

Holden Planning Board Recommends Town Hire Waste Management Worker

BY DOUG RUTTER

Holden Beach Planning and Zoning Board has recommended the town hire someone to inspect wastewater systems and notify county health officials if they malfunction.

The proposed wastewater management division would set up an inspection, testing and maintenance program; monitor new types of systems; educate homeowners and coordinate its activities with county and state officials.

Planning board members and town commissioners discussed recommendations at a joint meeting Monday night. They plan to meet several more times before starting the new program.

If it's implemented, Planning Board Vice Chairman Sid Swarts said Holden Beach would be the first community in the county that he knows of with this type of wastewater management program.

Interim Town Manager Diane Clark said at least one town has an ordinance requiring the periodic pumping of septic tanks, but there aren't any towns with comprehensive programs.

"It sounds to me like it may be one of the significant things that has happened in this town," Mayor John Tandy said Monday night.

Town officials want to meet with Brunswick County Health Department officials and wastewater experts before they decide whether or not to move forward with the program.

"I think the start that you've made looks good," Mayor pro tem Gloria Barrett told the planning board Monday. "I believe we could do it and it would solve our problems for years to come, although it wouldn't be a permanent solution."

Town commissioners voted last year to work toward a management program and

A proposed wastewater management program at Holden Beach would be the first of its kind if adopted.

mention it in the update of the Holden Beach Land Use Plan, a guide for development over the next 10 years.

A survey done in conjunction with the land use plan showed that most residents are pleased with septic tanks but think the town should ensure they aren't overloaded.

Although in support of the program, Commissioner Bob Buck said Monday that there are a several questions still unanswered.

Among other things, he said officials have to decide who would pay for the program and who would enforce it.

Swarts said whoever the town hires to perform inspections wouldn't be able to condemn buildings with faulty wastewater systems. Problems would be reported to county health officials for action.

"If we depend on the county health department to enforce it, we've got a problem," Buck said. "That's been proven over and over again."

Commissioners aren't sure how much the program would cost. They talked about paying for it with a tax increase or an addition to the quarterly water bills.

Town officials agreed that the program would work best if it was preventive rather than enforcement-oriented. "Rather than a black hat, we need a white hat out there," Swarts said.

If the town implements a program,

Tandy said it would have to be evaluated in about a year to check results.

"It would appear to me that this is a step that could fill a void between now and a sewer system, whenever that may be," he said.

Swarts said starting a management program might help people who own lots that haven't qualified for septic tank permits in the past.

Planning board member Roger Williams said several mainland residents told him recently that it's about time the town did something to control its wastewater and reduce pollution.

State officials have closed more and more shellfish waters near Holden Beach in recent years due to bacterial pollution.

However, two recent studies haven't concluded that septic tanks on the island are malfunctioning and causing pollution.

Pavilion To Be Blocked Off

(Continued From Page 1-A)
Alan Holden, who owns a real estate and construction company at Holden Beach, said he's willing to use his equipment to remove the debris. The town board agreed to pay up to \$2,000 for the work.

If the owners agree following a closer look at the site, commissioners also voted to pay for removal of all or part of the wooden "wings" on both sides of the bulkhead. That work would be included in the \$2,000.

Town officials and the owners discussed the possibility of tearing down the wooden sections of the bulkhead and using sandbags to protect the streets. They agreed that piles of sand would wash away in a short time.

Building Inspector Dwight Carroll said the state probably would allow the town to use sandbags to protect the streets. A permit would be needed to put sandbags on the beach.

Commissioner Kenner Amos said the town should get an engineer's opinion before it puts any money into a sandbag project.

Alan Holden said officials with the N.C. Division of Coastal Management have refused to say that the pavilion is threatened by erosion because it isn't within 20 feet of the beach.

Without documentation stating

that the structure is in danger, Holden said the owners can't get reimbursement from the federal flood insurance program for its relocation or demolition.

