

Sunset Harbor experiment County, BEMC to join in line undergrounding

By Terry Pope
County Editor

The trench dug to lay county water lines on the next expansion project at Sunset Harbor will also include conduit for underground utilities by

Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation.

An agreement reached between BEMC and county commissioners Monday will experiment with sharing a trench and easement in one sweep as Carmichael Construction

Co. prepares to start its project. As a result, the contract time limit was extended by 45 days to cover any setbacks.

"Usually the water lines are already down in such projects," said Don Hughes of BEMC. "We have to come in behind them and dig another trench. If this project doesn't work out and we get in the middle of it and it's not working, we're willing to back out and go another way."

BEMC saw the county capital expansion project as an opportunity to dig a single trench and to use the county's easements, creating fewer hassles for the homeowners from having back-to-back utility projects disrupt their driveways and property.

"When you're doing driveway cuts," said assistant county manager Robert Hyatt, "it may be in the best interest to do this."

Carmichael Construction was awarded a \$648,000 contract in August to lay county water lines in the Sunset Harbor and Zion Hill communities, Little Shallotte River Estates and subdivisions near Holden Beach. It will make county water lines available to 1,879 homes and 4,362 lots under a mandatory tap policy that took effect last month.

In Sunset Harbor, residents there have been waiting for years for county water. There are 689 homes and another 1,637 lots that will be served by the expansion project along Zion Hill Road and Sunset Harbor Road.

"Carmichael Construction is ready to go to work as we speak," said Hyatt.

The request was approved unanimously by county commissioners. District 2 commissioner David Sandifer of Holden Beach said there are several pluses but the real winners are the property owners.

"It seems to be much more efficient and easier on our homeowners," said Sandifer.

County engineer Jeff Phillips said there are no state specifications on the separation distance between water and underground utility lines but they should remain about 12 inches apart.

"In most areas where some have tried it, they have liked it," said Phillips. "In other areas some haven't. I believe it's worth a try. If we could ever get them all parallel, side by side, I think it would be beneficial."

It is easier to locate a utility conduit than it is a water line. Finding the BEMC line will help the county locate its water line on such projects.

Obituaries

Raymond Lozelle Major, 74, of Leland

Raymond Lozelle Major of Leland, born November 3, 1923, in Mt. Sterling, IL, died October 13, 1998, at New Hanover Regional Medical Center, Wilmington.

Major grew up in Chambersburg, IL, and attended and graduated from local schools. He served in the U. S. Navy as a pharmacist's mate approximately four years during World War II. Later, he was graduated from Illinois College, Jacksonville, IL, with a bachelor of arts degree. He served as a rural letter carrier with the U. S. Postal Service in the Chambersburg area for 31 years.

He is survived by his wife, Emma Louise Major of Leland; a son, Dr. R. E. Major of Apollo Beach, FL; a brother, James Major of Spring Hill, FL; grandchildren, Erin Major of Santa Barbara, CA, Danna Shultz of Cluster, NJ, Jonathan Major of Grants Pass, OR, Raban Major of Apollo Beach, FL, Christofer Major of Bolivia; a great-grandson, Mason Shultz.

Preceding him in death were his son, Michael Major; parents, Roy and Zoe Major; a brother, Roy Major Jr.

A memorial service for family and friends was held at 11 a.m. Friday, October 16, at Zion Methodist Church, Leland. Memorial gifts may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Andrews Mortuary Market Street Chapel.

Curtis Ray Leach Sr., 49, of Rockwell

Curtis Ray Leach Sr., 49, of Rockwell died Tuesday, October 13, 1998, at Rowan Regional Medical Center, Salisbury.

He was born November 15, 1948, in Rowan County, son of Naomi Well Leach and the late John Henry Leach. He was educated at South Rowan High School and Perdue College; retired from Life of Virginia Insurance after 25 years; and was honorably discharged from the U. S. Marine Corps with rank of staff sergeant. He was also a member of AMVETS Club, Post 845, of Rockwell and the VFW.

