

SENIORS SHOW THEIR THANKS

The Perquimans County Senior Center celebrated and had a time giving thanks with special desserts, fellowship, afternoon games with "Minute to Win It" and even a cake walk.



UTILITY

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can pinpoint where homes can be made more efficient, but Finance Director Cindy Sharber said that only goes so far.

"We do offer it, but if they rent unless the landlord gets on board you've done nothing. You have to get the landlords on board."

Mayor Reid he said in one case, a customer with a huge bill had a window on the second floor that was left open.

The meeting, which was called on short notice, was questioned by one resident before the board even called it to order. Edgar Salvo, a Market Street resident, said it was a violation of North Carolina's open meetings law.

The meeting was also held in an unusual place, the town's fire department and not Hertford Town Hall. That decision was made because the meeting started at 10 a.m. and the town's annual Christmas party was already scheduled for

noon at the fire department.

Councilman Jackson called Salvo out of order, and said 36 hours notice was provided and he called on the town's police chief to eject Salvo from the meeting. Jackson was told that only the mayor could do that, and Salvo remained at the meeting.

Jackson wanted the special meeting because he wanted the board to act quickly to replace Archie Aples, who is resigning from the body as of Jan. 1.

Mayor Reid was adamant that no decision on the vacancy would be made Friday, and that the decision on a replacement would be made in February.

Reid made his point that he wasn't expecting action on any of the three issues on the agenda, only discussion. "There are three times we're taking a look at," and repeated that three times. "I hope you get my message."

Jackson pressed the issue and said for the good of the town, the board must fill the vacancy quickly.

"You are not in favor of it, so you are trying to stop it," Jackson said to the mayor.

Norman and Jackson pressed to bring the issue up on Jan. 7. The issue will be discussed before the regularly scheduled meeting.

In the only other item on the agenda, the board agreed to create a position of assistant finance officer.

Town Manager Pamela Hurdle said Sharber is the only person who knows some of the things about her job. If she were to retire, the town would lose that knowledge.

So the town is looking at creating the finance assistant position, with a salary of \$27,500 to \$28,875 for somebody to work with Sharber and learn the job. The money will come from unused salary funds already in the budget.

Hurdle said adding the position would also solve the problem that shows up on the audit every year that there isn't a clear separation of duties in the finance department.

HAPPENINGS

TODAY

■ Movies

The Perquimans County Library will present movies for pre-school children every Wednesday at 10 a.m.

THURSDAY

■ Movies

Pre-school story time with Ms. Nicia is every Thursday at 11 a.m. at the Perquimans County Library.

■ Bingo

Hertford American Legion Post 126 will start a special \$500 guaranteed jackpot bingo night on the second Thursday of the month. A progressive \$200 jackpot will be held on other Thursday nights. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games start at 6:45 p.m.

■ Weight loss

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) holds weekly support group meetings on Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. at the Perquimans County Senior Center. Call 426-2022 or visit www.tops.org.

■ Saturday Cartoons

The Perquimans County Library will offer Saturday cartoons at 9:30 a.m.

TUESDAY

■ Chapel on the Sound

Chapel on the Sound will be holding Depression Anonymous meetings on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The 12-step program is for those experiencing depression or those who have gone through depression. For more information, call 426-1160.

■ Weight Watchers

Weight Watchers will meet on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. at Hertford United Methodist Church's Fellowship Hall. Call 331-5426.

■ Lego Build

The Perquimans County Library will hold a LEGO Build on Tuesdays between 4 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

JAN. 2

■ Blood Drive

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive. Jan. 2 from 2 p.m. until 7 p.m. at the Belvidere-Chappell Hill Fire Department, 143 Drinking Hole Road.

JAN. 8

■ Computer Class

The Perquimans County Library will host a basic computer class on Jan. 8 at 10 a.m. The class is free but space is limited. Call the library to register at 426-5319

■ Book Club

On the second Wednesday of each month, the Perquimans County Library will have an afternoon book club at 2 p.m. All are welcome. The book we'll discuss Jan. 9 is *The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison.

