

YMCA

From 1A

Forming its own YMCA, in cooperation with the YMCAs of Cleveland County, would immediately almost double the recreation possibilities in Kings Mountain. He envisions renovating the Kings Mountain Community Center to make better use of space and provide workout stations for all ages.

YMCA operations are funded through membership fees, fees for participation in various sports, and a massive corporate fund-raising program.

"We're working out the particulars of the contract, and we need to give it some time," said Corder. "But we're assuring that we will create more programs. We're going to keep the same programs and hopefully enhance them, but we will create more programs for a more diverse group of ages - more seniors, more preschoolers, more for teens, a lot more corporate programming, and eventually do some health care initiatives."

Kings Mountain Recreation Director Tripp Hord said the YMCA will be hosting various summer camps at Kings Mountain P&R this summer, and the programs being offered will be good for King Mountain youngsters. But he said he has not been informed of any plans for establishing a YMCA here.

The Kings Mountain Recreation Committee meets next Tuesday night at 7 p.m. at the Community Center, and Chairman David Allen said the YMCA is welcome to make a presentation. He said he has been informed of the YMCA's goal to come to Kings Mountain, and although he is not pushing it or fighting it at this time, he has an open mind.

Corder said, in addition to usual recreation programs such as basketball, baseball and football, the Y offers programs such as Indian Guides, teen clubs, on-site corporate health fairs, a wide variety of swimming and water aerobics, walking clinics, health care seminars, after-school clubs and summer care programs, sports camps and sports clinics.

If the YMCA and the city can come to an agreement, Corder envisions the Y coming to Kings Mountain in late summer or early fall. He said current recreation employees would be given the option of going to work for the YMCA, and by expanding the programs here more job opportunities would be available in the future.

Corder indicated fees would not increase during the first year of the partnership; and that any future fee schedules would probably be broken into three categories: a smaller fee for YMCA membership, a slightly higher fee for non-members who reside inside the Kings Mountain city limits, and a higher fee for non-members who reside outside the KM city limits.

However, he added, no child will be turned down for participation in sports because of inability to pay. YMCAs provide partial and full scholarships, depending on the family's financial situation.

With over 12,000 residents in the Greater Kings Mountain area, Corder is confident the YMCA could reach at least 10 percent of them, resulting in over 5,000 registrations for programs.

"We've been getting advice from the corporate community and individuals," he said, "and they're really excited about it."

Council to discuss sewer rates

How many water and sewer projects can the city find funds to do in the next budget?

That's the question that City Council will address at a special meeting Monday at 7 p.m.

Following direction of Council at a recent meeting, City Manager Jimmy Maney will present several options for a water and sewer rate that would address capital needs in the 1999-2000 city budget and "not overburden citizens."

Council has called the meeting for a work session to look at several options on how to pay for water and sewer priorities that Council has prioritized.

The vote on any projected increase will not come before the April 27 meeting and could be postponed until budget deliberations are underway in May. Seven or eight months ago

Council voted to employ a consultant to take a look at rates but at that time Council had not identified the priorities and then it took several months to update a master water and sewer plan developed by W. K. Dickson Engineers in 1990.

At a recent meeting Council authorized the city manager to develop proposed rates based on priorities in the new budget and present them at a work session.

Mayor Scott Neisler gave residents some good news last week when he reported that no increase is projected in the next budget year from the City of Gastonia for treatment of sewage at the Crowders Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Kings Mountain pays the inside industrial rate which Gastonia upped by 18 percent

in the 1998-99 budget. For several years Kings Mountain has not passed the increase on to citizens.

The mayor has said that's it's almost a foregone conclusion that the rates must go up and increased costs from Gastonia can no longer be absorbed by the city.

At last week's meeting Council okayed at Maney's recommendation the hiring of a professional firm to evaluate the 1974 water line that runs to town from Moss Lake. Maney said the evaluation is a "must" to determine the life expectancy of the line.

"I can do the rate study in-house but we need to know if we can establish a fund for a second line each budget year or if we need to do it now," he said.

Maney said engineers can run samples and take a look at pipe deterioration and other concerns.

Maney estimated the evaluation cost could run \$10,000. The board may let bids for that project at Monday's meeting. Maney estimated the evaluation of the line could take about 60 days.

