

LOCAL

'New urbanization' community sought

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A residential community following the "new urbanization" model may come to Kings Mountain. During a Tuesday afternoon meeting, realtor David Faunce asked the planning and zoning board to rezone a parcel on East Gold Street from light industrial to Residential-Six. The board voted to table the request until Faunce could provide more information. The new urbanization model calls for homes on very small lots. Living rooms are in the front of the home. Typically sidewalks are built on both sides of the street. The design encourages contact between neighbors. The Birkdale community in

Huntersville follows the model. Homes would cost around \$120,000. Town homes and condominiums were also discussed. Board members expressed concern about the site being located so close to mining operations. Drainage issues and wildlife habitat also came up. One nearby resident questioned how the increased traffic would affect her home. Board Chairman Jim Childers excused himself, saying his business hopes to do work on Faunce's proposed project. In other business, the board unanimously elected David Allen as its vice-chairperson. The board unanimously denied a rezoning request by Donna McNamara. She had asked for property to be rezoned from Residential-10 to neighborhood business.

Communication set at Fairview Lodge

Fairview Masonic Lodge #339, A.F. & A.M., Kings Mountain, will have its stated communication Monday at 7:30 p.m.

A meal will be served at 6:30. All qualified Masons are invited.

BRIEFS

Kevin Weaver part of security for inauguration

Kevin Weaver a member of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police department, was recently selected as part of the contingent that made up the largest security detail ever assigned to a Presidential inauguration. Weaver is a 15-year veteran of the department and serves as a grenadier on the department's Civil Emergency Unit. Officer Weaver is responsible for the disbursement of chemical munitions in times of civil disturbance. Officers from Charlotte were responsible for protecting a 1.7 mile section of the parade route as well as providing security at the Inaugural balls. Officer Weaver's primary assignment is in the Traffic Enforcement unit where he is a Traffic Homicide investigator. Weaver is a 1984 graduate of Kings Mountain High school. He earned a

Bachelor of Science Degree from Western Carolina University and a Master of Business Administration Degree from Pfeiffer University. He is the son of Geraldine and the late Walter Weaver of Kings Mountain. Officer Weaver's long range career goal is to one day return to Kings Mountain as its Chief of Police.

School Board meets Monday

Cleveland County Schools board will meet Monday at 7 p.m. at the Cleveland County Auditorium on South Post Road. Student assignment, a school system slogan, school health advisory council appointments, an AIG presentation and a capital project update are on the agenda. The meeting is open to the public.

Sellers accepted in Clerk program

Marilyn Sellers, CMC, Kings Mountain City Clerk, has been accepted as a member in the Master Municipal Clerk Academy Program of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. The academy is the professional body of municipal clerks who have continued their level of educational achievement beyond the attainment of the prestigious Certified Municipal Clerk Award. Ms. Sellers has been employed with the City since January 1989, serving as Secretary to the City Manager before appointment to her current position in July 1990.

Warren named VP of First National

Steve Warren recently joined First National Bank as Vice President in the Investment Department. He is an investment broker in the New Hope Road office in Gastonia and is available for client appointments throughout the bank's service area. Warren has 15 years experience in financial consulting and investments. A native of Gastonia and a graduate of Hunter Huss High School, he earned both a Bachelor of Science and MBA from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He and his wife, Jenny, live in Mount Holly and have two children.

Commercial Vehicle buys Mayflower

Commercial Vehicle Group announced Monday that it has purchased Mayflower Vehicle Systems' North American Commercial Vehicle Operations for \$107.5 million. MVS is the only non-captive producer of complete truck cabs for the commercial vehicle sector with full service engineering and development capabilities, according to the company's website. Last year MVS reported approximately \$207 million in gross earnings.

Top teams win in duckpin league

Nothing changed in mixed duckpin bowling league action Tuesday night at Dilling Heating as the top two teams won over the bottom two, 6-2. First place MR Ducks (34-14) defeated the last place Duck Masters (14-34) and second place Dream Team (30-18) defeated third place Mighty Ducks (18-30).

Greg Evans led MR Ducks with a 157 line and 439 set. Mark Midgette led Duck Masters with a 128 line and 351 set. Mark Abernathy led Dream Team with a 127 line and 353 set. Sue Abernathy rolled a 117 line and Ed Philbeck had a 298 set for Might Ducks.

Warriors grab Thursday lead

KM Warriors swept Merck's Murderers to take over first place in the mixed duckpin bowling league Thursday night at Dilling Heating. The Warriors (24-24) were led by Ed Philbeck with a 133 line and 367 set. Zeke Rybczyk led the Murderers (14-26) with a 126 line and 348 set. Allen's Raiders (22-18) defeated Tommy's Strike Force (20-20) 6-2. Allen Myers led the winners with a 142 line and 395 set and Tommy Barrett led Strike Force with a 165 line and 385 set.

Linwood League to begin '05 play

The Linwood Ladies Golf League will start its 2005 league Thursday, March 3 at 9 a.m. All women golfers are invited to join the league. For more information call Trudy Shuford at 865-8223.

Woodbridge women to begin 2005 season

The Woodbridge Ladies Golf League will start its 2005 league on Wednesday, March 2 at 9 a.m. All women golfers are invited to join. For more information call Trudy Shuford at 865-8223.

Support group to meet in Shelby

The Cleveland County Area Brain Injury Support Network meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 17 from 5:30-7 p.m. at Poplar Springs Baptist Church in the small dining room of the Family Life Center. The group meets the third Thursday of each month. The group is for families and individuals in Cleveland and surrounding counties who have experienced brain injury due to a trauma such as motor vehicle collisions, falls, assaults, stroke, aneurysm, tumor or other causes. Interested professionals are also invited to attend. For more information call Carolyn Costner at 704 434-5624.

Shelby Eye Centers using Crystalens

Shelby Eye Centers was recently approved to begin using a revolutionary new replacement lens called Crystalens. They are the first practice in the region able to offer this new technology and are now screening potential patients. Qualified patients are ideally, active adults in their 50's to mid 60's with a small amount of cataract formation. Also, those who have had some type of corneal refractive surgery such as LASIK are acceptable candidates.

Dr. Steven Bailey of Shelby Eye Centers cautions that patients have realistic expectations. "There is a period of retraining of the eye muscles involved and good close-up vision is not necessarily present immediately," he said. "Studies have shown that with Crystalens, vision continues to improve over time. Most patients are able to see well enough to get their driver's license without restrictions. However, some patients may still need weak powered glasses for reading on the very smallest print. For more information, call 482-6767 or 800-776-1054.

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