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Council to review zoning

Public hearings on zoning matters will comprise the major part of next Tuesday night's 6 p.m. agenda of Kings Mountain City Council.

The city's Planning & Zoning Board voted unanimously last Tuesday to recommend to city council a text amendment that will spell out some 16 permitted uses for public, commercial, and multiple recreational and entertainment facilities.

A public hearing will be held on request of Mike Brown, a Kings Mountain businessman, who has

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Shop Small Business Saturday

The Kings Mountain Herald is proud to encourage a day dedicated to supporting small businesses in Kings Mountain.

This year on Saturday, Nov. 24, get out and make a difference by showing support and shopping at the wonderful small businesses throughout historic downtown Kings Mountain. Whether it is retail stores, restaurants, or other service providers, when local small business thrives, the community thrives.

The Herald wants to remind everyone that dollars spent in locally-owned businesses have an enormous impact in terms of keeping the local economy alive. When you shop locally, you simultaneously create jobs, help fund city services through sales tax, invest in neighborhood improvements, and promote community development.

Last year, over one hundred million people came together to "shop small" in their communities nationwide on Small Business Saturday.

What are your Thanksgiving plans this year?

Kings Mountain citizens were preparing for Thanksgiving this week.

Plans by many citizens were traditional with butcher sales indicating turkey to be the menu favorite.

Students and school staffs were looking forward to a long weekend beginning Wednesday with closing of schools.

Some churches were planning services and early morning breakfasts prepared by men of the church.

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Families file suit against CC Fair

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The family of two E-coli victims - 5-year-old Hannah Roberts of Gastonia and 18-month-old Isaac Dover of Cherokee County, SC - filed civil law suits Monday, suing the Cleveland County Fair for negligence.

Health officials tied to the fair's petting zoo an outbreak that made 106 people sick and led to the death of a 2-year-old boy.

Gastonia Attorney Thomas D. Bumgardner filed the action in Gaston County Superior Court which included appointment of Guardian Ad Litem for the minor

children - attorney Edgar F. Bogle for young Roberts and Brent Patterson for young Dover.

Plaintiffs are Michael and Tracy Roberts, parents of Hannah, and Mary Katherine Gordon and Michael Dover, parents of Isaac Dover.

The families are seeking a jury

trial and damages totaling more than \$10,000 for each of four claims for relief for both children and the parents, for prejudgment and post-judgment interest as provided by law; for all costs incurred in bringing this action and for such other and further relief that the

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The spectacular Christmas display by Grady and Katie Costner in the Midpines Community is their Christmas gift to the community. They will flip the switch Thanksgiving night at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Christmas (Costner) to turn on the lights Thanksgiving night

Grady and Katie Costner could change their names to Mr. and Mrs. Christmas, and everyone who sees their Christmas lights Thanksgiving night and during the Christmas season would agree.

The Midpines couple's holiday light display gets bigger and bigger every year. They will flip the switch Thursday night at 5:30 p.m. and every night through Christmas Day until 9 or 10 p.m. each evening.

"We started with just a handful of lights about 25 years ago and this is the 21st year that we have about 200,000 light bulbs in this yard, the property across from our front door and the property across the street from our back yard," said Katie. The neighbors call it a mini McAdenville.

Using his welding and electrical skills, Grady Costner adds something new every year and this year

he has illuminated race cars, ponies and a float to add to a big assortment of illuminated angels, a carousel, poinsettias, toy soldiers, a nativity, peacocks, carolers, trees, and much more. And, of course, Santa Claus is on hand to give each child a candy cane as families drive through the merry Christmas display.

Scotty and Norma Costner drove from Syacamore, Ala., and Charles Costner helped Grady and Katie put the finishing touches to the Christmas scene. It has been Katie's job over the years to string the lights as Grady is a busy elf in his Santa workshop.

The display adds about \$1,000 a month to the couple's utility bill. "We couldn't continue to say merry Christmas this way without generous donations from the public," said Mrs. Costner.

Christmas is coming to Kings Mountain!

Jingle Bell Run

Jingle, jingle, jingle! It's time for the 12th Annual Jingle Bell Rockin' Run. The 10 a.m. run includes a 10k, 5k, 2 mile run for grade school kids and a 600m fun run for preschool kids. Saturday, Dec. 1 will be full of fun, from the live music to the costume contest. This event has something for every member of the family so do not miss it. Child Care will be provided at the Joy Theater.

The race starts at Patriots Park, 220 S Railroad Ave., in downtown Kings Mountain; the Fun Run (600 meter) starts at 10 am with the 5k/10k immediately following the Fun Run. You may register online @ <http://precisiontimingsystems.com>. Early packet pickup is Friday, Nov. 30 from 3-8:30 pm at the KM Joy Theater. Race day packet pickup and registration are from 8-9:30 am at KM Joy Theater.

KM Christmas Parade set for Dec. 1

Applications for parade entries in the annual Kings Mountain Christmas Parade are now available online at www.cityofkm.com or can be picked up from Lynda Mattox at City Hall.

The parade will be held on Saturday, Dec. 1 at 3 p.m.

This year's Grand Marshal will be local Girl Scout Troops, celebrating their 100th anniversary. There will also be awards given to the best floats in six different categories: Corporate, Small Business, Service Organization, Church, Most Artistic and Best Overall. The parade will be videotaped and will be shown on C-19, the Cleveland Community College Public Access channel.

For additional information contact Ellis Noell, Public Relations/Special Events Director, City of Kings Mountain, 704-473-8727.

Tree lighting kicks off holiday season

The lighting of the children's Christmas tree, trimmed with 3,000 lights, at Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library kicked off the holiday season in Kings Mountain Tuesday night as crowds of wide-eyed and excited children sat on Santa's lap and gave the jolly ole man their wish list.

Prior to Santa's arrival, the Kings Mountain Elementary School Singers, under the direction of Susan Gray, sang Christmas carols and Dr. Jeff Mauney, chairman of the library board, gave "state of the library" from a stage set up by the city's Special Events Coordinator Ellis Noell and city crews in the street in front of the library.

Always a favorite of children was the reading of St. Luke's Christmas Story from the Bible and "Twas the Night Before Christmas" by Kings Mountain Mayor Rick Murphy. Santa Claus switched the lights on the Christmas tree and then took his chair to entertain and be entertained by the children.

Santa's special elves were Marla Silaphet, Kayla Saynorah, Molly Vongphouthone, and Courtney Elmore.

Other Christmas season events on tap in December include: "Home for Christmas," the annual city-sponsored Christmas parade on Dec. 1 at 3 p.m.; the YMCA's Jingle Bell Rockin' Run Dec. 1 from 9 a.m.-noon at Patriots Park; Santa's Fire Truck Express Dec. 14 from 1-4 p.m. at he Kings Mountain Historical Museum; and the traditional Christmas Eve luminaries Dec. 24 from 5:30 p.m.-midnight at city owned Mountain Rest Cemetery.



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