Town officials and the Holdens agreed that the public parking areas and beach walkways at Holden Street and Ferry Road are used more than any others on the island.

Since the pavilion was built in the 1930s, Alan Holden estimated that twice as many people have used its accesses than any others on Holden Beach.

Tandy said the town and business owners probably can get through this tourist season without a major project, but they need a long-term plan for the pavilion and public parking areas.

Holden said he's willing to do whatever he can to ensure the continued use of the parking area. Keeping the parking spaces there would be good for the town and the business.

But if the pavilion is moved or torn down, he said the land would be used for some other purpose. The owners would not allow parking to block access to the property.

Holden said the erosion problem is nothing new at the pavilion—his grandfather had to deal with it when he owned the property. "We have fought this battle for three generations in that location," he said.

Historic Site Shuts Down

Brunswick Town State Historic Site has been closed indefinitely due to safety concerns relating to the unloading of ammunition at the neighboring Military Ocean Terminal at Sunny Point.

The historic site on the Cape Fear River shut down earlier this month and will stay closed until further notice, upon orders of officers at the adjacent military terminal.

Workers at Sunny Point, the largest ammunition terminal in the free world, are removing ammunition from ships returning from the Persian Gulf war.

The terminal is operating at full capacity, with six ships being unloaded at a time at three wharves, according to Sunny Point Public Affairs Officer Myrtle Meade.

Brunswick Town is located between Southport and Wilmington off N.C. 133 next to Orton Plantation.

It is the site of remains of the colonial port town of Brunswick and the great earth mounds of Fort Anderson, built a century later by the Confederate Army.

School Board To 'Retreat' To Chapel Hill Institute

Brunswick County Board of Education members leave Friday for a 1 1/2-day "retreat" at the Institute of Government at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Superintendent P.R. Hankins and District 5 school board member Yvonne Bright were charged with putting together the program.

Staff of the Institute of Government will lead sessions on the roles and functions of the board. "That is why we chose that location," said Hankins.

School board members have completed in advance psychological profiles that facilitators will use during the workshop.

In addition, school system administrators will brief the board on some of the programs that draw the most calls and questions from residents: special education, child nutrition and reading and language arts. Items that aren't discussed fully at the retreat will be followed up on at a later date, said Hankins.

Board members also hope to look

at some of the long-range planning committee's work over the past several months.

"We are feeling good about it," said Hankins, noting that staff members planned to take one day this week to finish their preparations. "It will take some work on our (staff's) part and sacrifice by our board members as well."

Board member and staff plan a half day's work Friday and an all-day session Saturday at Chapel Hill.

The Institute of Government was founded to help train local public officials in the powers and responsibilities of their jobs and to serve as an information clearinghouse.

Chairman Donna Baxter, before taking the office, had tried to set up a board retreat last year. She ran into problems, however, when she tentatively scheduled it on Bald Head Island, limiting public access to the site.

The retreat is an official workshop meeting of the board and is open to the public.

Forecast Calls For More Rain

More rain is in the forecast for the South Brunswick Islands area, along with near-normal temperatures.

Shalotte Point meteorologist Jackson Canady said the outlook calls for slightly above average rainfall, about three-quarters of an inch. During the period April 17-22 he measured 2.75 inches of rainfall at his residence.

Temperatures over the next few days are expected to average from the mid-50s at night to the upper 70s during the daytime.

During the April 17-22 measurement period, Canady recorded a maximum high temperature of 83 degrees, which occurred on the

18th. The minimum low of 43 degrees occurred on the 22nd.

Canady said a daily average high of 73 degrees combined with an average nightly low of 57 degrees for a daily average temperature of 65 degrees, which was about one degree below the average for this time of year.

