

City, KM Garden Club begin recycling promotion

Backyard composting, easy and inexpensive do-it-yourself recycling, is underway in Kings Mountain in a cooperative project of the City of Kings Mountain and Kings Mountain Garden Club.

"It's less work than bagging leaves and dragging yard trimmings to the curb and the 100 percent recycled plastic bins are easy to use because they require no assembly and cost only \$13.87," said Public Works Supt. Karl Moss.

He said the bins are available to the general public, not just inside city residents, and require no chemical or other additives to make them work.

The homeowner simply unfolds the three foot by three foot bin and fills it with leaves, grass, fruit and vegetable matter from kitchen and garden, shredded newspapers, paper towels, facial tissues, crushed egg shells, tea bags, coffee grounds and filters.

One bin can handle up to three quarters of a ton of material over a full year of use, says Moss.

Moss says that homeowners should follow the easy directions for mixing green and brown materials so that the compost bin won't give off odors. Steer clear of all meats, fats, oils, table scraps and dairy products. Kitchen waste, such as vegetable matters, should be buried within the compost bin under some yard waste.

"This program goes a long way toward saving resident's money since it eliminates the need for all of those expensive paper lawn and leaf bags," said Moss who said the city saves money too by not having to pick up the materials and process them.

The garden club has worked out an arrangement so that homeowners can obtain the composting bins at about half the price they would pay for a

equivalent bin.

"Preserving the Kings Mountain environment is a very important priority and we hope everyone will participate," said Moss.

Sign-up forms are available at the Public Works Department, 1013 N. Piedmont Ave., or at several local retail stores and other locations where the program's promotional sign is displayed. You can also call toll free, 1-800-595-6446, and register. Master Card, VISA and personal checks are accepted. Once registered, a homeowner will receive a 12-page instruction guide compost bin distribution site list and a coupon redeemable for a Kings Mountain groundskeeper II Compost Bin.

The coupon can be redeemed for the compost bin at the Public Works Department.

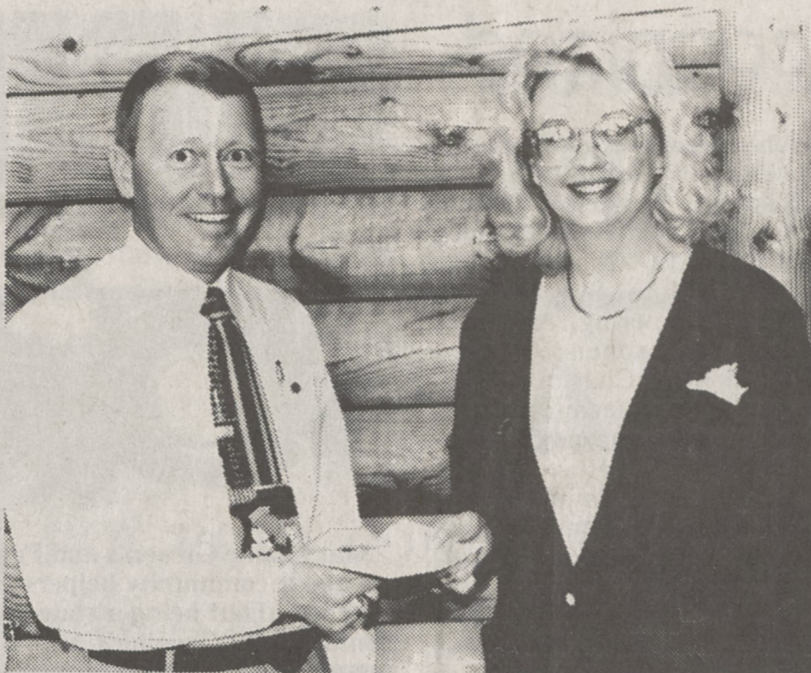
Moss said that homeowners with large lots may need more than one bin.

For the average size lot, one bin will compost a homeowner's yard waste and compostable kitchen trimmings for an entire year.

