

# City Shaping Up

I am very pleased with the way the new department heads are doing their job. I have heard complaints that maybe some of them are stepping on toes, or are doing their jobs too well.

Let me tell you how I feel about that. If it takes stepping on toes to get the job done right, then I am all for it. We all came to the conclusion that shoddy buildings, run down houses, tall grass, and things of that nature should have something done about them. Something is being done about it, and some people are not liking it. I don't want any of our department heads running over anybody, but I do want them to do their jobs properly, and if they are doing that, then they have my support.

Our new parks and recreation director is doing an excellent job. Some of the things that he is working on are: with the assistance of public works, correcting drainage problems at city stadium, grading and improving access roads into city stadium and cleaning off the hillsides at the stadiums. He is working on removing the kudzu all over town in our ball parks. He is setting a goal of getting all park grounds mowed on a weekly basis. He is running a youth soccer program in conjunction with Cherryville for ages 6 through 12.

We have approximately 85 boys and girls participating. This program will run through November 12th. Pop Warner football, cosponsored by Kings Mountain Optimist Club, has approximately 75 boys participating in three different weight classifications. Their regular season runs through November 5th with playoffs and post season play ending through November. Church league volleyball, both men's and women's, begins at the Community Center September 27th with eight men's teams and six women's teams participating. He will begin planning for the basketball program in October with youth, church and industrial leagues. Starting dates range from Dec. 1 to Jan. 1 depending on the league. Our recreation director is, for the first time, in charge of Mountaineer Days this year. He has changed the location away from the railroad tracks to the intersection of Mountain and Piedmont Avenues for safety purposes. This year's activities will start with a street dance from 8-11 p.m. on Friday. Crafts, displays, and fund-raising activities and a variety of stage performances will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday and conclude with a street dance from 8:30 p.m. - 12 midnight. There is something for everyone and a limited number of craft spaces still available. Call the Community Center for details or to get an application at 734-0449. So you can see the parks and recreation department has been quite busy.

You probably know by now that we have hired a City Engineer. He should be on board by the middle of October. When he arrives some of the City Manager's responsibilities will rest on his shoulders. I am very pleased with the way the City is being run. I just don't want our citizens to expect these miracle changes overnight. If we give our managers our support that they need, we can all expect great things in the future for our City.

## Mayor's Message

KYLE SMITH



We have eliminated some jobs. These were through normal attrition, mostly employees quitting for another job. We just didn't replace those people. We are working this through the new pay and organization plan. This should save us some dollars down the road.

Some of the things that our new codes/building inspector has accomplished since he has been here is: started a comprehensive school inspection program in accordance with General Statute 115C-525 on the seven schools within the school district. The law requires schools to be inspected for electrical hazards four times per year.

He has stopped all unlicensed contractors from doing business in Kings Mountain as general contractors.

He has written 39 property owners to cut their weeds. Most have voluntarily complied, but we have had to pay private contractors to bushhog about 10 lots. The City is to be reimbursed by the property owner for this work. All it took in a lot of cases was a phone call to the property owners.

He has written to 21 property owners about their sub-standard or condemned houses. He has gotten two houses burned down and one duplex demolished. He has recommendation on four condemned houses to come before the City Council at the October 11th meeting.

He has started a systematic program whereby when someone moves from a suspected sub-standard house, the utilities, electrical, power, gas and water and sewer will not be turned back on the house until a minimum housing inspection has been performed and the house has been brought into compliance with the housing code. He has begun to address the issue of abandoned automobiles in Kings Mountain.

Total permit fees through August this year is \$8,979.96. Total tap fees collected through August this year is \$47,953.87.

Charles Webber, our new Personnel Director, is doing a good job. He is having to become acclimated to City type of personnel policies rather than unemployment procedures, but in the month that he has been here I can see great things coming out of his department, especially when the personnel policies are approved and in working with the new organizational structure and pay plan.

So you see folks, these people are doing their jobs. They are doing exactly what we hired them for...to come in here and do a job and do it right, and treat everybody the same.

## White Cane Drive Set

The Kings Mountain Lions Club is conducting its Annual Humanitarian/White Cane Drive October 13, 14, and 15. Lion Bill Stone, Humanitarian/White Cane Chairman, states that funds raised during this Drive support the programs of the North Carolina Lions Foundation, Inc. Lion Stone is optimistic that the community will support the Humanitarian/White Cane Drive this year as it has in the past. He expressed the appreciation on behalf of all members of the Kings Mountain Lions Club for past community support.