ORTHOPEDIC

Sale
Save 50% to 70%

Firm II Inner Springs 2 Yr. Warranty
Twin Set '89"
Full Set '101"
Queen Set '129"

Extra Firm 312 Coil 10 Yr. Warranty
Twin Set '119"
Full Set '139"
Queen Set '169"
King Set '239"

*COD's Welcome *Layaways
Crib Matts and Day Beds
Custom Mattress Sizes Available

Back Comfort Supreme 20 Yr. Warranty
Twin Set '139"
Full Set '175"
Queen Set '209"
King Set '329"

Golden Sleep Imperial 20 Yr. Warranty
Twin Set '169"
Full Set '205"
Queen Set '239"
King Set '359"

Pieces also Sold Separately
YOUR CHOICE WITH \$150 BED PURCHASE
FREE BEDFRAME
FREE PILLOW
FREE CITY DELIVERY

Bring Ad for Extra \$10.00 Off Purchase of Extra Firm or Back Comfort Set

Factory MATTRESS Outlet

"More Quality For Less Price"

Formerly R&R MATTRESS OUTLET
HWY. 17, SHALLOTTE
SHALLOTTE PLAZA
754-5727
17th & Market St., Wilmington
762-7331
Mon.-Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-4
OPEN WEDNESDAYS

5% Senior Citizens Discount

ENJOY MORE AFFORDABLE INSURANCE!



Nationwide's Home & Car Discount

There has never been a better time to insure your home and car with Nationwide!

Now, eligible Nationwide® car insurance policyholders who also insure their home with one of Nationwide's qualifying homeowners policies will receive a special money-saving discount on their home insurance AND another money-saving discount on their car insurance.



Phillip Cheers
4920-A Main St.,
Shalotte
754-4366

NATIONWIDE INSURANCE

Nationwide is on your side
Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company and Affiliated Companies
Home Office: Columbus, OH 43216
Nationwide® is a registered federal service mark of Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company

Checkpoint Results In Arrests

(Continued From Page 1-A)
possession with intent to sell and deliver marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Marcos Augustus Ceasar, a drug dog handled by State Trooper Jerry Dove, allegedly found the drugs in a 1989 Ford Bronco II driven by Blackwood, Crocker said.

The arrests were made around 7:50 p.m. at a roadblock on N.C. 130 just inside the Brunswick County line near Freeland.

Officers confiscated more than a half-pound of marijuana, 3.5 grams of cocaine and 1.6 grams of hashish, said Crocker. The truck was impounded by sheriff's deputies.

The suspects were released from the Brunswick County Jail Monday morning under \$10,000 bond each, he said.

"These are narcotic checkpoints that will also be established in the future, with cooperation of the State Highway Patrol," Crocker said. "It's a combination of the Highway Patrol and narcotics unit knowing what to stop and what to look for."

Another roadblock on U.S. 17 in Leland resulted in the arrest of three people on drug charges March 29-30.

Lynne Powell, 35, of Holden Beach, was arrested March 29 on charges of possession with intent to sell and deliver marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and maintaining a vehicle to keep a controlled substance, Crocker said. The arrest was made by Brunswick County Sheriff's Detective Doug Todd.

Ms. Powell's 1984 Toyota was also confiscated by the sheriff's department. She was released from the Brunswick County Jail under \$5,000 bond.

Three men, two from Pennsylvania and one from Camp Lejeune, were arrested at the same checkpoint in Leland on March 30.

James Patrick Dolan and Keith P. Lanigan, both of Pennsylvania, and John E. Dixon II, of Camp Lejeune, were each charged with misdemeanor possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

All of the defendants are awaiting trial in Brunswick County District Court.

Crocker said the checkpoint program will continue at random, unannounced locations in the county.

"We've had three so far and we've made arrests at all three, so it's been successful," he added.

Emotional Residents Ask State To Torch Pet Crematory Permit

(Continued From Page 1-A)
"Anything else, and he would be in jeopardy of losing his license."

Laura Butler, assistant in charge of the DEM air quality permit branch, said the proposed incinerator should comply with all air emission standards set by the state. The state has determined the permit can be issued, she added.

