

# Varnamtown Residents Ready For Brunswick's 911 System

BY DORI COSGROVE GURGANUS

Varnamtown residents have new street names and house numbers, but can't use their new addresses yet.

Alderman Ada McDonald told fellow town board members at Monday's regular meeting that she and Mayor Judy Galloway had finished assigning numbers to each house, except for some property of which ownership is unsure.

Mrs. McDonald stressed that while Varnamtown residents have their new addresses, they are not to use or distribute them in any way until they are granted permission by Brunswick County officials. People who have ordered checks printed with their new address should

scratch the address off the check, or put them aside for later use.

The county will notify each resident of the date on which they will be permitted to use the new official addresses, she said. Assigning street names and house numbers are preliminary steps in development of the countywide 911 emergency response system.

If Brunswick County officials find out that a resident has used his/her new address before that date, a warning will be issued to that resident, and the post office could even refuse to deliver mail to that address.

Mrs. McDonald said that the date will be announced or in effect by November, as requested by Lee

Hitchcock, 911 coordinator with the Brunswick County Planning Department. In a related discussion, Mayor Galloway noted the continued need for a town house numbering ordinance. She stated that the board is considering specific requirements of size and type of material for the numbers posted on each house.

### No Subdivision Rules Now

When the need arises, Varnamtown plans to develop a subdivision ordinance of its own, members decided Monday night after lengthy discussion.

Mayor Galloway and Alderman Swain went over the different North Carolina and Brunswick County laws which require Varnamtown to develop its own ordinance if it decides to regulate subdivisions. It

can't "borrow" an ordinance from another community or county.

### Attorney Hired

Mayor Galloway introduced the town's new attorney, Michael Ramos, who said his one-year contract outlining fees and terms was "still in the mail." The contract still has to be signed by all parties.

### Other Business

In other business aldermen:

Agreed to hold an open house at town hall in conjunction with the Varnamtown Founder's Day Celebration Sept. 28, with plans to be completed at the Sept. 16 board meeting.

Heard from Alderman Swain that installation of new street lights has been delayed due to inclement

weather, but work should begin soon.

Offered suggestions for purchase of a vacuum cleaner, broom, and doormats for town hall. Plans for contracting a regular cleaning crew and lawn mowing crew were referred to the Grounds and Building Committee.

At the suggestion of Mayor

Galloway, agreed to look into prices and materials for a town hall parking lot.

Heard from Finance Committee Chairman Ennis Swain that all bills had been paid and that the town has \$41,963.02 in the bank.

Alderman Roger Robinson and Town Clerk Paul Vealey were absent.

## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

### White Elected Chairwoman



WHITE

Anita White, executive director of the Brunswick Interagency Transportation System (BITS) board of directors. She will serve in that capacity until June 1992. BITS is a non-profit organization established by the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners in 1989 to oversee operation of human service vans managed by the county and Brunswick Interagency Program (BIP). BIP is a compensatory education program housed at Brunswick Community College.

### Receives Crown

Shanta Ritannica Vaught, seven-year-old daughter of Shelia P. Vaught of Calabash, was crowned "America's United Cover Miss 1991-92" Aug. 10 at the Center Theatre, Hartsville, S.C.

Her photo appears on the America's United Miss and Master America USA national program book, which will be distributed to modeling agencies and

casting directors. Competition was in several areas, including talent. Shanta sang an arrangement of *The Star Spangled Banner*.

### Poole Recognized

Vickie Poole, a Girl Scout volunteer from Shallotte, was recognized at the Council of Coastal Carolina, Inc.'s annual Trainers' Conference Aug. 9-11 in Kinston.

She received a service award from Ursula Pombier, council executive director, for having spent 125 hours in training other adult Girl Scout volunteers.

The regional council, a United Way agency, serves 13,000 girls and adults in Brunswick and 24 other eastern North Carolina counties.

### Soldier Returns

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Steven W. Millican, son of Eunice I. Long of Route 3, Leland, recently returned from deployment to the Middle East in support of Operation Desert Storm.

Millican, a 1981 graduate of North Brunswick High School, served aboard the destroyer USS *Paul F. Foster*, homeported in Long Beach, Calif. He joined the Navy in July 1981.

## Calabash Hires Firm To Study Sewer Needs

BY DOUG RUTTER

Calabash officials have hired a Myrtle Beach, S.C., engineering firm to study the town's wastewater treatment needs.

Commissioners voted to hire Powell Associates last week after meeting with representatives of two firms in executive session to discuss contractual relations.

With Mayor Doug Simmons and Commissioner Ray Card absent, the town board met with engineers from Powell Associates and The Wooten Company of Raleigh.

The two engineering firms were among six that submitted proposals to the town earlier this year for a sewer needs study.

Most of Calabash's residents live in Carolina Shores and already receive sewer service from a private utility, Carolina Blythe.

The rest of the residents and most of the restaurants and businesses use septic tank systems for sewage treatment and disposal.

Town officials said Powell Associates will be paid \$14,500 for the study. The money will come from the portion of state sales tax that must be used for water and sewer projects.

Commissioner Keith Hardee said the users of any new sewer system, and not Carolina Shores residents, would be the ones who ultimately pay for the system and the study.

"We pay for the whole nine yards," said Hardee, who lives in the section of town not presently served by sewer.

### Board Won't Listen

Despite recent changes on the Calabash Planning and Zoning Board and pledges of better communication, commissioners and planning board members still aren't seeing eye to eye.

Commissioner Stu Thorn, who acts as a liaison between the two boards, said the planning board has been duplicating things that have already been done and taking actions it isn't authorized to take.

"They don't listen to us," Thorn told commissioners last week. "I'm pointing out that no matter what's said to these people they do what they want to do."

