



### Teaching Diabetes Education

Brunswick County health officials have been holding workshops at The Brunswick Hospital, Supply, and Doshier Hospital, Southport, to train healthcare professionals and the public about diabetes care. Pictured preparing a lesson plan at the county health department are (from left) Rita Hatcher, county public health educator, Sherry Hendricks, R.N., and Pat Nutter, R.N., from The Brunswick Hospital, and Brenda McLamb, R.N., of Doshier Hospital. The workshops were offered in conjunction with National Diabetes Education Week, Oct. 28 - Nov. 2.

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## Seaside Signal Supporters Not Backing Off On Efforts

Efforts to obtain a traffic signal at the Seaside intersection of N.C. 179 and N.C. 904 haven't ended with news that the state plans to install left turn lanes at the intersection before next summer.

Monday night, Sunset Beach Town Council members gave their backing to a petition from property owners asking for an electronic traffic signal at the intersection. The petition will be sent to Tommy Harrelson, secretary of the N.C. Department of Transportation.

Alan Pearson, owner of the Pelican Shopping Center in Seaside, said that about 2,017 residents of the Sunset Beach area had signed the petition.

"Just the danger factor alone should warrant the light. It's a very

dangerous intersection," he said in a telephone conversation from his home in Lynchburg, Va.

"But I feel that it's also an inconvenience to the people coming in. Sometimes I see them backed up to Old Georgetown Road. We need to support the tourist trade in that area and not make them sit in traffic," he said.

The town has asked the state DOT on several occasions to install such a light, without success. DOT has said the light does not qualify, but that it intends to continue checking it.

In the meantime, Transportation Board member Marilyn Williams and Division Engineer Doug Bowers met last month with town officials regarding the light and oth-

er transportation concerns. At its October meeting, at Mrs. Williams' request the state board approved \$50,000 in discretionary funds to be used for improvements in the vicinity of the intersection, including left turn lanes.

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## Sunset Beach Moves To Extend Limits

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Sunset Beach council members agreed Monday night to another extension of the town's boundaries.

The town council voted 4-1 to annex lots six through 10 of Long Bay Development at Seaside.

Al Odom, the only member to vote against annexation, said that he has never been in favor of this sort of action.

"In all my four years on the council, I can't remember ever voting for annexation," he said, "I always vote against annexation. I don't think we need to fix a problem that isn't broken."

The area being annexed, which is adjacent to the new post office being constructed on N.C. 904, is the first of three small annexations planned along N.C. 904.

Once an adjoining piece of land is annexed by a town, it is free to annex the next adjoining section into the town boundaries, explained Linda Fluegel, town administrator.

Council members agreed to proceed with the involuntary annexation of the land on which the post office sits at their December meeting. Once this annexation is complete, the town can consider a request for voluntary annexation from several property owners of lots beyond the post office tract.

The council also agreed to discuss the planning board's recommendation on extension of the ETA (extra-territorial area) at their next meeting.

Planning Board Chairman Richard Good, said the board recommends the town extend its ETA from Seaside along N.C. 904 to Old

Georgetown Road, along the entrance to Sand Piper Golf Plantation and The Pearl Golf Links.

Good told council members that the proposal is in keeping with regulations that allow a town to extend its ETA up to one mile beyond the present boundary.

"This is an area that is underdeveloped, and if it is going to be developed, we want to see to it that it's done properly," said Good.

Mrs. Fluegel and Mike Isenberg, attorney for Sunset Beach, agreed to draw up the necessary description to be approved by the council at the December meeting.

The council members also approved the withdrawal of approximately 550 feet from 19th Street, which frees it up for the property owners to bulkhead.

Ronald Spangler, who owns the west side of the road, would retain his portion of the eroded land, while the east side would be divided among the other property owners, Fluegel said.

#### Other Business

In other business, council members:

■ Approved a plat of Oyster Point II subdivision as recommended by the planning board.

■ Agreed to allow David Kanoy to continue to use the town water tower for his communications business at a fee of \$50 per month. The council changed the town's contract with Kanoy, however, to state that his boxes must now be placed on the outside of the water tank. In the past employees had trouble reaching a valve used during winterization of the tank because the instru-

ments were located inside the tank.

The county water department has been paying the electric bill for heaters used to keep the communication boxes warm in cold weather, Mrs. Fluegel said.

■ Heard a request from Sunset Beach Police Chief J.B. Buell for a work session with the police department to discuss the need to expand police protection as the town grows.

■ Heard from Mrs. Fluegel that a proposed new sewer contract between the town and Powell and Associates of North Myrtle Beach had not been received in the mail as of Monday. Changes were made to the contract at the October meeting, and council members are waiting for a response from the contractor.

■ Voted to change the wording of the contract between the town and the volunteer fire department provide that it "must" rather than "may" be renewed annually. Council members said this would ensure that they consider the contract each year. They also voted to approve the amended contract for another year once the VFD agrees to the new wording.

■ Agreed to replace a tree, which is now a stump, in Blane Court with a new, sizeable tree using town funds, as requested by Walter Hoff on behalf of residents of the street.

■ Heard Council member Bud Scrantom report that he had "a commitment" for recycling service in Sunset Beach through the end of November.

■ Agreed to change the time of town council meetings to 7 p.m. during winter months, as opposed to the previous time of 7:30 p.m.

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