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Long Beach Solid waste issue should involve town

By Richard Nubel
News Editor

With its greater experience in urban management issues, Brunswick County should involve Long Beach and its town staff in solving the critical solid waste management dilemma all local governments here face.

"Once again, we are in the position of begging the county to do some proper planning," mayor Joan Altman told town council Tuesday night as that body met in regular monthly session.

In a nearly three-hour meeting, council also received a report from consulting planner Bill Farris on a second bridge corridor development plan, which advocates Long Beach as lead government agency for developing the area extending from Midway Road to the Intracoastal Waterway.

Early in the meeting, council heard from Brunswick County Homebuilders Association president Hank Repschia, who accused Long Beach code enforcement officer David C. Lemmons of discharging his duties in an "unfair, arbitrary, and prejudicial manner," and called for

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James Pearson -- for 21 years a route mechanic with the Brunswick County schools garage -- and his fellow workers labored hard in last week's heat so that

139 buses could deliver pupils for the opening of school today. The buses will all be back when school closes early next June.

Photo by Jim Harper

8,000 students answer the bell

By Holly Edwards
Feature Editor

More than 8,000 Brunswick County students went to school this morning as their summer vacation came to an end.

Today is the first day of school for most county students, although nearly 1,800 returned to school a month ago when Lincoln, Union and Belville elementary schools switched to a year-round school calendar.

One year after a new school administrative team took the helm, Brunswick County Board of Education chair-

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man Glenda Browning declared that the school system is "at or the threshold of greatness."

"I think this is the most exciting time in education Brunswick County has ever seen," she said. "Everything we do now revolves around the classroom. We've always had good teachers and students, but classrooms and teachers finally have the support and the materials they need to excel, and I think we're on our way to the top."

Last year was a transitional period for the school

system when many new programs designed to improve the quality of instruction were put in place, she said. This year, Browning said, results of the new programs will be brought to fruition.

"This is the year it's all going to come together," she said.

Along with enhanced support programs for teachers on the front line, Browning said, there have been stepped up efforts to maintain the appearance of school buildings.

"Our schools look so much better, and that's giving

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Southport

Movie-makers will be subject to local rules

By Richard Nubel
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Southport residents and their city government will make rules to govern film-making in this city and film-makers will be informed of the results when the city is through.

That message was sent loudly and clearly to the director of the Wilmington film office Thursday night as the city's board of aldermen declared it would conduct a workshop on proposed regulation of the film industry this week. A task force of residents from neighborhoods most frequently affected by movie-makers has proposed a set of movie regulations and fees to be charged film-makers for the city services they utilize while on location here.

Mark Strickland, director of the regional film commission in Wilmington, was told his help was not needed to develop filming guidelines for Southport.

"Whatever guidelines you adopt, my office is basically taking this as an emissary to Hollywood," Strickland told aldermen, adding he and the board were on the "same team." Strickland said he was offering his services to show Southport "that is how it works."

"You may be on our team, but you're in a different uniform," alderman Nelson Adams told Strickland. "The people who are agitated by these (movie-makers) don't care how it works, they care how we work."

Strickland said the regulations proposed by the board's

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State rejects Doshier pact

By Holly Edwards
Feature Editor

A proposed settlement of an appeal of the state's decision to grant Doshier Memorial Hospital certification to operate a 60-bed skilled nursing facility was rejected by the state Certificate of Need Section on legal grounds, Brunswick administrator Edgar Haywood said Monday.

Magnolia Health Care, which proposed to include the skilled nursing beds as part of a larger retirement community at Supply, filed the appeal with the state Office of Administrative Hearings. Unless there is a major breakthrough, Haywood said, the appeal will be decided by administra-

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Hospital expansion

City approves permit, may seek agreement

By Richard Nubel
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Doshier Memorial Hospital won swift approval from city aldermen Thursday night of a conditional use permit to build and operate a 64-bed skilled nursing facility on the hospital campus.

But, the ease with which city officials granted the hospital request may cost Doshier in the long run.

The Smithville Township hospital plans to build the skilled nursing facility to the rear of the existing main hospital building and will relocate a parking lot on that site farther south on Atlantic Avenue, demolishing Cape Harbor Apartments to make way.

Alderman Paul Fisher suggested the city may have a request hospital trustees can deal with.

"I have no objection to the 64

beds," Fisher told hospital administrator Edgar Haywood. "I do have a concern about Cape Harbor (Apartments) and \$224,000 worth of property taken off the tax scrolls."

When Doshier recently bought the apartment complex it became government property, therefore not subject to ad valorem taxation by the city.

Fisher asked Haywood to schedule a meeting between aldermen and hospital trustees. He said the hospital -- which collects a property tax of four cents per \$100 valuation from residents of Smithville Township -- should pay Southport a sum of money annually in lieu of taxes.

Fisher may have gotten that idea from his service as city liaison to N.C. Eastern Municipal Power Agency.

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County may help Dutchman Acres

Though it is doubtful Southeast Brunswick Sanitary District will have the capacity to treat wastewater from Dutchman Acres, county commissioners Monday said they would help residents of that community seek funds for construction of a wastewater collection system.

At District 3 commissioner Leslie Collier's insistence, county staff will act as honest broker of a possible deal between Dutchman Acres residents and SBSD commissioners.

"These are the kinds of situations of which we have to be aware and see what role the county can play," Collier said.

"We'll do anything we can to help them," county manager Jim Varner said.

In a portion of commissioners' meeting devoted to accepting public comment Monday, Thomas Johnson of the Dutchman Acres community west of Southport said SBSD would build

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Garbage tipping fees of no concern . . . now

By Richard Nubel
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Faced with a \$5-million annual cost of running solid waste management efforts in Brunswick County, county commissioners Monday night staged a public hearing on landfill tipping fees and got no direction from the public.

Commissioners said all proposals to shore up solid waste management efforts would be put on the table and no tipping fees had actually been established yet, even in theory.

"We've not established fees, we're considering them," commissioners' chairman JoAnn Islamy Simmons told Yaupon Beach commissioner Roy

Johnson, who with Yaupon Beach commissioner Bill Smith were the only two county residents to address commissioners.

Johnson's simple "What's it going to cost Yaupon Beach?" went unanswered.

"We now just need public feeling about what we're going to do," county manager Jim Varner said.

Johnson said it had been "rumored" solid waste costs to be passed from Brunswick County to the town could range as high as \$80,000. That would roughly double Yaupon Beach's cost and would force the town to charge its residents more in fees or taxes, Smith said.

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