The North Carolina Lions Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit organization, organized in 1934 to establish a State Agency for the Blind that would administer all Federal and State programs relating to blind and visually handicapped citizens. Since this action was accomplished in 1935,

the North Carolina Lions Foundation, Inc. has continued to support and cooperate with the State Agency.

In 1966, a central office was established in Raleigh to administer and cooperate all services supported by the Foundation for the Blind and visually handicapped. One of the services supported is the North Carolina Eye and Human Tissue Bank, located in Winston-Salem. This organization serves as a clearing house for all Eye Wills and requests for eyes, as well as other human organs. Over 250,000 Eye Wills are on file.

Camp Dogwood is a camp and vacation spot for the blind and visually handicapped people of North Carolina, located on the shores of Lake Norman in Catawba County. Teh facility, representing an investment in excess of one million dollars,

provided camping opportunities this year for more than 600 blind and visually handicapped people.

The main support for this project is provided by the North Carolina Lions Foundation, Inc.

A Scholarship Program sponsored by the Foundation for children of blind parents is currently providing assistance to 40 youths in North Carolina Universities, Colleges and Technical schools.

Radios and white canes are provided by the Foundation for any blind person in need of one.

Glaucoma-Diabetes detection clinics, research and public education are services sponsored jointly with other agencies by North Carolina Lions Foundation, Inc.

Lion Stone points out that contributions to the Humanitarian/White Cane Drive are tax deductible.

## Grant

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ditional money and to answer questions on the conflicting data. "Once we understood their position we clarified the points and were told they (the federal agency) want to work closely with us," Beam said.

Kings Mountain Mayor Kyle Smith said yesterday that he hopes that the full grant will be available for the project. "There was some conflicting data given which has been cleared up," said Smith. The Mayor said some state officials

understood that KM wanted to extend its lines only but that is not the case. He then said the McGill plant is outdated and the Pilot Creek plant is under court order to be repaired.

Gastonia has three weeks to decide to reject or accept the grant offer, and move ahead or drop the project.

Beam, of Cherryville, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Wray Plonk of Kings Mountain, completing two terms on the county board he serves as chairman, isn't about to see the project dropped. "I'm thinking positive," he says.

## EDC Committee Members Going To Raleigh

Five members of the Kings Mountain Economic Development Commission will go to Raleigh Oct. 10 for a meeting with the State Economic Development Commission.

Jim Herndon, presiding Tuesday at the local EDC meeting in the absence of President John Moss, said the local group wants to "get Kings Mountain's name in the pot concerning location of any prospective industry in this area."

Herndon said that Oct. 10 is the earliest time that field representatives can meet with the local group who have a 10 a.m. appointment. Herndon said that the local group have five seats on a Piedmont flight from Charlotte to Raleigh that day and at least one more space was available Tuesday. He said purpose of the meeting is to give local members insight on the activities going on in the state and how they can apply to the Kings Mountain area. "We want them to know about us and we want to hear first hand how the state keeps and ex-

pands industry," he said.

In other business of the regular meeting, members signed up for visitation teams to survey about 50 local industries in the Greater Kings Mountain area asking reasons for locating in Kings Mountain, how far do executives and supervisory personnel live from Kings Mountain, the year operations began, and other pertinent information such as any problems or concerns the local government or Chamber of Commerce should address.

Volunteering to head up teams to go out and visit this week were Glee E. Bridges, Bob Maber, Ruby Alexander and Larry Hamrick.

28% COLLECTED

Kings Mountain's 1988 tax levy of \$793,075.05 based on a valuation of \$158,615,010 is 28 percent collected, Marvin S. Chappell, tax collector, reported to the board. He said \$222,061 was received through Aug. 30th.

## Dr. Zucker Leaving KM For Nalle Clinic

Dr. Joseph Zucker, Kings Mountain orthopedic surgeon, will join the Nalle Clinic, 1350 S. Kings Drive, Charlotte, on Oc-

tober 17, for the practice of orthopedic surgery.

Those patients who wish to

continue treatment with Dr. Zucker may contact him by calling The Nalle Clinic for an appointment. (704) 372-8750.

