

County To Wade Through Water Plans With Residents Friday

BY TERRY POPE

Residents from five communities will meet Friday to hear how the county plans to provide them with water. Design work has begun on Special Assessment Districts (SADs) for Randolphville Road, Piney Grove Road and portions of Mill Creek Road near Bolivia. Also, several neighborhoods have been combined to form SAD 19, including Green Hill Road, Cherrytree Road, Crabapple Road, Governor's Road, Zion Church Road, Town Creek Road, Old Town Creek Road and Maco Road. SADs are areas where residents are assessed the cost of installing water lines along their property. Property owners in these areas will meet with representatives from the Brunswick

County Public Utilities Department Friday, Sept. 6, at 6:30 p.m. in the public assembly building at the Brunswick County Government Complex in Bolivia. Public Utilities Director Jerry Webb decided to hold one community meeting for residents of the proposed water projects, which represents \$1 million worth of county water lines. "The purpose is to get people in touch with what we do, how we do it and the process of SADs before we go to a public hearing," said Webb. Public hearings will be held later on each project. Because the communities are beside existing main transmission lines, they represent areas that the department can begin work on immediately. It is the last of the

neighborhoods that can be served from SADs without extending main transmission lines through costly capital improvement projects. Combining neighborhoods into one larger project, as is the case for SAD 19, can cut down on costs for the residents, said Webb. "That's usually one of the questions that comes up at the community meetings," said Webb. The projects are listed as follows. The estimated cost may decrease for some areas as a result of combining neighborhoods into one SAD project. ■**Randolphville Road, Piney Grove Road, Alternative School Road:** Lines in this community are expected to serve 104 homes at an estimated cost per structure of \$277, or 121 parcels at a cost of \$238. The

project will cost approximately \$28,800. ■**Mill Creek Road:** Portions of this road will be served from both N.C. 87 and U.S. 17 transmission lines, to serve 91 homes at an estimated cost of \$2,030 per structure, or 137 parcels at \$1,348 each. The project will cost approximately \$184,800. ■**Zion Church Road, Town Creek Road and Old Town Creek Road:** An estimated 166 homes in this area will be served as part of SAD 19. The initial estimate for this project was \$312,000, to cost an estimated \$1,879 per home, or 263 parcels \$1,186 each. ■**Maco Road:** A line will extend down Maco Road to the Oak View Estates subdivision, where it is expected to serve approximately 112 homes. Initial figures estimate

the project will cost \$2,335 per home, or 175 parcels at \$1,494 each, for the estimated \$261,600 project. The projected total cost could be less when this area is combined with others to form SAD 19. ■**Governor's Road, Green Hill Road, Crabapple Road, Cherrytree Road:** An estimated 92 homes will be served at a cost of \$3,495 each, or 112 parcels at \$2,846 each. The estimated \$321,600 project may cost less when the areas are combined to form SAD 19. Bids were to be opened today (Thursday) for SAD 12, a group of 10 subdivisions between Ocean Isle Beach and Calabash that are next in line to receive county water. Brunswick County Commissioners are expected to award the contract at their Sept. 16 meeting.

Schools Checking Out Milk Records

A Brunswick County Schools official is checking records to see if the system bought milk from either of two companies that recently admitted to engaging in bid rigging.

Coble Dairy of Lexington and Pet Inc. of St. Louis have each pleaded guilty to rigging bids to secure school milk concessions in North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and Georgia.

Assistant Superintendent of Schools William Turner said staff members are checking to determine if the county school system purchased milk from either company between 1982 and 1989 when the bid rigging occurred.

If the local system bought milk from either company during that period, it may be entitled to restitution of the difference between what it paid for the milk and what it should have paid.

In an earlier bid-rigging case involving Holsum Fox Bakeries, the Brunswick County Schools received compensatory payments over a three-year period.

County To Sponsor Mini Health Fairs

The Brunswick County Health Department will sponsor three mini health fairs for adults over the next few months.

Fairs are scheduled Sept. 11 at Leland Town Hall, Sept. 25 at Long Beach Recreation Center and Nov. 13 at Calabash Fire Department. All clinics are from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Information will be provided on glaucoma and blood pressure screening, cholesterol counseling, osteoporosis, exercise, diabetes and cancer.

For more information, contact Rita Hatcher, public health educator, at 253-4381.

BCC Registration Ends Monday

Late registration for Brunswick Community College's fall quarter classes ends Monday, Sept. 9.

Students can register Thursday, Sept. 5, and Monday, Sept. 9, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Late registration will also be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 6.

Prospective students are encouraged to register early. Those enrolling for curricular programs will need to be assessed for course entry, especially in language usage, reading, numerical and study skills.

The ASSET assessment will be offered Thursday, Sept. 5, Friday, Sept. 6, and Monday, Sept. 9, at 9 a.m. An evening session is set for Thursday, Sept. 5, and Monday, Sept. 9, at 5:30 p.m.

Upon declaring a major course of study, students should take the ASSET student success orientation before registering.

Tuition at BCC is \$161 per quarter for students taking 14 or more credit hours. Tuition is \$11.50 per quarter hour for part-time students.

For further information, call 754-6900, 457-6329, or 343-0203.



Holiday Visitors

These visitors shown playing in the sand at Holden Beach were among thousands who visited the South Brunswick Islands over the Labor Day weekend. Pictured (from left) are Pete Dent, Matthew Gaither, Emily Beasley and in the background, Brooks Dent.

