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Garden Club Wants To Secure Future Maintenance Of Medians

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Members of the Carolina Shores Garden Club have found themselves caught in the middle of the road in a disagreement over who should maintain four landscaped medians in Carolina Shores that are owned by the town of Calabash.

The town wants to treat the medians as it does other areas maintained under its roadway mowing budget.

But the Garden Club, which has invested much effort and money in landscaping the medians, is worried that the areas will deteriorate without more careful attention. It wants to protect the numerous commemorative plantings that residents have donated as memorials to loved ones.

Roadways and medians within the sprawling golf-club development originally were maintained by the Carolina Shores Property Owners Association. Under contract with the POA, the Green Keeper Landscaping Corp. regularly mowed, watered and fertilized the median areas.

Two years ago, the development became part of the town of Calabash and the roads officially came under the town's jurisdiction. Still, the POA continued to pay for upkeep of the medians.

In its most recent budget, effective July 1, the association decided that because the medians are owned by Calabash, the town should pay for their upkeep.

"There's sort of a principal at stake here," said POA President Jack Brady. "Those islands are owned by the town. If we are expected to maintain them, should we also start repairing potholes and fixing streetlights and mowing the ditches? Where does it all end?"

The landscaper estimates that it costs about \$3,000 a year to properly maintain the medians, Brady said.

The town can use its state Powell Bill road funds for mowing along town thoroughfares, but that money cannot be used to do the additional maintenance needed on the medians, Calabash Commissioner and Carolina Shores resident Jon Sanborn said recently.

"When we get into weeding and fertilizing and planting flowers, that money would have to come out of beautification funds," Sanborn said.

In June, the Calabash Commissioners voted down Sanborn's proposal to increase the town's beautification budget by \$2,500 to pay for median upkeep. Consequently the only maintenance the town will perform on the areas is the standard grass cutting it does along all town roadways.

Commissioner Ray Card, who oversees mowing operations in the town, was one of several Carolina Shores residents who voted against the median maintenance funding. Called at his home last week, Card had nothing to say about the medians.

"I know the situation and I know where the problems are, but I'm not going to comment on it," Card said.

Meanwhile, the Carolina Shores Garden Club is doing what it can to see that the medians are properly maintained. Last year the POA gave the club \$2,000 for numerous beau-

tification projects. Now the club plans to use what is left of its allocation to pay for median upkeep.

But those funds will run out by Jan. 1, leaving no additional money for the medians until either the town or the POA adopt new budgets next July 1.

"We're stuck between a rock and a hard place," said Garden Club President Mary Elliott. "It's my personal feeling that the property owners are the ones who love these strips and I think they should take care of them. But if the POA refuses to do it, we have no choice but to ask the town commissioners."

For more than 10 years, the garden club put in new plants and cared for old ones along the median strips, Elliott said. Most of the plantings were donated in remembrance of people who live or have lived in Carolina Shores. Many are tagged with the name of the person memorialized.

"These aren't just plants. They are labors of love. We just don't want to see them die," she said.

Brady feels that instead of lowering the town's tax rate by a half cent last June, the Calabash Commissioners should have used the money remaining after their budget cutting meeting to pay for upkeep of the medians.

"That half cent would have meant another \$4,400, which would have been more than sufficient," Brady said. "They were being fiscally conservative to the point of depriving us of services we are used to."

Because the medians are officially owned by the town, Brady also feels the POA could be on shaky legal ground in maintaining property that does not belong to the associa-

tion. He said the POA's lawyer had advised not to do so without a release from the town.

Sanborn said he hopes the town can designate a beautification committee to take care of the Carolina Shores medians and other projects in the town. He said several smaller medians in downtown Calabash also could be landscaped under such a plan.

Before then, members of the garden club plan to approach the board of commissioners to see if anything can be done to avoid the coming lapse in median maintenance.

"One way or another, we're going to make sure these plants are cared for," said Elliott. "Even though, technically, we're trespassing."

Parent Group Being Organized At Supply

An organizational meeting will be held August 11 at 7 p.m. at the Supply Volunteer Fire Department to discuss formation of a Parent-Teacher Organization for the new Supply Elementary School.

Teresa Fulford, a member of the Supply Advisory Board, said this group had met, and although it had not elected officers, members felt action should be taken toward setting up an organization for parents and teachers at the school. She was asked to publicize an open meeting for this purpose.

The meeting is open to anyone interested in the formation of a Parent Teacher Association, Parent Teacher Organization or any other similar group.

Teachers will officially report to Supply School August 14, and the first day of classes is August 26.



Jane Knapp, chairman of the Carolina Shores Garden Club's beautification committee, tends the plantings at one of four roadway medians owned by the town of Calabash.

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