

Brierwood Developer To Offer Streets To Town Of Shallotte

BY DOUG RUTTER

Shallotte maintenance workers may soon have a few more miles of roadway to care for if a local developer and the town board reach agreement.

Brierwood Estates developer Larry Shreve said last week he will ask the town board of aldermen to take over maintenance of streets in annexed areas of the golf course subdivision as soon as an ongoing road improvement project is completed.

Shreve, president of S&W Investments Ltd., said he met a few months ago with a town committee which examined all of the streets in the community and determined where improvements were needed.

After receiving town input, Shreve said he had those bad portions of the road cut out and leveled off with about \$7,500 worth of Aggregate Base Course (ABC gravel). He said the streets are now ready to be paved and should be completed in the near future, depending on the weather.

The developer's intentions to offer the streets for dedication were discussed briefly during the Sept. 7 town board meeting.

At that time, board members said they would not take over maintenance of the streets before they were improved. Mayor Pro Tem Paul Wayne Reeves said he wanted the roads brought up to state standards, but board members later noted that the town can only require the roads to meet specifications outlined in its code of ordinances.

Shallotte Mayor Jerry Jones reiterated in a phone interview last week that the town board will not accept the streets in Brierwood unless they are brought up to the town's specifications.

"He's been told there have to be some corrections made, and I know he's trying to get it done," the mayor said. "He's making an effort. He's in the process of preparing the streets so the town will take them over."

Town code states that before any

street offered for dedication is accepted, the board must give its approval finding that the street complies with engineering standards set by the board and that the best interests of the town would be served by accepting the street.

According to Shreve, the streets will meet town specifications once they are completed. He said the paving contract with MAC Construction Company calls for the streets to be constructed to town specifications.

Town street specifications, according to town code, include requirements for a 60-foot right-of-way, stabilized surface and pavement widths of at least 18 feet, slopes of no more than five percent and a minimum shoulder width of six feet on both sides.

Street surfaces must be stabilized with either four inches of ABC or six inches of soil type base course composed of a mixture of sand and clay suitable for stabilizing the street surface in all weather conditions.

Shreve also said acceptance of the streets would be in the best interest of Shallotte since the Brierwood Estates subdivision and the town both have a lot to offer each other.

While there are still a few individual lots in Brierwood that have not been annexed, most of the subdivision's residential area is in town and already receives water and sewer service, police protection and trash pickup. The golf course and related areas have not been offered for voluntary annexation.

Most of the community was annexed in late 1983 and the first half of 1984. Shreve said two previous requests for the town to take over maintenance of the streets were denied although town officials had identified the areas that needed repair.

"If it was not taken it was due to the fact that the town board felt they needed more repairs done to them," said Mayor Jones.

This is the first time, said Shreve last week, in which he has worked with a town committee to determine areas needing improvement and that the town may be more willing to accept the streets when they are offered again.

"I think the town will be fair," he said. "The town officials are fair people."



PAUL SCHAFFER of S&W Investments Ltd. uses a backhoe to level gravel on Country Club Drive in Brierwood Estates in preparation for a paving project

throughout the subdivision. Developer Larry Shreve said he plans to ask the Town of Shallotte to take over maintenance of the streets once they're paved.

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A CAPTION which appeared with this photograph in the Sept. 15 issue of The Brunswick Beacon stated that this street, at the intersection of Country Club Drive and Sandtrap Drive is in drastic need of repair. According to developer Larry Shreve, this road was under construction when the photograph was taken. Others in the development are being repaired.

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IN WILMINGTON

CRC Meets Today, Friday

Two public hearings will be held when the Coastal Resources Commission (CRC) meets Sept. 22 and 23 at the Wilmington Hilton at 301 North Water Street.

The hearings will be held at 10 a.m. today. Comments will be heard on a new rule that establishes a procedure for the public to follow in petitioning the CRC for rules changes and on a revision of the existing general permit for constructing bulkheads. The proposed change would make it easier to use riprap for estuarine shoreline protection.

At 9 a.m., before the hearings, the commission will hear reports on the new federal flood insurance provision for relocating erosion-threatened structures and Mobil Oil's exploration proposal.

After the hearings, updates will be

given on the Environmental Management Commission's consideration of outstanding resource waters nominations, the Albemarle-Pamlico Estuarine Study and the Governor's Coastal Initiative.

At 1:15 p.m. Thursday, concurrent committee meetings will be held. The Planning and Special Issues Committee will hear updates on Buxton Woods activities, efforts to monitor water quality through permit conditions and Beach Sweep '88. Land use plan updates, a plan amendment and updating the state's land use planning guidelines will also be discussed.

The Implementation and Standards Committee will review comments from the public hearings on the proposed rules, discuss potential rules to address "total development" issues and the construction of temporary structures in areas of en-

vironmental concerns (AECs). Financing sand removal at the Jockey's Ridge AEC, land and water use conflicts and Texasgulf's restoration of a 1986 violation will be considered as well.

At 3:45 p.m. the Albemarle-Pamlico and Governor's Coastal Initiative ad hoc committees will meet. Then, at 9 p.m. CRC chairman Daniel V. Besse will present the 1988 Euregardner Award jointly to the Friends of Hatteras Island and Dare County for their outstanding efforts to protect Buxton woods, an endangered barrier island natural area.

On Friday, Sept. 23, the full commission will hear reports from the standing and ad hoc committees and take action as necessary.

Sessions on Thursday and Friday begin at 9 a.m. and are open to the public.

Agency Taking Applications For Home Weatherization Aid

Brunswick County's Public Housing Agency will begin accepting applications for weatherization of housing units today (Sept. 22).

Applications are being taken at the Public Housing Agency office, located in Room 103 of the Planning and Resources Development building at the county government center in Bolivia. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Director Perita B. Price said applications from eligible elderly, disabled and handicapped will be given top priority. Applicants' household income levels must meet certain guidelines and the units considered for weatherization must also meet certain criteria. Details are available from Price's office.

She said the goal of the weatherization assistance program is to provide quality home weatherization with the highest degree of energy savings at the lowest cost for the county's low-income elderly, disabled and handicapped citizens and other low-income households.

Workers will improve the thermal efficiency of the homes, increasing the householders' personal comfort and saving utility costs.

In addition to measures such as eliminating the source of drafts and otherwise making the units more weatherproof, the program will educate participating consumers. In-

formation will be provided on making more efficient use of appliances, how to read meters and compute bills and how to participate in money saving programs offered by local utilities, such as Brunswick Electric's load management program.

Once the project is completed, the units will be evaluated on the basis of before-and-after utility consumption rates.

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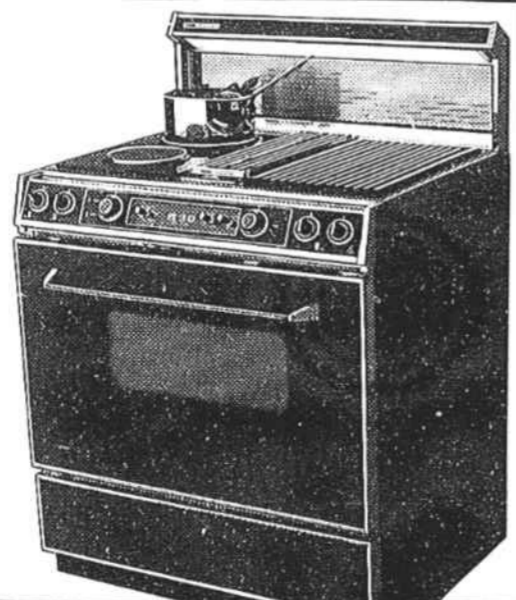
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