JAN. 10

■ Crafters' Corner

On the second and fourth Thursdays of the month the Perquimans County Library will host a Crafters' Corner at 2 p.m. Bring your project and spend the afternoon with like-minded people.

JAN. 15

■ Self Defense Workshop

The Perquimans County Library will hold a self-defense workshop on Jan. 15 at 10 a.m. with martial arts expert Calvin Parker.

JAN. 21

■ MLK Celebration

The annual Perquimans County Martin Luther King Jr. events Jan. 21 will include a motorcade that goes from Perquimans County High School to Melton Grove Missionary Baptist Church. The motorcade will line up at 10 a.m. and start at 11 a.m. The speaker at Melton Grove will be Sen. Erica Ingram Smith. Jubilee will also be held that day.

JAN. 31

■ Super Bowl Bash

The Perquimans County

Library will hold a friendly pre-Super Bowl party on Jan. 31 from 5-7 p.m. Wear your favorite team's gear,

FEB. 1

■ Art Class

The Perquimans Arts League will hold a class on drawing birds and feathers with E.M. Corsa on Feb. 1 from 9 a.m. until noon at the Perquimans County Recreation Center. The fee is \$45 for PAL members and \$50 for non-members. Class size is limited, and the fee must be paid in advance to hold your space. You can register online at <http://www.perquimansarts.org/classes.html> or call the gallery 426-3041.

MAY 3-4

■ Riverbash

The second annual Riverbash Festival will be held May 3-4. For information on how to get involved, call 426-5657.

MAY 6-8

■ Senior Trip

The Perquimans County Senior Center will offer a three-day, two-night trip to Lancaster, Pa. on May 6-8. The cost is \$379 per person. For more information, call 426-5404.

MAY 18

■ Tag Sale

The Perquimans Arts League will hold a tag sale on May 18 from 8 a.m. until noon at 133 N. Church St.

The deadline for the What's Happening column is Friday at noon. Please email to perquimansweekly@ncweeklies.com. This column features special meetings and activities that are open to the public.

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Perquimans County TAX LISTING DATES

All persons who own property subject to taxation must list during the month of January. Any persons who fail to do so will be subject to penalties prescribed by law.

Due to legislation, real property and licensed vehicles do not require listing by the taxpayer. However, if you have made any improvements to your real property, you must list that with the Tax Department. All other personal property such as boats, jet skis, unlicensed vehicles, IRP's, farm equipment, businesses, etc. can be listed with the lister in the county Assessor's Office between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday starting January 2 through January 31, 2019. You may also list on the abstract that was mailed to you. If you have personal property or made improvements to your real property and did not receive an abstract, please contact our office. These abstracts must be returned to our office by January 31, 2019.

If you are a business and you need an extension, our office needs a letter requesting an extension by January 31, 2019.

If you are 65 years old or older, or totally and permanently disabled, and your income is less than \$30,200, you may qualify for a tax reduction.

Persons owning real property under cultivation, in forest management or horticulture land may qualify for a tax-reduced valuation (land use). If you are not already in the land use program and you feel you qualify, please contact The Tax Office for qualification.

The Tax Office is located at 107 N. Front Street (in the back of the courthouse) Hertford, NC. Our telephone number is 252-426-7010 or 252-426-5564.

Bill Jennings
Perquimans County
Tax Administrator



NOTICE

Perquimans County Tax Department

All unpaid 2018 County and Municipal Property Taxes will become delinquent after January 5, 2019. Enforced collections will begin after that date. The Perquimans County Tax Department will be complying with the N.C. General Statutes for the collection of all delinquent taxes. The following procedures will be implemented to collect the delinquent taxes:

1. Garnishment of wages
2. Attachment of bank accounts
3. Levy on personal property
4. File foreclosures on real property
5. Attachment of Income tax refunds

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