman Charles Johnson with Edgar Haywood, III, to serve as administrator of Dosher, beginning November 1. He will be evaluated each September and paid a starting salary of \$63,500, about \$10,000 less than Arthur Pittman, the previous administrator, was paid. The hospital also will provide him a phone-equipped car.

In addition, trustees agreed to pay "normal and usual" moving expenses Haywood incurs as he and his family relocate from Montgomery County to

Smithville Township.

The trustees also made changes in the contract the hospital has with Jim Shomaker, who has served as acting administrator since May. They agreed to name him assistant administrator and director of finance and give him a \$2,000-a-year pay raise, bringing his annual salary to \$62,000. His three-year contract will run through January, 1995.

"We feel like Jim has done a tremendous job for the hospital," the chairman said after the meeting. "We've got two well-educated, well-trained people, one of whom will be in charge all of the time. We're proud of the two people we have coming on board."

After reviewing more than 200 applications for hospital administrator, the board interviewed seven and selected Haywood, who has been administrator of Montgomery County Hospital for the past four years.

## Sanitary district needs zoning Present plan would preclude treatment plant

By Jim Harper  
Staff Writer

Faced with the possibility of being zoned out of the sanitation business, Southeast Brunswick Sanitary District commissioners voted Monday to take exception to the county zoning plan in Tuesday's public hearing.

The ramifications of proposed

county R-7500 zoning -- in which sewage treatment is not a permitted use -- in a portion of the district where a sewage treatment facility is planned came up in a broad discussion of zoning for the district Monday.

Commissioners also realized that other uses projected for the northwest portion of the district at Beaverdam Creek and N. C. 211 could also be

precluded by R-7500 zoning.

Special counsel Henry Foy was directed to inform county commissioners in Tuesday night's public hearing of the apparent oversight in planning, and also to inform the county board that the sanitary district commissioners want to eventually take over zoning administration in the whole district.

The area around the proposed treatment site on Beaverdam Creek is zoned R-7500, in which "special district uses of any nature" can be approved by a board of adjustments, but Foy warned that a board of adjustments cannot be relied on to approve a treatment plant.

"One person can stymie a board of adjustments," Foy said.

The lengthy session dealt mainly with zoning of the entire district, which apparently must now be pursued on two different tracks.

While the sanitary district has taken procedural steps toward zoning south of Calf Gully Creek (Fish Factory Road-Beach Road intersection), the northern portion of the district is included in the overall county zoning plan.

Commissioners voiced general approval for district zoning but seemed reluctant to relinquish their zoning authority.

Commissioner Tommy Bowmer alluded to the just-ending disagreement with Long Beach over ETJ zoning and said the prospect now is for "the county instead of Long Beach telling us what to do."

Board secretary Lucille Laster  
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*'You have decided there would be zoning. Now you have to decide what type of zoning you want.'*

Henry Foy  
District counsel



Commissioners Ginger Canady and Tommy Bowmer are briefed by consultant Finley Boney on the county zoning plan for the Southeast Brunswick

Sanitary District. On Monday it was discovered that those plans might preclude a sewage treatment plant where the district wants it to be.