Survivors include his wife, Brenda Misenheimer Leach, and son, Curtis Ray Leach Jr. of Rockwell; daughters, Christine Leach Comer of Rockwell and Tammy Leach Lassiter of Faith; mother, Naomi Well Leach of Southport; brothers, John David Leach of Southport and Carl Alfred Leach of Harrisburg; sisters, Shirley Leach Beaver of Kannapolis and Priscella Leach Hughes of Concord; three grandchildren, Savannah and Jonathan Leach and Damien Roberts. A brother, Robert Leach, preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held Friday at West Park Baptist Church, Rockwell, with the Rev. Charles Carver and Brian McMaster officiating. Burial was in Brookhill Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to West Park Baptist Church, 715 West Park Drive, Rockwell, NC 28138.

A Linn-Honeycutt Funeral Home service.

Hazel Greene Fulkerson, 76, of Sanford

Hazel Greene Fulkerson, 76, of Sanford died Tuesday, October 13, 1998, in Southport. She was a native of Stem.

Surviving are a son, Jerry Fulkerson of Southport; daughters, Pat Davis of East Palatka, FL, Joyce Curtis and Phyllis Rhodes of Fayetteville and Deane Johnson of Naples, FL; a brother, Leon Greene of Archdale; sisters Beulah Waddell and Lucille Angel, both of Sanford; nine grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Friday at Bridges Cameron Funeral Chapel by the Rev. Terry Bryant. Burial followed at Lee Memory Gardens.

James Gregory Benson, 39, of Lexington

James Gregory Benson, 39, of Lexington died Sunday, October 18, at Lexington Memorial Hospital.

Benson was born December 23, 1958, in Davie County to Robert F. and Nell Allen Benson and was graduated from Davie County High School in 1977. He worked at Ingersol-Rand for 11 years and formerly was head golf professional at Asheboro Country Club and Hickory Hill Golf and Country Club. He was involved in community work with Toys for Tots and the Richard Petty Community Golf Tournament.

Survivors include his wife, Kim Benson, and son, Nolan Benson, of the home; his parents; one brother, Robin Benson of Mocksville; two sisters, Bobbi Mullis of Mocksville and Debbie Worden of Boiling Spring Lakes.

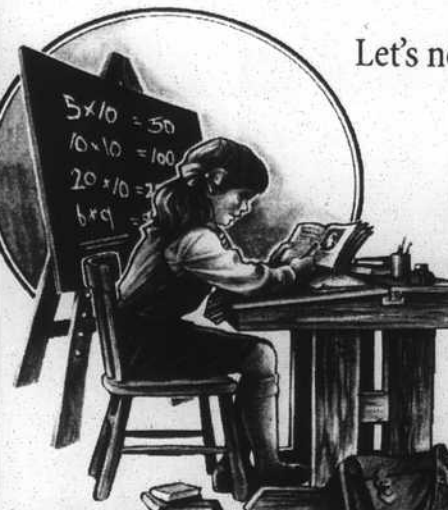
Funeral services were held today (Wednesday) at 11 a.m. at Eaton Funeral Chapel in Mocksville. Interment was in Rose Cemetery.

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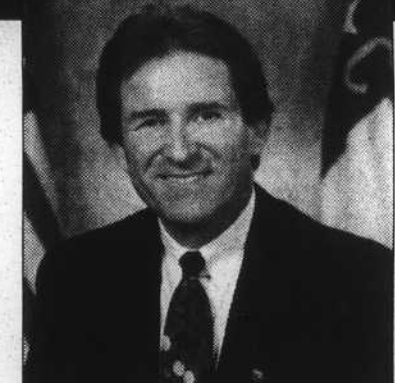
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- Sponsored Legislation to increase penalty for bringing weapons on premises of Domestic Violence Shelters (*from misdemeanor to felony*)



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- Work** with other commissioners to overturn the current mandatory water hookup and availability fee.
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