

# Carrboro to host 2nd annexation hearing

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The Carrboro Board of Aldermen will hold a second public hearing tonight on a controversial proposal for the annexation of two areas northeast of town.

The meeting is aimed at receiving public comments concerning the annexation proposal, said Alderman Mark Chilton.

"In reality, we're handing the floor over to the people who come," he said. "I reckon people will take it where they want to."

Carrboro initiated the annexation process of two areas along Rogers Road, called Northeast Annexation Areas A and B, on Sept. 14.

Area A includes the Camden, Highlands, Highland Meadows and Highlands North subdivisions. Area B is composed of Fox Meadow, Meadow Run and the northern portion of Rogers Road.

About 852 residents live in the areas, which span across 321 acres. Carrboro town officials hosted the first public forum about the proposed annexations Nov. 1. About 100 residents attended, and several denounced the plans outright.

Residents have raised concerns about issues such as differences in property taxes and fire and police services between the towns.

Some have voiced those concerns through petitions to the Chapel Hill Town Council, and others have gone to the state level.

Highland Meadows resident Rhett Macomson, who along with 43 of his neighbors signed an October petition to the Town Council offering voluntary annexation into Chapel Hill, said he plans to attend the meeting tonight.

"I would like to go make a statement that I don't want to be annexed into anybody," he said. "I don't feel it's beneficial, for the cost."

Highlands resident Mark Gill e-mailed every member of the N.C. General Assembly for support in opposing the annexations. He said he had heard from four representatives and one senator as of Monday. "They're concerned. They want to know more about what's going on."

The Highlands subdivision also delivered a petition for voluntary annexation into Chapel Hill to the Town Council, in response to Carrboro's annexation plans.

The council reviewed both petitions at its Nov. 8 meeting and determined that Chapel Hill cannot legally annex the neighborhoods.

## 2 CIA officials resign from agency posts

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The top two officials in the CIA's clandestine service have resigned after confrontations with the agency's new leadership in an unusually public shake-up at the nation's spy service.

The CIA's Deputy Director for Operations Stephen Kappes and his immediate deputy, Michael Sulick, told colleagues at a morning meeting that they are leaving the agency.

It's unclear if they elected to depart or were asked to step down.

Both men were part of the CIA's Directorate of Operations, or clandestine service, which is responsible for covert operations around the globe.

"It is very fair to say there is tremendous turmoil in the middle ranks of the clandestine service today," said Vince Cannistraro, former CIA counterterrorism chief. "There may be eight people pushed out."

Signals from elsewhere pointed to internal conflict.

Current agency officials are not allowed to talk with the media without permission, but have been in touch with former intelligence officials. Speaking on condition of anonymity, former officials described intense friction within the agency as Director Porter Goss, who took the helm in September, gets settled.

A former head of the Directorate of Operations, Thomas Twetten, described the situation at the CIA as "a disaster."

"What is happening is that somebody in high places — or several persons in high places — have decided that CIA should be punished," said Twetten, who did his CIA training with Goss and has been trying to reach him in recent weeks.

Cannistraro said there is concern within the agency that Vice President Cheney is ordering changes to avenge leaks to the media indicating there was no connection between former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and al-Qaida.

A spokesman for Cheney did not return a call seeking comment.

## ANNEXATION COSTS

Expense estimates are per \$100,000 of property value currently and after annexation.

	NEW HOPE	CARRBORO
Orange County	\$880	\$880
School District	\$200	\$200
Area Tax Expenses	\$65	\$714.80
Current Total Tax	\$1,145	\$1,794.80
Approx. Homeowner Insurance (frame)	\$325	\$217
Sub Total	\$1,470	\$2,011.80
Garbage	\$240	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,710</b>	<b>\$2,011.80</b>

SOURCE: TOWN OF CARRBORO  
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Annexation into Chapel Hill would violate the two towns' 1987 Joint Planning Agreement and 1995 Annexation Agreement.

