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Project to face hearing

By Richard Nubel
Municipal Editor

Whether or not Long Beach Town Council is "jerk[ing] them around," would-be developers of a 14-lot tract at the westernmost portion of King's Lynn will have to sit through a public hearing on their proposed final plat.

Council entertained three motions Tuesday night before deciding that public hearing will be held June 1 before a scheduled budget workshop.

Although public hearings on final plats are not required by state law or ordinance in Long Beach, councilman Horace Collier said the final plat of the proposed development, The Harbor at Kings Lynn, may be

'These people jumped through hoops for problems they didn't create. I feel the Town of Long Beach has jerked them around to a degree.'

Bill Easley
Council member

misleading because land to be dedicated for public use may not actually be owned by the owners of the tract. Councilman Bill Easley had earlier moved to waive the public hearing formality.

"I think there is reason not to waive the public hearing," Collier said. "There is a question of how the state views land recovered by mechanical means. It appears ... any land reclaimed by mechanical means and used by the public, remains in public domain."

Collier said he learned this earlier Tuesday in conversation with an assistant state attorney general. He said the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers had, after a New Year's Day storm in 1987 placed sand on a portion of the proposed development that is slated to be dedicated to the Town of Long Beach for recreational use.

The Long Beach subdivision ordinance demands a percentage of all new subdivisions be dedicated to the municipality for public access or recreational use.

The Harbor at Kings Lynn has been a controversial undertaking

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Photo by Jim Harper

While most American egrets, as well as other wading birds here, remain completely wild and feed in shallows of streams, marshes and swamps, this big male has found it better to be a dockwalking

bird and accept leftover bait from anglers. He takes flight after a successful evening recently of cadging baitfish from a charter boat in Southport Marina.

CP&L Unit 1 expected back on line today after refueling

By Jim Harper
Staff Writer

Rod-pull commenced in the Brunswick Nuclear Plant's Unit 1 on Tuesday morning, six days ahead of schedule for the refueling outage, and presaging the shortest refueling outage ever for the CP&L system.

"We measure from open breaker to closed breaker here and I estimate we'll close the breaker tomorrow," said plant vice-president Roy Anderson on Tuesday. "That will be 49 days."

Anderson said that testing low-pressure turbine rotors for balance might slow the process of returning to power production, as might adjustments on new turbine-driven feed pumps.

"But we don't schedule for failure here, we schedule for

success," he said. "If we don't end up six days ahead of schedule we'll end up five days ahead. And then we'll just make electricity for another 600-plus days."

Anderson said that the 600-day aim is not lightly taken -- though no boiling water reactor plant has ever been known to run for 600 trouble-free days -- in view of recent Brunswick plant successes: Unit 2 is now at 320 days of continuous operation, having broken its old 312-day record. And Unit 1 had run 425 days, a site record, before it was shut down for refueling.

"I'd like to give credit where credit is due," Anderson said. "I was out sick for two months, and the people who did this outage are the people who own this station."

"This wasn't a top-driven thing, this was an internally driven thing."

Long Beach opposes plan

Fees possible for emergency care transport

By Terry Pope
County Editor

A committee formed last year has recommended the county impose a \$200 ambulance fee each time a patient is transported for emergency care.

The Long Beach Volunteer Rescue Squad is the only unit that opposes the plan. Coastline rescue volunteers near Holden Beach also have mixed emotions.

"Some thought it was a bad practice, and some said, 'It's about time,'" said Doug Ledgett, the Brunswick County emergency medical services director.

The county has a combination of both paid EMS responders and volunteer units dispatched by the county's 911 program. A committee formed last year has recommended a billing system for all transports, both volunteer and EMS services, for the 1995-96 county budget.

Ledgett said based on a 45-percent

'It drives them off from calling until someone calls for them. I'm afraid we will have sicker people if we tell them it will cost \$200.'

Doug Ledgett
EMS director

collection rate he figured the number of calls yearly would produce \$150,000 in revenues. It will also take \$34,000 to hire an accounting technician, buy office software and supplies, for a net income of \$116,000.

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Community Building site

City wants lease terms in writing

By Richard Nubel
Municipal Editor

City staff says it has a verbal agreement with U. S. Army officials that a 25-year lease of the former Southport Community Building site will be offered in 1998, but an apparent majority of aldermen want to see that in writing.

