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Development rezoning sought

Houses, condos would be built in New Hope

By CATHY WILSON
Staff Writer

A Virginia Beach firm is seeking to rezone a 89-acre parcel of land in the New Hope area to create The Moorings at Albemarle, a large housing community featuring approximately 100 single-family lots as well as additional triplex waterfront condominiums.

Operating under the name The

Moorings at Albemarle, LLC, owner Bruce Exum, Sr. seeks to develop parcels of land located on Muddy Creek, Cross Neck, and Hoyle Jones roads adjacent to Long Beach Estates.

Derrick Smith, with East Carolina Consulting, PLLC, said if the rezoning and all permits are approved, the development will eventually offer speculation and custom-built homes averaging around \$220,000 with those closer to the waterfront costing more.

"It is a nice project, certainly not low income, not by any means," he added.

Fifteen buildings housing three condos each are planned for construction on the waterfront.

Plans call for the new community to operate with a centralized wastewater treatment facility.

Smith says if all goes well, construction of speculation homes could start in the spring of 2011.

Currently, the different parcels of property are zoned rural agriculture, and residential and agriculture. The property seeks to be rezoned residential and agricultural which would allow the condominiums under an ap-

proved conditional use permit (CUP). The rezoning request went before the county's planning board last month, but was tabled until Aug. 10 after a large group of citizens turned out, presenting board members with a petition showing the names of 52 people who oppose the proposed project.

Those in opposition cited concerns over additional traffic, blocked views by the large triplex buildings, increased strain on infrastructure, utilities and

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Plantation plans new lot section

From staff reports

Albemarle Plantation is opening a new neighborhood featuring 30 homesites priced under \$70,000.

The new neighborhood, called Belmont, is "like a little slice of Venice right here in the Carolinas," says Chris Matoska, vice president of sales at the

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Single copy price of PW to increase

From staff reports

After nearly 20 years of selling single copies of The Perquimans Weekly for 35 cents, we are increasing the newsstand price to 50 cents, effective August 18.

New bright blue boxes will be installed with the new single copy price next week. Have your quarters ready because the new boxes will only accept quarters -- no dimes or nickels. The price is 50 cents at inside dealer locations, as well.

"We have not had a single copy price increase in almost 20 years; however, our subscription rates have gone up," said Ann Hoffman, publisher of The Perquimans Weekly, The Daily Advance, and Chowan Herald. "We believe the value of The Perquimans Weekly in keeping county residents informed about their community is well worth 50 cents a week to those who prefer to buy the paper from the box or dealer rather than subscribe."

The subscription prices for home delivery of the weekly paper will remain the same. Home delivery of the paper either by carrier or by mail in Perquimans County is \$24.20 per year. In addition, home delivery subscribers may also sign up for a free e-edition of the paper, which allows the subscriber to see the complete paper online in PDF format as early as 5:30 a.m. on the day of publication.

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WEEKEND WEATHER

FRIDAY
HIGH: 92 LOW: 75
SCATTERED T-STORMS

SATURDAY
HIGH: 91 LOW: 74
SCATTERED T-STORMS

SUNDAY
HIGH: 90 LOW: 75
SCATTERED T-STORMS



Meals delivered with a smile

By CATHY WILSON
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Seeing the silver Dodge Dakota pickup truck pulling into the parking lot or driveway is almost like ringing the dinner bell.

For the dozen or so people who depend on Emile LaPierre, the hot nutritious lunch he brings to the table is not only needed, but also appreciated.

"We look forward to this every day," said Roberta Hawk, who, along with her husband, are just one stop on LaPierre's home delivered meals route. Each weekday, LaPierre, along with 103 other volunteers in Perquimans County, pick up prepared lunches and deliver them to elderly residents throughout the county as part of the home delivered meals program sponsored through Albemarle Commission.

Last Wednesday, homebound residents received lunches made of chicken parmesan, salad, garlic bread, orange juice, brownie and milk prepared by Golden Coral in Elizabeth City. Packed in separate insulated containers that keep hot items hot and cold items cold, LaPierre loaded his truck with the containers, and then drove to each stop.

The first stop on the day was the housing authority apartments on King Street where he backed his truck midway between the four apartments he visits.

LaPierre, who retired here in 2000 from Rhode Island, quickly takes two complete meals out of the insulated carriers and places each item on a small blue lunch tray. With tray in hand, he walks to an apartment, knocks on the door, and enters, greeting each occupant inside with a welcome as



STAFF PHOTO BY CATHY WILSON

Senior Howard Long (left) opens the door for Emile LaPierre who delivers lunch with the Home Delivered Meals program in Perquimans County.

warm as the chicken parmesan he places on the table.

He takes the time to talk with the residents, checking to see if they need anything.

"Sometimes I'll give them a hand," he admitted. "I like to do this. I don't mind helping people."

LaPierre's route includes other stops in Hertford subdivisions including 90-year-old Howard Long and his wife, Inez.

Opening the door for LaPierre, Long, who walks with a cane, says the food is good and people who bring the food are good. He and LaPierre share a few jokes before LaPierre leaves for his

next destination.

"You behave yourself," LaPierre tells Long as he runs down the porch steps on his way to his next lunch stop.

Volunteers usually run routes that include an average of five stops which normally serves two people per stop. The route takes less than an hour to perform.

LaPierre takes on two routes, delivering meals in both Hertford and in Snug Harbor, where he lives.

Residents who would share their food with their pets out of love and concern for their animals are provided pet food as well.

Along with a hot meal for a pet owner, LaPierre also delivered five pounds of dry dog food for the beloved dog, Peaches, at one of his stops last Wednesday.

Kandy Williams, site manager for the nutrition program at the Perquimans Senior Center where a congregate meal for active seniors is served each day, says volunteers who deliver meals often check to make sure the elderly residents at home are not suffering in any way.

"Sometimes they will check to make sure they have enough oil in their tank during the winter, or

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Rabid animals attack twice in area

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Two reports of attacks by rabid animals have occurred here in the past week.

Sheriff Eric Tilley said a fox attacked two adults walking in their back yard, and a raccoon attacked a

dog inside a dog pen. Both the fox and raccoon were killed and sent to the state lab for testing which determined each suffered from rabies.

In the first attack, two adults were walking from their swimming pool to their Hopewell Road home after an late-night swim

when the fox attacked, biting both the man and the woman. The man, Tilley said, fought the fox with a baseball bat, killing the animal. The attack was unprovoked, and occurred in the southern end of the county.

"They never saw the fox coming at them," Tilley

said. Both have already started rabies prevention treatment, Tilley added.

In the second attack, which occurred at the opposite end of the county, a raccoon climbed inside a dog pen at a Chappanoke Road home and attacked a Labrador Retriever. When the

pet's owner returned home, the raccoon was found dead inside the dog pen.

Tilley encourages residents to be cautious and aware of any wild animals in the yard, especially ones acting strangely.

"Don't approach the animal," he said. "Call animal control."