Calabash Wants Planners To Rethink Resignations

BY DOUG RUTTER

Calabash Commissioners want the seven town planning board members who resigned last week to rethink the move and consider a new "statement of direction" approved Tuesday.

The commissioners voted unanimously Tuesday night not to accept the Aug. 27 joint resignations. They want planners to review the "statement of direction" and then decide if they want to withdraw or reaffirm their resignations.

Chairman Tom Brendgord, Vice Chairman Pati Lewellyn, and board members Warren Pienack, Frank Chancler, Bruce Bunt, Forrest King and Jack Hannaway stepped down from their appointed posts last Tuesday.

In a joint, three-page letter of resignation, they said there was a lack of support and guidance from the town commissioners who appointed them and poor communication between the two groups.

Commissioner Jon Sanborn, who drafted the statement of direction, said it "answers substantially" the concerns that were raised in the planning board's letter.

"It is not meant to be a letter of rebuttal or an argumentative answer to the letter that they have forwarded to us," Sanborn said at a special meeting Tuesday called to discuss the sudden resignations.

The "statement of direction" sets forth policies and guidelines to be followed by town commissioners and planning board members. The document is intended to help improve the working relationship of and communication between the two groups.

It addresses specific issues such as annexation, waste disposal, zoning, traffic planning, town image, community services and finances.

Commissioners agreed Tuesday that a lack of communication was the biggest problem between the two boards and that both groups were at fault.

"None of us are being paid for it," Commissioner Phyllis Manning said. "We should get together."

Commissioner Ray Card defended some of the recent planning board actions, including a plan to determine the amount of solid waste going to the Persimmon Road dump site.

He said the survey would have provided the town with statistics for summer and off-season use and would have cost a maximum of \$150.

Card also said the planning board's work to prepare for the 911 emergency telephone system was in order. "They did exactly what we asked them to do," he said.

However, Card objected to a statement in the planning board's letter that indicated financial problems. He said the town clerk, Janet Thomas, adheres to strict "money-handling practices."

"She's like a hawk on every penny that comes in and goes out of this town," Card said. "I think that was a bum rap."

Anthony Clemmons and Phil Marlow, who represent the extrajurisdictional area of Calabash on the planning board, were the only members left following last week's meeting.

Brunswick County Commissioners this week appointed Billie Mitchell of Calabash Acres as the third representative of the ETA. She fills a vacancy created by an earlier resignation.

Sanborn chaired Tuesday's meeting in the absence of Mayor Doug Simmons, who is recovering from surgery, and Mayor Pro Tem George Anderson, who is out of town. Commissioner Ed Rice also was absent.

At the Aug. 27 meeting, commissioners had voted to delegate the powers and duties of mayor to Anderson because of Simmons' illness.

However, Anderson was temporarily removed as mayor pro tem Tuesday and Sanborn was appointed in his place. Sanborn also was authorized to carry out the powers and duties of mayor.

The town board made the move because it needed a signature on a resolution that would allow absent

tee voting in Calabash municipal elections. The document has to be to the Brunswick County Board of Elections by Friday.

Film Series Opens Monday

The Brunswick County Arts Council hopes its first annual Foreign Film Series, which opens Monday, will be an eye-opener for local residents.

Seven films will be featured: one shown the first Monday of each month, from Sept. 9 to March 2 at the Sea Three Screens Theater on Long Beach Road near Southport.

"I think the reaction to the films will be mixed," said Debra Anderson, organizer of the event. "I'm hoping that for people who haven't been exposed to these types of films before that it will be an eye-opener for them."

Series tickets are \$20 for general admission, \$15 for students and senior citizens. At the door, tickets will sell for \$4 general admission and \$3 for students and senior citizens.

All showings are at 7 p.m. Tickets are available from board members of the Brunswick County Arts Council and at Dykes Tire Service, Main Street, Shallotte.

The series is a chance for people to view films as an art form, said Ms. Anderson.

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IN LITERACY COUNCIL BEE School Duo To Defend Title

The Brunswick County Schools team of Ann Sinclair and Gloria Yount will defend their Brunswick County Literacy Council adult spelling bee championship next week.

The winners of the inaugural literacy council bee last year will face at least 14 other two-person teams at this year's bee Thursday, Sept. 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the Brunswick Community College student center.

Team sponsors among the challengers include *The Brunswick Beacon*, *The State Port Pilot*, Southern

Bell, Brunswick Community College, Atlantic Telephone Membership Corp., Drs. John D. Ward and John T. Madison, Security Savings & Loan, United Carolina Bank, NC-NB National Bank, Exide Electronics, Brunswick County Democratic Party, Carolina Power & Light and Brunswick Islands Medical Associates.

Kitty Fitzgibbon of WWAY-TV and Don Parden of WZZD radio station will emcee the spelling bee. Proceeds benefit the local literacy council's 1-ee tutoring program. The bee is open to the public and admission is free. Refreshments will be served at intermission.

Winnabow To Sell Barbecue Dinners

Winnabow Volunteer Fire Department will serve barbecue dinners Saturday, Sept. 7, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the fire department in Winnabow.

Plates will consist of pork barbecue, potato salad, cole slaw and hush puppies and are \$3 each.

The department is on Governor's Road off of U.S. 17 in Winnabow.

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