



PAM DETRIE (foreground) helps lead "Doug's Angels" to the women's tug-of-war championship at last year's Varnamtown Festival.

Varnamtown Will Require House Numbers By November

BY DOUG RUTTER
Varnamtown residents have six weeks before they'll be required to display new numbers on their houses, but town officials want them to drop by town hall Saturday to get their assigned numbers.

Aldermen adopted a house numbering ordinance Monday night presented by board member Ada McDonald, who over the last few months has done much of the work on street naming and house numbering for the town.

Mrs. McDonald has been working with county officials on naming streets and numbering houses in preparation for the countywide 911 emergency telephone system.

Once the 911 system takes effect, street names and numbers should help local fire and rescue personnel find houses easier than they do now.

Town officials want residents to drop by town hall Saturday between 10 a.m. and noon or 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to find out their house numbers.

Mrs. McDonald said people who can't get to the town hall will be notified about their new street numbers.

It will be up to the homeowner to buy the numbers and display them in a "conspicuous place" on their house by the first of November.

The ordinance says house numbers must be at least five inches tall and visible from the street.

New buildings will be assigned a number as they are built. The town board will have the authority to change the numbers if it's necessary.

Mrs. McDonald said residents

shouldn't post numbers on their mailbox or use their new address until the town notifies them.

She said Monday there are still six residents who haven't been assigned a new house number. The names are on the town tax list, but she doesn't know where they live.

Other Business

In other business Monday, aldermen:

■ Voted to hire Trevor McDonald to clean the town hall once a month, or more often as needed. The vote followed a 20 minute executive session called to discuss the hiring. Four people were considered for the job.

■ Agreed to transfer \$7,000 from the reserve fund into the buildings and grounds fund. Mayor Pro Tem Ennis Swain said the transfer was needed because some work that was planned for last fiscal year wasn't completed until this fiscal year.

■ Postponed a decision on whether to purchase a float in the Shallotte Christmas Parade. Half of a float

costs \$150 and a full float costs \$225. The town board has until Nov. 15 to decide.

Varnamtown Street Lights Threatened

Varnamtown Mayor Judy Gallo-way says town officials will be on the lookout for area youths who have apparently threatened to shoot out the town's new street lights.

The mayor said Monday that a "reliable person" told her some youngsters planned to shoot the lights. Brunswick Electric Membership Corp. has installed about 70 lights in town in the last few weeks at the town board's request.

"We're going to be on watch, and if they are shot out their parents will be held responsible," Mrs. Gallo-way said at Monday's town meeting. "We are aware, and we will be watching."

Town To Celebrate Third Anniversary

Varnamtown celebrates its third anniversary as an official town next weekend with a fish fry, tug-of-war and other activities at the community's annual festival.

The 1991 Varnamtown Festival will be held Saturday and Sunday,

Sept. 28 and 29, with most of the activities taking place at the town hall property on Varnamtown Road.

The town board purchased the converted house last October and has been making improvements for the past year. Refreshments will be served at an open house that kicks off the festival next Saturday at 10 a.m.

To prepare for the third annual affair, the Varnamtown Women's Club is organizing a roadside cleanup this Saturday starting at 9 a.m.

Varnamtown board member Ada McDonald said trash bags can be picked up at town hall. Volunteers can leave full bags on the side of the road for pickup.

The annual festival commemorates the founding of Varnamtown, an historic community on the Lockwood Folly River that incorporated Sept. 20, 1988.

A fish fry is planned Saturday from 11:30 to 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Plates of fried fish, candied yams, cole slaw and hush puppies will sell for \$3.50 each. Soft drinks also will be available.

While the parade has been dropped from this year's festival, a horseshoe competition for teens and adults has been added to the lineup. It is scheduled to begin Saturday at 3 p.m.

"I understand a lot of the men in town are getting all psyched up for the horseshoe competition," Mrs. McDonald said Monday. "And some ladies are getting excited too."

The tug-of-war competition—always a crowd favorite—is slated to begin at 5 p.m. Saturday.

Other activities will include children's games, a poster contest and cake auction. Organizers also expect craft booths and a hot dog vendor for those who don't eat fish.

Mrs. McDonald said some residents are disappointed the parade has been dropped from this year's festival and people have already volunteered to organize a parade in 1992.

The festival wraps up Sunday with a gospel sing at Garland's Fish House on the Lockwood Folly River from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m.

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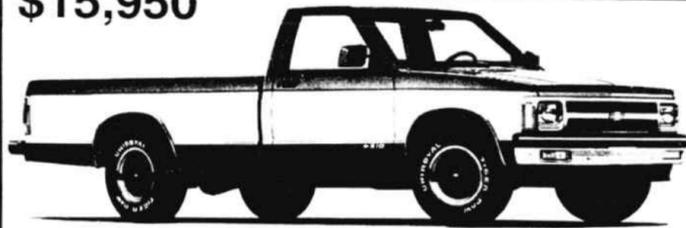
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