

## Yaupon

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per-day wastewater disposal capacity for in-town customers at build-out of Yaupon Beach and a 40,000-gallon-per-day wastewater capacity allocation to Point Associates Inc., a development firm building on mainland property on the Intracoastal Waterway just east of the Oak Island bridge.

Point Associates acquired its land from Standard Products, former operator of a menhaden processing plant on the Intracoastal Waterway. While Standard Products owned the parcel, it entered into contract with Yaupon Beach by which it gave the town the seven acres of land on which to spray in exchange for a 40,000-gallon-per-day flow allocation to a residential marina development Standard Products proposed to build.

Point Associates inherited that commitment when it bought the property, but state regulators in 1994 ruled the town did not have treatment capacity sufficient to serve Point Associates' planned development.

With Yaupon Beach unable to provide it sewer service, Point Associates sued the town for breach of contract in October, 1997, asking the court to direct Yaupon Beach to either return the seven-acre tract to it or pay more than \$10,000 for the land.

Point Associates still needs the wastewater treatment capacity. Southeast Brunswick Sanitary District is unable to serve much of the residential development. Regulations established by the federal agency which provides grants and loans to the district for construction of its sewer system prohibit service in areas lying in the 100-year flood plain.

Yaupon Beach has no such restriction on properties it may serve with its wastewater management system. In his communication to commissioners last week, engineer Graham said loans and grants recently acquired by the town would be sufficient to fund the project. Revenues from new users at Point Associates' development would more than offset projected loan repayments.

"The town has secured a \$174,345 grant and (\$364,000) loan from the (N. C. Division of Water Quality) Construction Grants and Loans Section," Graham wrote. "The annual payback of this amount will have to come from user costs."

Discussing the 40,000-gallon-per-day commitment to Point Associates, Graham wrote: "The user fees from this project alone will offset the \$14,000 (annual) loan payback. The town has sufficient staff to operate the new facilities without hiring additional personnel. Therefore, operation and maintenance expenses would not increase significantly as a result of this project and user costs for the current users will not increase as a result of this project."

Commissioners returned to plans to dispose treated wastewater by spraying for irrigation of the seven mainland acres after a study proved spray-irrigation of the Oak Island Golf and Country Club property to be unfeasible. A study of a proposal to spray for irrigation of the golf course was completed recently by consulting engineers with The Wooten Company of Charlotte. They concluded costs associated with spraying on the golf course could not be justified by the limited increase in disposal capacity Yaupon Beach would be afforded.

The Boney firm was working on a plan to spray-irrigate the town's seven mainland acres when it was fired last year.

Investigators believe the first fire, which resulted in damage of nearly \$1.5 million, was caused by an electrical problem.

The April 1 blaze burned for several hours unnoticed because the school did not have a fire detector monitoring system that automatically notifies the Brunswick County Emergency Management Center. An upgraded system was installed at the school after the first fire, and prevented more serious damage from occurring during this second blaze, Logan said.

The fire call for the second blaze came into the EMS center at 2:59 a.m. Monday, and Wise said he was called about 3 a.m.

After spending \$190,000 to have the school cleaned after the first fire, the school system will allocate an additional \$46,000 to clean smoke damage from the second incident.

Leland Middle School principal Diana Mintz called the clean-up effort after the first fire "monumental."

"It was the most incredible task I've ever seen in my life," Mintz told the board of education Monday night. "The building has been cleaned from top to bottom, an area of the building has been demolished and most of the debris hauled away, and seven new learning cottages have been set up for classrooms. The fact that we've been able to get up and running so quickly is a tribute to the cohesiveness of the Brunswick County school system."

Although the second fire was limited to the classroom of first year teacher Suzie Montgomery, she said she lost items that were irreplaceable, such as a bookcase she'd had since she was a child, and a box full of family photos, cards and gifts.

Charred books, desks and chairs were removed from the classroom and Montgomery said she'll set up another classroom that she will likely use through the end of the school year.

## Second fire

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dent of schools Marion Wise.

Although the fire did not seriously damage the school, it caused enough smoke damage to delay the restart of classes three days. Students are expected to return Thursday, and will make up lost time at the end of the school year, Wise said.

Damage from the second fire was estimated to be \$20,000, said Brunswick County Emergency Management Coordinator Cecil Logan.



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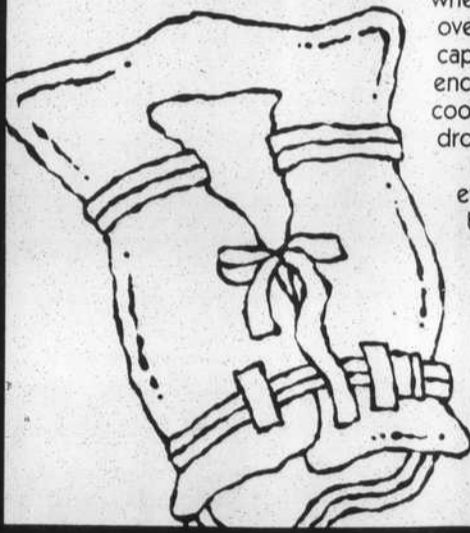
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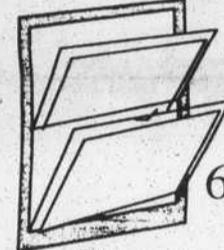
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