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## One-way street proposal tabled

Concern from residents who don't like the idea of making a one block portion of Railroad Avenue and Mountain and Gold Streets one-way surfaced at Friday's 5:30 p.m. special meeting of Kings Mountain City Council at the Public Works Department.

Before the vote, councilman Howard Shipp said he had received numerous calls from residents. "I think it would be wise to table," he said.

And table they did. Councilmen Rodney Gordon and Tommy Hawkins made the motion to table all three proposals and the council was unanimous in its decision. Ward V Councilman Rick Moore was the only member of the seven-member board absent and he was out of town.

Before the meeting Mayor Rick Murphrey said he also had received calls from concerned citizens. He said that a special committee had worked for a year on the project and had suggested that making the streets one way would be safer for pedestrian traffic and increase parking spaces. The recommendation by the committee was to make Gold Street from Railroad Avenue to Cansler Street a one-way street, Mountain Street from Cansler Street to Railroad Avenue a one way street, and Railroad Avenue from Gold Street to Mountain Street a one way street.

No motion was made to take the item from the table for more discussion or citizen input at another time.

## Patriot Day 9-11

The community-wide Patriot Day service will be held Thursday, Sept. 11, at 12 noon, in front of Kings Mountain City Hall.

This solemn ceremony is an annual commemorative service for those who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001 and also honors area law enforcement, firemen, and men and women in service.

The short program will include the presentation of the colors by the Kings Mountain Police Honor Guard, an invocation, pledge of allegiance to the flag and the singing of the National Anthem. Mayor Rick Murphrey will speak followed by a moment of silence and the memorial ringing of the Fire Bell.

"September 11, 2001 was a very dark day for Americans and the world," said the mayor. "We will never forget those whose lives were lost and stand proud of our servicemen and women who continue to this day to defend and fight for the freedom we have here in America."



The Kings Mountain High School Band, above, performs for every home football game at Gamble Stadium. Decked out in their colorful uniforms, the talented band members perform at half time to the delight of the football crowds.

Photo by GARY STEWART

## City to begin repaving project

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Good news! The city will start paving Mountain and West Gold streets from Phifer Road to Railroad Avenue and one block of Railroad from Gold to Mountain in the next two weeks. The cost to the city is \$350,000, Mayor Rick Murphrey said this week.

City council at a special meeting Friday amended the city budget to finance the \$350,000 cost of the paving because of all the cuts from water line rehabilitation.

"It's the right thing to do," said the mayor.

Ward 3 Councilman Tommy Hawkins and Ward 2 Councilman Mike Butler,

mayor pro tem, made the motion to amend the budget which passed unanimously. The funds will come from the city's gas and electric funds and the Powell Bill, a state project to help with paving projects.

Water line rehabilitation is the first phase of a \$33 million water improvements project for which the city borrowed money from the state. State Utility Contractors holds the contract at \$5.2 million.

Workers were delayed 37 of 60 days at the start of the project in November 2013 due to bad weather. "Those workers were out in freezing weather working on water lines," said the mayor.

"We are blessed to have utility funds in shape to borrow from," said City Manager Marilyn Sellers who said she wants to

thank the public for their patience during the water rehab project which got underway Nov. 11, 2013.

The mayor and all councilmen echoed her remarks.

An 8-inch line was installed and placed into service from Phifer Road to Goforth Street on West King, West Mountain and West Gold streets. An 8-inch line was installed from Goforth Street to Railroad Avenue, on West King and West Gold streets.

The mayor said other streets affected by the pipeline improvements will be the responsibility of State Utility contractors. King Street will be repaved by the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

Water Resources Director Dennis Wells

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## Tickets still available for Reverse Raffle

Get your tickets now while they are still available at the Kings Mountain Historical Museum for the big, 11th annual reverse raffle and auctions to be held Saturday, Sept. 13, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the H. Lawrence Patrick Senior Life & Conference Center.

One in 300 will win \$10,000 and one in five will win a fabulous door prize. Tickets are \$100 for a couple which includes a chance to win fabulous prizes, a \$10,000 grand prize and dinner for two. Ticket holders do not have to be present to win the big money or prizes. This event is the museum's only fundraiser to provide exhibits and other educational materials to visitors free of charge.

Hard-working committee members have set attendance goal of 300 people and are confident the event will be one of the best ever.

Adria L. Focht, Director/Curator of the sponsoring Kings Mountain Historical Museum, said that the fund raising committee works diligently each year to make improvements.

Table numbers will be distributed to alleviate crowding at the buffet line and there



This wooden mosaic by Jerry Depew will be available for bidding in the silent auction during the Reverse Raffle dinner on Saturday.

will be adjustments to the sound system so that those sitting in the back of the party room can better hear the announcers on stage.

The reverse raffle is an exciting twist on

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## Anthony honored

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Grover Elementary School Principal Dr. Janet Bridges Anthony is Cleveland County School's 2014 Principal of the Year.

The Kings Mountain woman said she didn't always want to pursue a teaching career but following in her mother's footsteps and, giving credit to God and her school team for success, she said the award is for her a humbling experience.

"We teach and mold children, and entering my 13th year as principal I am still teaching every day," said Anthony who is a 37-year veteran in the education profession.

She said the school's mission for the 370 students in pre-K-4th grade is to nurture and teach all children so they become independent lifelong 21st century learners and develop a sense of self-worth and pride.

Anthony's mother, Edie Bridges,

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