Thorn said the planning board's annexation committee asked Marsh Harbour Marina for a letter requesting annexation—something commissioners did more than a year ago.

The planning board also voted to hire someone to study the number of people using the trash dump and the volume of solid waste being generated.

Commissioners said they already have those figures, and approved a motion from Jon Sanborn preventing the planning board from hiring someone to study solid waste without commission approval.

Town commissioners reversed another planning board action last week relating to street names. A letter will be sent to the county objecting to proposed changes in road names previously endorsed by the planning board.

Also, Thorn said the planning board asked Brunswick County Commissioners to object to a state legislature redistricting plan that would create a new district in Brunswick and Columbus counties.

"I'm just telling you they're going a little hog wild," Thorn said. "They don't listen."

Planning board member Louise Lewis recently resigned her position. The town board has recommended county commissioners appoint Tom Roberts as a new representative from the extraterritorial

area.

In other business last week, commissioners reviewed several proposed ordinances that will come up for public hearing Sept. 10, including one that would establish an appearance commission.

The board also discussed possible changes in the recycling program and agreed to hire a part-time bookkeeper.

### Calabash Board Cancels Meeting

The Calabash Board of Adjustment had to cancel its meeting last Wednesday because it failed to have a quorum.

Absent were Ray Card, Doug Simmons and Ed Rice from the town and Bob Crocker and Elbert Antonucci from the extraterritorial area.

The board was scheduled to discuss a sign variance requested by Linda and Gwyn's Boutique.

Town Clerk Janet Thomas said Tuesday that the board had not scheduled a special meeting to discuss the case. The next regular meeting is Sept. 11.

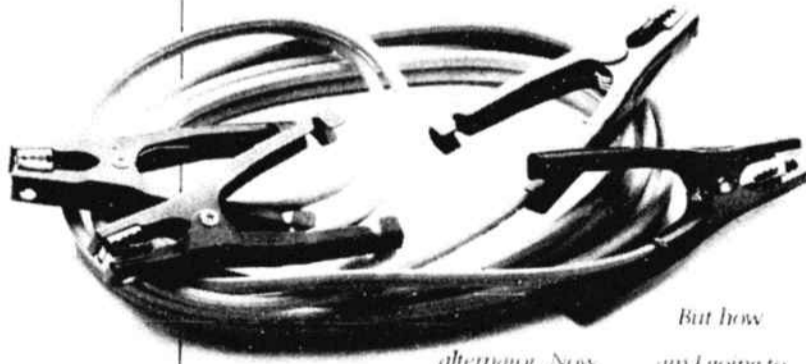
## So How Do I Pay For It?



*I used to think our two-seater was the perfect way to go. But not anymore. Now we need a family size car.*



*I need some adventure in my life. Maybe a four-wheel drive. I could run it down to the lake. Or go all out through the mud. Come to think of it, I could take it anywhere! Now how do I pay for it?*



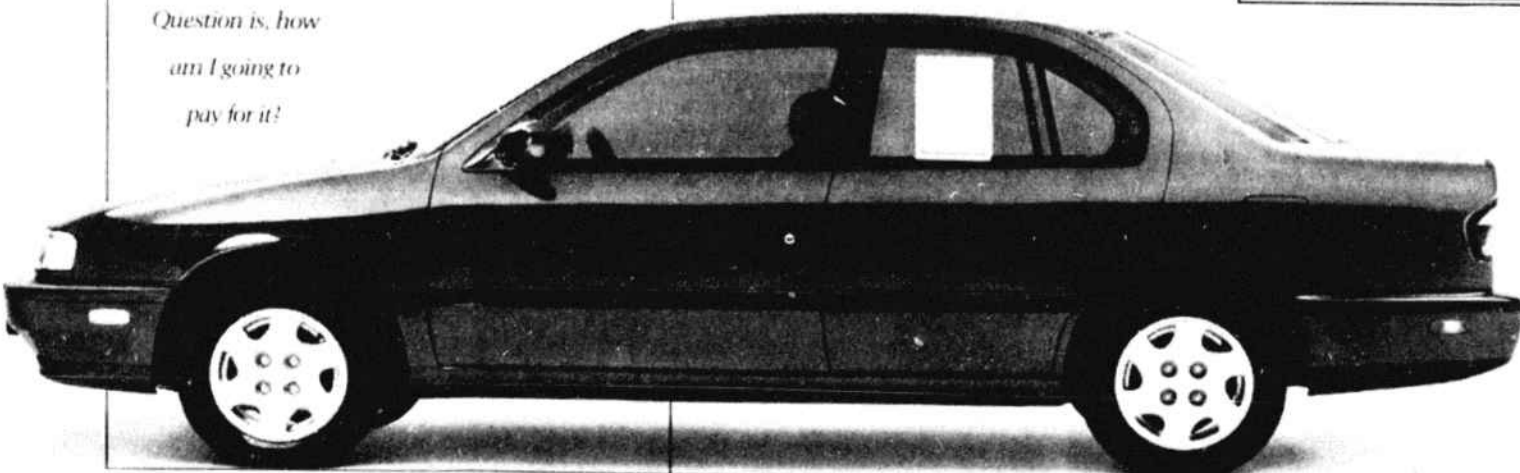
*But how alternator. Now am I going to pay for it? First it was an oil leak. Next came the transmission. Then the battery's dead. I think it's trying to tell me something. As in 'time for a new car?'*

*It's perfect. The right style. The right color. It gets great gas mileage. Has plenty of trunk space. How, it Question is, how am I going to pay for it?*



*Boy, I'm tired of walking. I've gotta get some wheels. First thing I'll look for! Terrific stereo. Leather seats. Well, just so long as it runs. Now how do I pay for it?*

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