

# Aldermen hear residents' concerns over possible connector road

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The idea of building a road extension to add better access from Carboro's Wexford Subdivision to Homestead Road brought mixed reactions from the Board of Aldermen on Tuesday night.

"This item was the result of a request of the residents," Planning Director Roy Williford said.

Williford explained two options for a new connector road. The first option would extend Wyndham Drive and cost around \$127,000.

The second option would extend Colfax Drive and cost a little over \$168,500, he said.

"You know it's unrealistic," Alderman Hilliard Caldwell said. He said the plans would have to raise taxes by 10 cents, and the board would not want to do that.

Alderman Jacquelyn Gist called the high costs of the potential road "serious." She said the town could wait for the land to be developed and the developers would be required to build the connector.

A concern was expressed by Alderman Alex Zaffron who said building a road would set a precedent. He said there might be an "expectation to repeat such an action."

Town Attorney Michael Brough said the town "wouldn't be legally compelled to (build future connector roads)." However, there could be a political

expectation to take similar action if the situation arises, he added.

Caldwell said he thought the road was unnecessary for the town to build unless the board was concerned about what kind of access emergency vehicles would have to the area without the road.

Not all of Wexford's residents want the road extensions. Lucy Gallo, a member of Concerned Citizens of Wexford, said the connector could "threaten the livability of three neighborhoods."

She said with the bicyclists on the road and the number of driveways, added traffic on the residential streets would be "conducive to unsafe situations."

"I think we want to retain that small

town, village image," she added.

Gallo also said, "I think (the connector road is) just a matter of timing."

Sometime developers will build connecting roads, she said.

Gallo said she hoped the road would be built in the safest possible way when it is built.

The Board made no final decisions regarding the road extensions. They referred the matter of the connector road to the Transportation Advisory Board for more review before rendering a decision.

They also asked for more information, including estimates of the percentages of internal and external traffic in the area, and decided to take action later.

# Aldermen swimming in debate over pool safety regulations

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Swimming pool regulations might become stricter if the Carboro Board of Aldermen decides to implement new standards.

The aldermen discussed current pool regulations, including fence height and water discharge, at Tuesday's meeting.

Allen Spalt, chairman of the Board of Adjustment, raised concerns his board had developed after reviewing a special exception application for a new swimming pool.

"Currently, there are no rules in Carboro for construction of pools," Spalt said.

Spalt said the Board of Adjustment raised three concerns over swimming pools. He said fencing, pool covers and the emptying of pools were the main issues.

than 4 inches in diameter. Also, gates and doors must be self-closing and self-latching.

"If the residence forms part of the fencing of the pool, (the appendix) requires that there be self-closing doors or audible alarms on the doors so people know the pool door is open," Spalt said.

Alderman Jacquelyn Gist said she was pleased the Board of Adjustment brought the matter of pool fences before the aldermen.

"I'm glad that you brought all this up because I think it's better to be proactive before we have a tragedy and have to react," Gist said.

Spalt also expressed his concern about the drainage of pool water into the ground.

"If a pool is emptied, that's dumping thousands of gallons of water that contains chemicals designed to kill living things into the water system," Spalt said.

Spalt said the Orange Water and Sewer Authority does not allow pool discharge to be connected to the sewer system.

Therefore, Spalt said if a pool is emptied, the water must be drained into the ground.

Alderman Hank Anderson said chlorinated water entering the water system was not a big problem.

"Don't worry about the chlorine," Anderson said. "You can add salt ash to neutralize the chlorine and then the sun takes it out."

The aldermen decided by consensus to refer Appendix F and the issue of pool water discharge to the staff for the development of an ordinance.

"I don't even feel like I'm volunteering because I get so much out of it," Graeter said. "It's a change to work with younger people."

The youthful energy attracts a lot of students. Sophomore Meridyth Park, an assistant coach for Rainbow Soccer, said little kids were full of vitality.

"It is wonderful seeing the little kids with so much energy," Park said.