## Voter Registration Continues Through October 10

Voter registration for the November general election continues through Oct. 10.

Debra Blanton, Elections Board supervisor, said that local voters can register with any precinct official or may come to the Cleveland County Board of Elections Office in Shelby or the

Cleveland County Library. Because of major renovations underway, Mauney Memorial Library in Kings Mountain is not set up to conduct voter registration, as was originally planned.

Registrars at the various precincts are: East Kings Mountain,

Margaret White, 739-4019; West Kings Mountain, Hilda Dixon, 739-3332; Christine Carroll, 739-4411; Sophronia Campbell, 739-3352; Grover, Cindy Waugh, 937-9115; Jackie Rountree, 937-7196; and Rita Keen, 937-7829. A registrar is not available in the Bethware area.



CELEBRATION PLANNING COMMITTEE - David Hancock left, city recreation director, Mrs. Steve Wells, Miss Kellene Wells and Richard Oliver discuss plans for the Oct. 7-8 Mountaineer Days celebration in Kings Mountain. The two-day event, featuring crafts, exhibits, street dancing, and fun for all ages celebrates the 208th anniversary of the Revolutionary War Battle of Kings Mountain.

## ★ City Council

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price of some \$15,000 to reflect a percentage of the final amount of bonds requested.

Council tabled action to approve filing application of notice of intent and findings of need to the N.C. Local Government Commission and approved motion to send it back to the utilities committee for further study and review of the resolution.

Council agreed to contract Neff Tree Service, Inc., of Shelby, for electric line clearance tree trimming, one of two bidders on the project.

Utilities Director Jimmy R. Maney, who requested the proposals, told council he planned to use some city equipment and labor to increase the amount of work that could be accomplished. The city budget has approved \$20,000 annually for tree trimming, which Maney said the city's consulting electrical engineer said could save up to \$200,000 on power purchased from Duke Power Co.

Consent agenda items, those which require limited discussion and are voted on as one motion, were:

- Call for advertising for a public hearing on Oct. 25th to rezone property of Lloyd Laws from N-B to R-6 and for Ms. Elizabeth Lynch from G-B to R-O. The Laws property is on First St. and Ms.

Lynch's is at the corner of Falls St. and Cherokee St. S.

- Set public hearing on closing of Glenn St. for Oct. 25th.

- Accepted and sent to the planning and zoning board application of Garland Adkins to rezone property at King St. E. and Canterbury Rd., three acres, from LI to R-O for a church and private school.

- Authorized long distance phone system change to Phone America to save some \$52 monthly because of a \$5 monthly charge for project accounting offered by the new firm. Wood, who made the recommendation, said this service would be in place of an expected expenditure of some \$3,500 for a computer and software to do the same job.

- Waived itinerant merchants license for the Oct. 7-8 Mountaineer Day activities (only) and heard a report from David Hancock, director of parks and recreation on the activities.

Council also adopted a resolution clarifying a previous action requiring only bills for amount of natural gas used.

Also postponed, because of the two absent councilmen, was discussion on goal-setting process. The meeting adjourned about 9 p.m.

## Car Wash To Benefit United Way

All proceeds from a car wash Saturday at Bridges Hardware, King Street at Cansler, are earmarked for Kings Mountain United Fund.

Kings Mountain Jaycees are sponsoring the fund-raiser as their contribution to the current United Fund drive in Kings Mountain.

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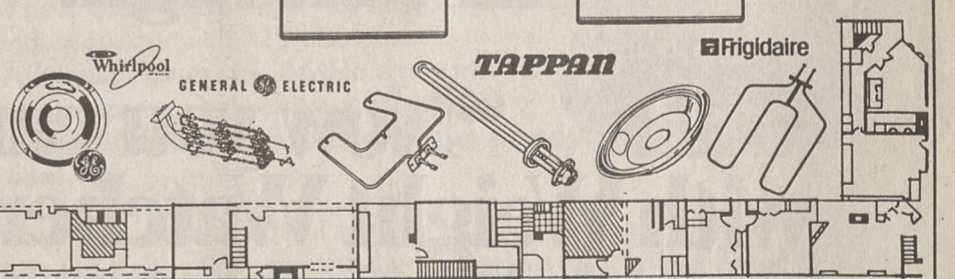
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