"We have to start somewhere," he said. Council will take a look at how to come up with the money to fund some of the high dollar water and sewer projects. Since the city is not eligible for grant funds based on residential rates and discussion has not generated support for a bond the options are to increase the rates to take care of immediate needs.

The city has identified \$20 million in capital projects over the next 20 years.

POLICE REPORT

ARRESTS

Marie Antoinette Mintz, 20, 68 Pine Manor, felony embezzlement, \$5000 bond, secured.

INCIDENTS

CVS Pharmacy, 1101 Shelby Rd., reported that a customer concealed Advil tablets and Aleve capsules and left the store without paying for them.

Joan Perez, 1210 W. Gold St., reported that she was assaulted.

KM Express, King St., reported that a motorist backed his vehicle into a vacuum cleaner.

Chrell Moore, 19 Pine Manor, reported that she was assaulted.

Maurice Chambers, 1 Pine Manor, reported that he was assaulted by a person driving an automobile in the apartment complex parking lot.

Jerry Boone, 616 Temple St., reported that shutters on his home were damaged.

Vanessa Williams, 201 Parrish Dr., reported theft of a stereo from her home.

M. A. Stewart Inc., Concord, reported that his car was broken into while parked at a local motel.

Paul White, Mountainbrook Dr., Gastonia, reported that he was assaulted by a motorist who rolled the car window up with his arm in it and proceeded down E. King Street.

Texaco 271, 511 Linwood Rd., reported theft of hats with racing logos.

KM Express, 212 W. King St., reported theft of NASCAR racing ballcaps.

Winn-Dixie, KM Plaza, reported that a customer shoplifted two pork chops.

Texaco Express 271, Linwood Road, reported that a customer pumped gasoline and didn't pay for it.

Shada Hopper, 50 Pine Manor, reported theft of her purse from her car.

Express Store, 212 W. King St., reported theft of NASCAR ball caps.

Benton Express, York Road, reported theft of four radial tires from a truck.

Mountain Market General Store, Waco Rd., reported that a customer passed a bogus check.

Dollar General Store, 235 S. Cherokee St., reported theft of seven infant outfits.

Lail Motors of Gastonia reported theft of a 1979 Oldsmobile valued at \$2000 from Hugo's parking lot.

Christopher Glenn Paul, Long Creek Road, reported damage to his car while parked at Harris-Teeter.

Lake Electric Co., Denver, reported theft of meters from 112 S. Piedmont Avenue.

Mary Hillman, 407 Baker St. Apt. A, reported theft of a tape recorder and other items during a break-in.

Tyler Lee Toney, 203 N. Piedmont Ave., reported theft of coats and assorted tapes from his 1995 Ford which was broken into by vandals throwing a rock through the back window.

Reann Klocke, 233 Ridge St., reported theft of a car cover.

Caldwell Chevrolet, Broadview St., reported theft of a car radio.

Mountain Market, 506 Waco Rd., reported theft of an air compressor.

Recynthia Moss, 304 Isley St., reported theft of her purse.

Greg Kennedy, Winston - Salem, reported theft of a tool box from his vehicle parked at a local motel.

Angela Furr, 800 Third St., reported theft of an amp and speaker from her car.

Princess Nolen, 115 McGinnis St., reported theft of her 1985 Ford.

Donald Adams, 312 S. Cansler St., reported that his 1988 Nissan was taken from a car wash.

Latrece Littlejohn, 2415 Cleveland Ave., reported that her purse was snatched from a grocery cart.

Texaco 101, 600 E. King St., reported theft of \$140 from a vending machine.

William Parker, 101 Gold Run Court, reported damage to a window of his residence.

Joyce Davis, 620 Mauney ave., reported damage to her car at the KM Hospital parking lot.

Sue Garrett, 211 N. Sims St., reported theft of a bicycle.

Revonda Crockett, 408 E. Ridge St., reported that her car was damaged.

WRECKS

MARCH 19

A 1996 Oldsmobile operated by Ray Bridges, 116 Phifer Rd., struck a 1979 Chevrolet truck operated by Cheryl Mercer, 203 Thornburg Dr., in the parking lot of Ray's Tire and Alignment on Shelby Road. Damages were estimated at \$750.