Park said volunteering helped highlight young people's willingness to work. "Us Generation X-ers on campus are not lazy," Park said. "We are teaching energetic little kids how to play soccer."

## SOCCER

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Because more than 1,700 young athletes participate in league play in the Park and Recreation Department, there is a great need for volunteer help, he said.

Senior Katie Callaghan coaches in the 10- to 12-year-old girl's league. She said she encouraged other students to get involved in volunteering.

"(Coaching) is very organized and flexible," Callaghan said. "Coaching times and practicing schedules are easy to handle."

Recreation Specialist and '93 UNC alumna Sonya Holley said the program's focus was on providing a leisure experience for children in a

noncompetitive and nonthreatening atmosphere.

Holley has expanded the female 6 to 18 program in the past few years.

"Building up the women's program to the level that it is now is like a personal achievement and commitment," Holley said.

Student volunteers facilitate the success of other recreational activities in the area.

More than half of the volunteers for Rainbow Soccer come from the University. For more than 30 years, Rainbow Soccer has offered these volunteer opportunities and league play for people as young as four and as old as 82.

Director Vicky Brawley said she was

amazed at the amount of student participation.

"One of the things that is extremely amazing to me is that this year we have 92 teams, and we have over 300 volunteers," Brawley said. "Over 30 to 40 percent are students from UNC and a few from Duke."

Joannah Roseman, a junior environmental public policy major, said students played an integral role in the program. Because there are two coaches per team and more than 40 teams, students contribute a lot, she said.

"Some are coaches, referees and some work in administration," said Roseman, one of the program's coaches. "(There) are a lot of different facets that constitute (student help)."

Student volunteers also help Rainbow Soccer achieve its goal of promoting the game of soccer as a way to learn teamwork, cooperation and determination. The largest emphasis, though, is fun.

"We are not here so teams can beat

other teams," Roseman said. "We are here to promote teamwork. The kids should be able to learn how to attain goals and have fun."

For many students, what they put into their volunteer work, they get right back.

Sophomore Gabrielle Graeter, a biology major and assistant coach, said the best thing for her was that instead of always being with college students, she got to interact with kids instead.

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**noon to 1 p.m.** - The Center for Teaching and Learning is holding an informal lunch discussion for TAs on "Grading Concerns and Strategies" in Union 208-209.

**2 p.m.** - The Blacks in the Diaspora Lecture Series will be featuring Professor William Darity from the Department of Economics in the Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center. The topic of discussion will focus on race, intelligence and social stratification.

**2 p.m.** - The Orientation Office will hold an interest session in Union 205. Applications available at the interest sessions only!

**3:30 p.m.** - The University Counseling Center in Nash Hall will conduct a minority student support group to discuss the experiences and concerns that arise from being a member of a minority group at UNC.

**4 p.m.** - The UNC Classics Club will present a lecture by Dr. William Race titled "Achilles and the Vietnam War" in 100 Murphey Hall.

**4 p.m.** - University Career Services will conduct a commercial banking/finance/insurance career panel for seniors and graduate students in 209 Hanes Hall. Talk with professionals about opportunities in this career area. Business casual attire recommended.

**5:30 p.m.** - The Lutheran Campus Ministry will hold its weekly Holy Communion in the Lutheran Campus Center. A \$2 meal will follow. All are invited!

**7 p.m.** - The Coalition Against Genocide and the University Center for International Studies will present the film "Bosna!" in 209 Manning Hall. Admission is free.

**7 p.m. to 8 p.m.** - The Japan Club will watch a film titled "Ikiru" and hold a conversation table meeting in 210 Dey Hall.

**7:30 p.m.** - Sangam, the South Asian Awareness Organization, will hold its next general body meeting in Union 209. There will be a debate on racism and south Asia. All are welcome to attend!

**8 p.m.** - Donatè Life will have a meeting in 208 Bingham Hall. Bring a friend!

**8 p.m.** - Duke University will present Nadine Strossen, the first female and the youngest president of the American Civil Liberties Union in a lecture titled "Cyberliberties — censorship and the Internet" in Page Auditorium on West Campus.

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