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## SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN



## KM Christmas Parade Saturday in downtown

Santa Claus is coming to town Saturday at 3 p.m. in Kings Mountain's annual Christmas Parade, which will feature the Boy Scouts of America as Grand Marshals.

The 75-unit parade will form on E. Gold Street and will proceed through the business district on S. Battleground Ave. to the overhead bridge on King Street, disbanding on E. King Street in the area of Kentucky Fried Chicken.

Special events director and parade organizer Ellis Noell said that the Boy Scouts of America are being honored this year as grand marshals in celebration of the civic group's 100th anniversary.

"It's a pleasure to honor our Boy Scouts, they have been great community volunteers. They have always been there, ready to serve Kings Mountain through their involvement in projects like our community-built playground, litter campaigns with Keep Kings Mountain Beautiful and a host of outstanding Eagle projects. We appreciate their efforts and the dedication of the scout leaders," stated Mayor Rick Murphrey.

A representative of the Tiger Scouts, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Eagle and Explorer Scouts will all be together on the Grand Marshal's lead vehicle. Space is still available for this Saturday's parade. For registration information call 704-734-0333.

The procession will feature local beauties such as Miss KM Samantha Haskett; Hannah McDougal, Carousel Princess; KMHS Homecoming Queen Ashley Ray; the festive beats of the KMHS Marching Mountaineers Band; and the crowd-pleasing Shriners.

The following is this year's parade line-

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## City plans for Fit Community grant

By ELIZABETH STEWART  
Staff writer

Kings Mountain City Council is applying for a Fit Community Grant which could provide \$60,000 over a two year period for anything from an intersection improvement to bike racks that facilitate an active lifestyle.

The action in the city's first step to be recognized a Fit Community came Tuesday night as Council members heard an update from county health officials Denise Stallings and Anne Short on an Eat Smart Move More grant of \$8,000 that the county received through the Alliance for Health coalition to focus on Kings Mountain.

The board voted a resolution of support to enact the Eat Smart Move More program here.

Cleveland County Health Department Director Denise Stallings said grant money will be used to develop signage for three walking trails all within three miles of Patriot Park

in downtown Kings Mountain. In addition, West Elementary School will also assist in the route location, design process and the development of several "Walk to School" events with Safe Kids of Cleveland County, Stallings said. The coalition is also working with West School to promote walking programs and encourage kids to walk to school.

"We look forward to collaborating with the Cleveland County Health Department, Eat Smart Move More Coalition, Alliance for Health and West School," said Mayor Rick Murphrey. He added, "This is a tremendous opportunity for the city to become an active and healthy community and eventually be recog-

nized as a Fit Community."

Council approved a steering committee to include Marcie Campbell and Steve Killian of the KM Planning Department; Adam Hines of Mountaineer Partnership, Jackie Barnette, public works; Police Chief Melvin Proctor; Mayor Rick Murphrey, ex officio; Ellis Noell, special events; Dennis Patterson, Gateway Trails; Tommy Hawkins, ex officio city council; Lisa Cash of the bike planning committee and librarian Sharon Stack. Representatives from the county health department include Karma Edwards, Anne Short, Jimmy Hines, Stallings, Joyce King and Ronnie Hawkins, member

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## 'We want to keep our neighborhood'

# Neighbors protest plans for car shop

By ELIZABETH STEWART  
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"We want to keep our neighborhood," N. Cansler Street residents told Kings Mountain City Council last Tuesday during a public hearing on a rezoning request which the Planning & Zoning Board will take another look at Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.

John A. and Patricia Queen are seeking rezoning of property on the East Side of North Cansler at the corner of N. Cansler and Morris streets from Residential (RS-6) to Conditional Use General Business (CU-G-B).

Twelve adjoining property owners have filed a protest petition and Tuesday's public hearing by city council was continued until Dec. 15 at 6 p.m. at request of the Planning Board. The council's action will take a 'super majority' vote by six of the seven members to pass.

For property owners like Laura Fannin

of 406 N. Cansler, Mary Tessner of 405 N. Cansler, and Joel Camp of 408 N. Cansler it will be the third time around at city meetings opposing changes in zoning in their neighborhood. Twice before, the neighbors have asked and received council approval to change zoning to the present residential category.

Planning Director Steve Killian told the council that even though this is the third rezoning request for the subject property new issues, concerns and facts surfacing need to be addressed before the zoning board can make a recommendation to council.

State Rep. Tim Moore, attorney for the Queens, said the Queens want to build a car shop on the site to provide oil changes, vehicle inspections and repairs, and sell auto parts and related products. The only close business on the street is a car wash, he said. He presented a copy of plans for what he said can be an attractive metal frame building located diagonally from the North

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## Apply in person

# Bell Lines seeks employees

Trucking company looks to bring 400 jobs to KM area; will start taking applications Thursday at KM YMCA

Looking for a job? The new trucking company, Bell Lines, LLC, will be taking applications Thursday, Dec. 3, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Kings Mountain YMCA Gymnasium (the former Kings Mountain Community Center) on Cleveland Avenue.

"We will be taking applications for truck drivers, diesel mechanics, warehouse workers, administra-

tive and clerical positions," said Richard McGinnis, of the Shelby office of the Employment Security Commission. McGinnis said that jobseekers must apply in person.

Charles Lohr, owner of the Charlotte-based company, announced Nov. 11 that he had purchased the former Carolina Western property on York Road. He plans to start running the

business by Christmas and be in full production next year to bring a potential of 400 jobs to the Kings Mountain area. Bell Lines has more than 200 trucks which carry airline and commercial freight throughout the South.

Lohr is currently refurbishing and taking inventory at the Kings Mountain plant.

## Bells will be ringing



Christmas bells will be ringing for the area needy each weekend through Dec. 19 at both Food Lion grocery stores and at Ingles by volunteers from the community for benefit of the Kings Mountain Crisis Ministry sponsored by the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association.

Volunteers include representatives of numerous churches, the Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club, Kings Mountain Rotary Club, Police Explorers and Kings Mountain High School.

Here Megan Woodall adds to the bucket as George Hatch of the Kiwanis Club rings the bell.

## Ordinance will bring 200 acres into city limits

By ELIZABETH STEWART  
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Two areas of the city—a total of 205.946 acres—will be brought into the city limits June 30, 2010 following adoption of the annexation ordinance last Tuesday.

By 6-0 vote, Kings Mountain City Council adopted the amended H area which excluded Countryside Road's homes and the Commscope/Chris\*Craft building, and adopted Area I (Crocker Ridge neighborhood) of 12.42 acres and the Kings Pointe /Shelby Road Drive area.

The Shelby Road/Kings Pointe area has 132 total lots and tracts of which 95 are in use in residential, commercial and industrial, institutional use. The Shelby Road/Kings Pointe urbanized area contains 87 plus acres of residential and vacant

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