"There are no toxic emissions from this facility," said Ms. Butler. Currie's attorney agreed.

"We think that is a correct decision," said Shell, who added that an identical permit has been issued for a crematorium in Carteret County.

"It's the type of facility that is in operation all over North Carolina and the United States," Shell said. "There's no reason why this permit should not be granted."

District 4 County Commissioner Frankie Rabon countered with comments that brought a large applause from the audience. He said the incinerator would cause "undo destruction" and urged DEM to "rid itself of a hazard before it becomes a problem."

"If the remains are to be disposed of on site, then the water quality issue must be addressed," Rabon said. "If the remains are to be disposed of by vehicle, then the traffic issue must be addressed."

Diana Holland said her husband provides the only maintenance on the road where the crematorium is proposed.

"This operation is going to change the quality of our lives drastically," Ms. Holland said. "There are more appropriate areas to put a crematorium like this."

She asked that DEM officials monitor the unit for toxic emissions every three months, inspect the site

for proper storage of animal carcasses and approve of areas where the ashes are to be deposited.

Resident Jane Moore, a licensed real estate broker, said property values of area homes will drop.

"We're not opposed to businesses and industry locating in Brunswick County," Ms. Moore said. "We just say that there's a more appropriate place to put it."

Winnabow Volunteer Fireman Richard Love said his department is concerned about the propane storage tanks that would be used at the site. The fire department is not equipped to fight a large propane fire.

"Should all of our dreams be shattered because of one man's greed?" asked resident Michael Moores, who also lives on the road of the proposed site.

Steve Wall says he owns property about 800 feet from the incinerator and would be afraid to cook out on a grill if the crematorium is allowed.

"We don't want this thing in our neighborhood," Wall said. "We're upset about it."

AT OCEAN ISLE BRING HOME THE BEACON

On Sale At
ISLANDER RESTAURANT
OCEAN ISLE BEACH SHOP
OCEAN ISLE EXXON STATION
OCEAN ISLE PIER
OCEAN ISLE SEAFOOD
OCEAN ISLE SUPERMARKET
PARTY MART
SHEFFIELD'S

Big Oak Mobile Home Supplies

"See us for all your mobile home needs."

NEW! Garden Shop
for your Lawn & Garden Supplies

★ Special Anvil Elastomeric ★
Mobile Home/RV
Roof Coating 5 gal. only \$66.99

Blueberry Farm Rd., Shalotte • 754-9663

STATEMENT SAVINGS

7.00% ANNUAL RATE **7.25% YIELD**

- \$100.00 Minimum Balance
- Unlimited Withdrawals
- Interest Posted Quarterly
- Interest Compounded Daily

First Investors SAVINGS BANK

Coastal Plaza
Shalotte, NC 28459

Business Hours
Mon.-Thurs.
9 AM-5 PM
Fri. 9 AM-6 PM
Drive-In Opens
at 8:30 AM
754-5400

HOW TO SUBSCRIBE TO THE BRUNSWICK BEACON

POST OFFICE BOX 2558
SHALLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA 28459

NOTICE: Reliable or consistent delivery cannot be guaranteed since this newspaper must rely on the U.S. Postal Service for delivery. We can only guarantee that your newspaper will be submitted to the post office in Shalotte on Wednesday of the week of publication, in time for dispatch to out-of-town addresses that day.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION RATES BY MAIL:	Sr. Citizen	
In Brunswick County	\$6.30	\$5.30
N.C. Sales Tax	.32	.27
Postage Charge	3.68	3.68
TOTAL	10.30	9.25
Elsewhere in North Carolina	\$6.30	\$5.30
N.C. Sales Tax	.32	.27
Postage Charge	8.18	8.18
TOTAL	14.80	13.75
Outside North Carolina	\$6.30	\$5.30
Postage Charge	9.65	9.65
TOTAL	15.95	14.95

Complete And Return To Above Address

Name

Address

City, State

Zip