Two aldermen, however, still want to talk about another type facility at another location.

Meeting in regular monthly session Thursday, city manager Rob Gandy told aldermen the public works engineer for Military Ocean Terminal Sunny Point had indicated in the course of several talks the Army would be willing to offer the city the long-term lease after the city's current five-year lease expires in 1998.

"They're saying let the present lease run out," Gandy said.

"City attorney Mike Isenberg was troubled by that."

"Are they willing to put something in writing saying they'll give you a

25-year lease?" Isenberg asked. "I'd hate to see you build the building and not get the lease."

The Southport Community Building, first built as a USO center in World War II, burned to the ground in a January 30 fire. Although the city owned the historic building, the land on which it was sited overlooking the Cape Fear River is owned by the U. S. Army and had been leased to the city in a series of agreements of five-year terms. Previously the Army has been unwilling to lease the land for

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Forecast

The extended forecast calls for a chance of showers of thunderstorms for the period of Thursday through Saturday with highs in the 80's and lows in the 60's.

Tide table

HIGH	THURSDAY, MAY 18	LOW
11:50 a.m.		5:41 a.m.
----- p.m.		5:50 p.m.
	FRIDAY, MAY 19	
12:22 a.m.		6:36 a.m.
12:50 p.m.		6:48 p.m.
	SATURDAY, MAY 20	
1:20 a.m.		7:32 a.m.
1:50 p.m.		7:49 p.m.
	SUNDAY, MAY 21	
2:18 a.m.		8:29 a.m.
2:50 p.m.		8:53 p.m.
	MONDAY, MAY 22	
3:15 a.m.		9:25 a.m.
3:49 p.m.		9:55 p.m.
	TUESDAY, MAY 23	
4:12 a.m.		10:19 a.m.
4:45 p.m.		10:54 p.m.
	WEDNESDAY, MAY 24	
5:06 a.m.		11:09 a.m.
5:36 p.m.		11:48 p.m.

The following adjustments should be made:
Bald Head Island, high -10, low -7; Caswell Beach, high -5, low -1; Southport, high +7, low +15; Lockwood Folly, high -22, low -8.

'Heartsaver' pumps life into training

By Richard Nubel
Municipal Editor

"Hey, buddy! Are you all right?" I shouted, tapping at the shoulder of the lifeless body.

There was no response so I quickly instructed someone to dial 9-1-1, activating the Brunswick County emergency medical service.

Then, this life was in my hands until more highly trained help could arrive.

Thankfully, this was just practice. The lifeless body was made of rubber and plastic. It was the body of Resusci-Annie, who has trained thou-

sands upon thousands of people like me in the art of saving lives in the event of heart attack or airway obstruction.

Could I save a friend, a loved one, a co-worker if heart attack occurred?

I feel more convinced that I could now because I was one of nearly a hundred persons who converged on the Brunswick Community College campus Saturday to receive certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid for choking on Brunswick County's first "Heartsaver

Saturday."

The day-long series of training sessions was sponsored by the American Heart Association, Brunswick County EMS, The Brunswick Hospital and Doshier Memorial Hospital.

The training was available to anyone. Free.

The idea is simple. As the number of people who know how to perform CPR rises, the number of people who die from sudden heart attack diminishes. According to the American Heart Association, cardiovascular dis-

ease accounted for more than 900,000 deaths in this country in 1990 alone. Nearly 500,000 of these deaths were from heart attack.

"About two-thirds of deaths from heart attack occur before the victim reaches the hospital," AHA estimates in its publication *Heartsaver Guide*.

"Many of these deaths can be prevented if the victims get prompt help -- if someone trained in CPR provides proper life-saving measures until trained professionals take over.

"After cardiac arrest, promptly ini-

tiated CPR may return victims to productive life. Without CPR, permanent brain death due to a lack of oxygen will occur. Speed in getting specialized medical care for victims and in starting CPR is the key to saving lives."

The purpose of CPR is to keep freshly oxygenated blood flowing through a heart attack victim's body when he has stopped breathing and his heart has stopped pumping. That means the resuscitator has to both breathe for his victim and manually pump blood through his body.

The average heart beats 80 times

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