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City ready for crowds on weekend

The City of Southport and surrounding communities are preparing for the influx of thousands of visitors this week for the 1993 N. C. Fourth of July Festival.

Because the holiday falls on Sunday this year, many offices will be closed on Monday, July 5. They include federal, state, county and municipal government offices. The post office, area banks and the Brunswick County Library will also be closed for the day. The Southport library branch will also be closed on Saturday, July 3.

Residential garbage collection in the City of Southport will be adjusted because of the holiday schedule. Homeowners on the west side of town can expect their garbage to be picked up on Tuesday, July 6, while residents of the east side of town will have theirs picked up on Wednesday, July 7. Commercial customers reportedly will remain on the regular schedule, with pick-up planned for Monday, July 5.

Ad deadline

Because of Monday's celebration of Independence Day the deadline for real estate and classified advertising in *The State Port Pilot* has been changed to this Friday.

The deadline for real estate advertising is noon. The deadline for classified advertising is 3 p.m.

Other deadlines will remain the same. Display advertising is due by noon on Tuesday, July 6, for publication in next week's *Pilot*.



The time of this sign has come again. City worker Monday to make sure the message was clear to visitors debarking from the Fort Fisher ferry.

Photo by Jim Harper

Board delays county zoning until October

By Terry Pope
County Editor

Commissioners are expected to delay county zoning until October when they meet Tuesday, July 6.

"I hope so," said Don Warren, chairman of the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners. "I'm ready to get it behind me."

Three adults and two children attended a public hearing held Tuesday night on an amendment to the ordinance.

The effective date will be changed from July 1 until "further action" by the board. An exact date has not been mentioned. A first reading on the amendment was held June 15.

Zoning rules govern land use in rural, agricultural, commercial and residential zones not included in municipalities. Bona fide farms are exempt.

There will be a five-day interval until commissioners can officially vote to delay the zoning laws, but during that period it will not be in effect.

Prior to the hearing, Warren discussed a possible emergency meeting to adopt the amendment but was advised by Brunswick county attorney Michael Ramos to wait. The board will meet Tuesday, July 6, at 6 p.m. instead of

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Town meeting

Lottery is not sure bet in '93

By Terry Pope
County Editor

Debate over a state lottery topped concerns of Leland area residents at a town meeting with state legislators Friday.

The topic is also timely. State Rep. David Redwine's (D-Brunswick) bill, which calls for a public referendum on the issue, enters debate this week in a House subcommittee.

Although the bill earlier passed the Senate, it was thought to be all but dead for the 1993 session of the General Assembly.

About 15 Leland residents met with state legislators with topics ranging from programs for children and senior citizens, taxes and consolidation of Leland, Belville and Navassa.

Attending were Redwine, Sen. R. C. Soles of Tabor City, Rep. Dewey Hill of Lake Waccamaw and Rep. Thomas Wright of Wilmington. It was the fifth meeting held by the legislators who say they want to become

"Mention alcohol and gambling in the same sentence and it goes out the ceiling. That's one of the things I wouldn't want to mix."

Rep. David Redwine

more responsive to the people.

Money from a state lottery would pay for school buildings and town water and sewer systems with up to \$200 million a year in revenues.

Soles voted against the lottery bill and is still opposed to the idea. Letters

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But electric rate goes up

City rate remains at 58 cents

By Holly Edwards
Municipal Editor

The tax rate will stay the same in Southport for the next fiscal year, but electric rates will increase and a new \$15 fee will be assessed for residents who request the city to collect "white goods" and other large household

items. The board of aldermen adopted the \$5.8-million budget for fiscal year 1993-94 Monday night during a special called meeting. It is based upon a tax rate of 58 cents per \$100 of property valuation, a total estimated property valuation of \$95 million, and an anticipated tax collection rate of 94

percent. Basic electric rates will increase 2.4 percent effective July 1 due to a two-percent increase by Southport's power agency cooperative, scheduled to take effect October 1, said city manager Rob Gandy. The \$15 fee for white goods collection will be assessed only if a resident requests the

pickup, he added. The charge for trash collection will remain at \$9.15 per household per month, which includes curbside recycling, yard waste pickup and trash pickup. The cost of water also will hold steady at \$1.14 per 1,000 gallons of water inside the city, and \$2.28 per 1,000 gallons of water outside the city.

The budget includes a five-percent, across-the-board, cost-of-living salary increase for city employees, which amounts to a total budget impact of \$42,000.

In conjunction with the budget, aldermen adopted a new travel reimbursement policy for city employees who travel out of the city for training or other official business. The policy states that mileage will be reimbursed at a rate of 28 cents per mile, meals will be reimbursed at a rate of \$30 per day or the actual cost of the meals if receipts are provided, and that lodging will be arranged in advance by the administration department. The city also agreed to pay for other "normal traveling expenses", such as taxis and baggage handlers.

Film company will not cross city on non-burning request

Following Monday night's budget adoption by the Southport Board of Aldermen, city resident Russ Ferris presented the board with a letter from the Matlock Company stating it was planning to burn a cross during filming on July 1.

Ferris told the board the scheduled cross-burning was "incidental and totally unnecessary."

Aldermen agreed. Acting on the consensus of the board, city manager Rob Gandy notified the Matlock Company that the city was opposed to the cross-burning, and the company subsequently agreed

to find an alternate location. The event was to have taken place at 415 West Brown Street, with the permission of the property owner. State law says that cross-burning is legal only with written permission of the owner or occupant of the premises.

"We're not denying they have a right to do it," said alderman Nelson Adams. "All we're saying is this council does not condone it. Let them burn it in Wilmington."

Other board members said they did not want to

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OUTSIDE



Forecast

There'll be a hot time in the 'ol' town this weekend. The extended forecast Thursday through Sunday calls for highs between 90 and 95 and lows in the 70s.

Tide table

HIGH	THURSDAY, JULY 1	LOW
6:22 a.m.		12:27 a.m.
7:08 p.m.		12:31 p.m.
HIGH	FRIDAY, JULY 2	LOW
7:38 a.m.		1:21 a.m.
7:59 p.m.		1:23 p.m.
HIGH	SATURDAY, JULY 3	LOW
8:11 a.m.		2:09 a.m.
8:46 p.m.		2:12 p.m.
HIGH	SUNDAY, JULY 4	LOW
8:58 a.m.		2:55 a.m.
9:32 p.m.		2:56 p.m.
HIGH	MONDAY, JULY 5	LOW
9:48 a.m.		3:38 a.m.
10:12 p.m.		3:40 p.m.
HIGH	TUESDAY, JULY 6	LOW
10:27 a.m.		4:20 a.m.
10:51 p.m.		4:22 p.m.
HIGH	WEDNESDAY, JULY 7	LOW
11:19 a.m.		4:59 a.m.
11:29 p.m.		5:04 p.m.

The following adjustments should be made:
 Bald Head Island, high -10, low -7; Caswell Beach, high -5, low -2; Southport, high +7, low +15; Sunnyside Beach, high -52, low -45; Lookwood Holly, high -32, low -8.