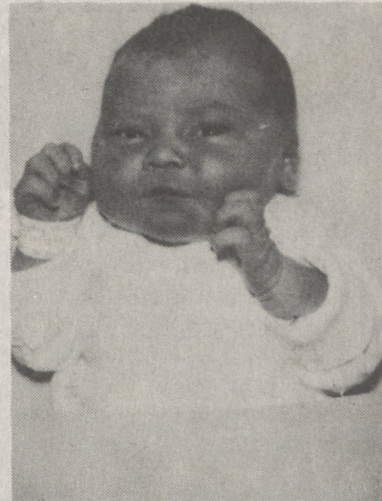
Using a simplified approach to composting, no additives or excessive work is required. "Green" material such as grass clippings and vegetable trimmings are mixed with "brown" material such as leaves or newspaper ripped into small strips and then nature takes care of the rest.

After a year, or the next spring, the material turns into a dark humus for use as mulch around flower beds, gardens or shrubs. An average homeowner's yard waste once composted will produce about one wheelbarrow of humus.

"Because the city does not have to pick up the material, this program will also eliminate the exhaust emissions generated from processing the organic waste at a central site," said Moss.



PRIZE WINNER - Ronnie Franks of Carolina State Bank, presents a \$100 cash prize to Debbie Hurlbut, who won the bank drawing at the recent county fair.



LYNDESEY MURPHEY Murpheys announce birth of daughter

Lyndsey Brooke Murphey was born September 23, 1994 at Cleveland Memorial Hospital.

She weighed seven pounds, nine ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long.

She is the daughter of John and Buffy H. Murphey. Grandparents are Johnny and Mary Ann Hutchins of Kings Mountain and Moses and Janice Murphey of Pittsburgh, PA. Great-grandparents are Robert and Juanita Craig of Kings Mountain and Nora Hutchins of Grover.

Kings Mountain Weather Report

	Nov. 9-15 Year Ago	
Total precipitation	.40	.20
Maximum one day	.40 (10)	.20 (14)
Year to date	49.93	39.74
Minimum temperature	34 (12)	35 (10)
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Average temperature	55.9	58.7

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CCC bond vote approved

County Commissioners Tuesday approved a \$2.8 million bond referendum for Cleveland Community College.

Voters will go to the polls on March 7, 1995.

If approved, the bonds would provide \$2 million for a classroom/laboratory building, \$700,000 for a fire and rescue training center and \$100,000 for future land acquisitions.

State funds are available for \$2,208,022, approved in the November 1993 state-wide bond referendum, require local matching funds for the classroom/laboratory building.

The state funds plus the requested local bond funds of \$2 million would construct a \$4.2

million classroom/laboratory building.

College President Dr. Steve Thornburg said that during the past decade the number of individuals in curriculum programs has increased 28 percent over 1982 with few new classrooms or labs. He said the Tech Prep program is projected to increase technical and vocational enrollments over the next three years and the new building will provide much needed classrooms and labs during critical morning and evening hours when class/lab space is set at a premium.

The Fire and Rescue Training Center is based on a request to

the college two years ago from Cleveland County volunteer fire departments and rescue squads. The project will develop a three story tower with burn room annex, a two story residential unit with burn room garage, a classroom and storage building and outdoor facilities for training.

The March bond referendum will mark 20 years since the college last requested and voters passed a bond. The last classroom building constructed at Cleveland Community College was completed in 1981. The fall quarter enrollment for 1981 was 1,359 students. The fall quarter enrollment for 1994 reached 1,750.

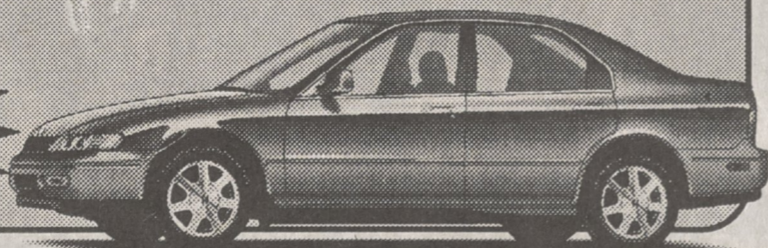
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