Carrboro, having annexed the areas first, also has prior jurisdiction, according to state law.

Council members voted to refer all public comments to the aldermen.

But Macomson said he thinks Carrboro is moving ahead with annexation, regardless of public commentary. "The decision has already been made," he said. "To me, it sounds like it's a done deal."

Gill said Carrboro has not adequately communicated with residents on the process. "We're not being treated as people anymore, just property," he said. "Carrboro cares about what Carrboro wants."

Chilton said the aldermen likely would make a decision in January or February. Under the proposals, the annexations would go into effect Jan. 31, 2006.

Tonight's hearing will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Carrboro Century Center.

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Where self-expression, skin and ink meet, there's a permanent trend on the rise — tattoos are bleeding into the mainstream.

"There are very few things in this world that you can buy that will last you a lifetime," said Byron Wallace, the owner of Warlock's Tattoo and Body Piercing in Raleigh.

In 1996, U.S. News and World Report ranked tattooing as the 6th fastest-growing retail venture. Wallace, who has been in the tattoo business for 25 years and owns shops in Wake Forest and Clayton, estimated there are now 41 million tattooed Americans.

Wallace noted that a significant number of his shop's patrons, who range from teachers to medical professionals, are between the ages of 40 and 60. The oldest person he has tattooed was 76 years old.

But generation Y wants tattoos, too. At least half of the clientele at Glenn's Tattoo Service on Carrboro's West Main Street is made up of college students, said the shop's piercing artist, Robert Bland.

Bland, who has worked at Glenn's for three years, said business tends to be slower during this time of year — they only tattoo one or two people a day as the weather gets colder and people start saving money for the holidays.

At Glenn's, tattoos range from \$40 to upwards of \$1,000, depending mainly on size and the number of hours spent under the needle.

The most popular places on the body to be tattooed are the upper arm and shoulder for men and the lower back and hip for women, Bland said.

He gave a handful of reasons for why a person might get a tattoo: a milestone or commemoration, a girlfriend or boyfriend — or just because it looks cool.

Sophomore Caroline Russell,



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Tattoo artist Thomas "Ugly" Michael designs a tattoo for Ericka Carter at Glenn's Tattoo Service Inc. in Carrboro. Carter came with friend Alma Phillips to get the tattoo as a tribute to her late boyfriend, Demarcus Smith.

who has tiger lilies tattooed on her lower back, said getting a tattoo a few years ago was partially about rebelling against her parents.

"I've always been fascinated with tattoos for some reason," she said.

Bland said tattoos have taken a definitive turn toward popular culture. "Pretty soon, it will reach its pinnacle of acceptability," he said. "It would surprise me if it got much more accepted than it is now."

Although Bland joked that the basic equipment used for tattooing is essentially the same as its 19th-century predecessor — Thomas Edison's electric engraving pen — Wallace is certain that the field is improving to include better artists and better equipment, pigments, needles and techniques.

"A lot of talented kids come in here that have their own style and can apply it to tattooing," Wallace said.

Wallace said the majority of tattoo artists, himself included, have no formal art training. A neighbor taught him basic drawing and color-blending skills.

Similarly, the two artists at Glenn's, Glenn Wilson and Tom Michael, have a natural ability for drawing but no art degrees.

"Both Glenn and Tom are amazing painters and sketch artists," Bland said.

Even with Wilson and Michael's freehand tattoo skills, the majority of their work, including many stars, Chinese symbols, names, butterflies and tribal armbands, comes off the walls of their shop.

UNC junior Rob Warren, who sports a silver ring through his nostrils — the area between the nostrils — said he doesn't have a tattoo yet but is planning several, including a piece based on Dante's "Divine Comedy" that will cover one entire leg.

But junior Aaron Joachim, a student taking a year off from Harvard University and visiting a friend at UNC, said he's not interested in getting a tattoo.

"Society keeps finding ways to shock itself, and it becomes increasingly less shocking," he said. "That's what always happens with things on the fringe. They become more mainstream."

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