A 1995 Lincoln operated by James Ronald Whetstone, 327 Rollingbrook Rd., struck a 1992

Chevrolet operated by Donna Millwood, 707 Harmon Rd., at the Texaco parking lot on York Road. Damages were estimated at \$1000.

A city employee in the trash truck was loading debris and a stick fell and struck a 1990 Ford operated by Samuel Lago, West Mountain St. Damages were estimated at \$100.

WRECKS

MARCH 24

Chris Leigh, 1922 Bethlehem Rd., backed his 1998 Ford truck into a 1991 Mercedes in the parking lot of Harris-Teeter. Damages were estimated at \$1000.

MARCH 25

A parked 1995 Eagle owned by Charles Welch, Tiana Dr., was damaged by a hit and run vehicle at Waffle House parking lot.

A 1988 Toyota operated by Lillian Boster of Atlanta, Ga., struck a 1986 Mazda operated by George Holland Jr. of Bessemer City on York Road. Damages were estimated at \$1000.

Vehicles operated by Helen Bailey, Box 1861, and Marguerite Wheeler, 502 Katherine Ave., hit on East King Street. Damages were estimated at \$900.

A 1992 Nissan operated by Joyce Buckner of 1243 Phifer Rd., struck a 1996 Ford truck operated by Philip Moser, 303 S. Goforth St. The accident happened at a traffic light on East King Street. One person was reportedly hurt. Property damages were estimated at \$900.

MARCH 26

Ptl. Steve Wray cited Rafael Calabria, 59, of Pine View Lane, Gastonia, with safe movement violation and driving left of center after his 1991 Nissan struck a 1993 Mazda operated by Audrey Bostic, Glory Dr. Property damages were estimated at \$3,000.

MARCH 28

Richard Suddreth, 48-A Julian St., backed his 1992 Pontiac from Julian Street Apartments and struck a parked 1998 Kia owned by Linda Vrikes, North Wilkesboro.

WEDDING

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"I met Millie where we used to work at J.P.S. in Stanley," said Williams. "What attracted me to her was her beautiful personality. The first date we went out on, we came here to the auction house."

"The thing that I like about Lloyd is the fact that we have so many things in common," said the new bride. "We enjoy camping, bowling, and fishing together."

Dress at the wedding ceremony, which was conducted by the Reverend L.C. Rankin of Lincolnton, varied from suit and tie to jeans and ball caps. Though signs on the auction house walls advertised corn bread and pinto beans for a dollar, everyone in attendance had their eyes fixed on the lovely wedding cake and generous spread of cold cuts and hors d'oeuvres.

Somewhat awed by it all was the groom's grandson, six year old Justin Williams.

"I like the wedding," said young Williams as he eyed the three-tiered cake up front.

Despite the minor glitch of a cranky tape player, the ceremony got underway with all the seriousness of a coronation in St. Paul's cathedral. As the newlywed's shared their first nuptial kiss, the audience beamed with approval.

After the Williams' got into their car and sped away towards a new life together, auction house owner Berryhill turned philosophic.

"Auction people are good people," she said. "You just never know where you might meet the right person."

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CENTER

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Sliding doors, handicapped equipped bathrooms including toilet seats to accommodate wheelchairs and easy access as well as other amenities.

The sloping roof structure of the concrete tilt-up building picks up the motif of the new police department. The high building of the design is a gymnasium/auditorium with the lower area a series of offices and program areas. Scored wall panels simulate a limestone appearance on the front. There is a portico canopy to make car and bus drop-offs easy.

Kings Mountain Senior Center is currently housed in the Depot Center which was renovated some years ago. Because of the large number of participants and programs, the Depot Center has outgrown the population.

The Senior Center Advisory Board presented plans for a new facility several months ago to Kings Mountain City Council and Council asked Cleveland County Commissioners to appropriate \$600,000 toward the cost. The city received a \$100,000 grant contingent with matching funds of \$25,000 from the city. In addition to city funds, a community drive will probably be planned.

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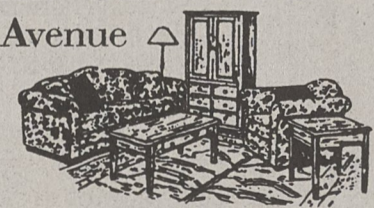
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