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C THE CARRBORO CITIZEN



Bushy-beard lichen, *Usnea strigosa*, is a common fruticose form found on trees.
PHOTO BY GARY PERLMUTTER

FLORA BY KEN MOORE

What are lichens

Lichens are pioneer plants, colonizers on boulders and other bare surfaces, slowly developing layers of soil particles for the establishment of larger plant communities. They are diverse and beautiful and frequently engage us to pause for an admiring closer look. If you're like me, you most likely move on, wishing you knew more about lichens.

These are the times we need the company of one of those rare "lichenologists" like Gary Perlmutter, who for several years has been engaged in surveying the lichens of our Piedmont region.

I attended the one-day lichen workshop that Gary led about this time last year. It was great. He's offering another one-day "Introduction to Lichens" coming up soon. The workshop will be held at the N.C. Botanical Garden on Saturday, Oct. 13 (ncbg.unc.edu for more information).

This is not to be missed if you are curious about lichens.

I am repeating last year's brief and engaging description of lichens by Gary. If you missed it last year, you'll most likely be appreciative. Otherwise, if you're like me, a review is more than welcome.

"Just what are lichens anyway?"

When out in the woods or even in your backyards, you often admire the trees, shrubs and wildflowers. But if you look closer on the trees, rocks and soil, you'll see little colorful, plant-like things quietly growing on them. They may look like splotches of paint, ruffled leaves or tiny shrubs. These aren't plants at all, but strange life forms called lichens.

Lichens are symbiotic organisms, consisting of a fungus and a photosynthetic partner living together as one. I say "photosynthetic partner" because it could be a green alga, which is a plant, or a blue-green alga, which is really a type of bacteria.

Recent research has revealed the relationship is even more complicated, with entire communities of bacteria living inside lichens. Some researchers

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Alabama Ave. property rezoned

BY SUSAN DICKSON
Staff Writer

CARRBORO – In a move that puts to rest months of worry for residents of the Alabama Avenue neighborhood, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen on Tuesday voted unanimously to rezone three parcels of land at the intersection of Alabama Avenue and Jones Ferry Road – including one previously proposed for a Family Dollar – from

neighborhood business to residential.

The changes rezone 100, 101 and 105 Alabama Ave. as R-10, a residential zone that allows limited commercial uses, including day care and elder-care homes.

Following the vote, the crowded Carrboro Town Hall boardroom erupted into applause and cheers. The move stems from a previously proposed Family Dollar project for 100 Alabama Ave. Raleigh-based Stron-

ach Properties had proposed building an 8,100-square-foot, single-story Family Dollar on the one-acre parcel.

The Carrboro Board of Adjustment in June voted to deny a variance needed for the project, which was strongly opposed by residents of the neighborhood, who said the development would bring increased traffic, noise pollution and unsafe conditions to the neighborhood while decreasing values of surrounding properties.

The developer then withdrew the application, but the issues surrounding the project led the board of aldermen to question the process used to determine which projects are reviewed by the aldermen and which are not. In the Family Dollar case, the project required a special-use permit, which would not require board of aldermen approval unless a site was within

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TAKIN' IN TIFT - Tift Merritt performs for a crowd of nearly 4,000 concertgoers who came out for the Cradle in the Commons event last Friday. Merritt, Megafaun and Mandolin Orange performed. The concert, which was held in the Town Commons and drew residents young and old out to enjoy some tunes and the near-perfect early-fall weather.
PHOTO BY ALICIA STEMPER

Charterwood approved

BY SUSAN DICKSON
Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL – Marking the fourth vote on Charterwood of 2012, the Chapel Hill Town Council on Monday voted 5-4 to approve the project, a mixed-use development proposed for Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

With no discussion, Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt and council members Donna Bell, Gene Pease, Penny Rich and Jim Ward voted in favor of the project, with council members Matt Czajkowski, Laurin Easthom, Ed Harrison and Lee Storrow voting against.

The lack of discussion Monday is certainly not representative of the nearly five-year process leading up to the project's approval.

"It surprised me that it just kept going and going and going," said developer Bill Christian of WCA Partners LLC, adding that he felt that some council members were "voting in a political way, not in the manner of doing what the comprehensive plan says."

"You don't have anything else to go on other than what the town's comprehensive plan says, and we did exactly what the plan says," he continued.

The six-building, 278,000-square-foot project is proposed to include up to

154 residential units – nine townhomes and 145 apartments – and up to 73,000 square feet of office and retail space on 9.3 acres of a 15.7-acre property at 1641 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., just south of Weaver Dairy Road.

The council's votes on Charterwood began in January, when the council voted 5-3 in favor of the project. However, the development did not win approval because a supermajority was required, as neighbors had submitted a valid protest petition.

Following the vote, WCA Partners redrew the lines of the rezoning request such that the protest petition was no longer valid. Under state law, when a protest petition signed by owners of at least 5 percent of the property within 100 feet of a proposed rezoning is filed, approval by a three-quarters majority is required.

A number of residents of the Northwoods V neighborhood, which abuts the property, have come out strongly against Charterwood, citing concerns about buffers, building heights and flooding. Following the changes to the rezoning request, Robin Curran, an attorney representing Northwoods V residents, argued that the rezoning was effectively denied

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Chapel Hill to regulate taxi fares

BY SUSAN DICKSON
Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL – Exactly how much taxis can charge has become a little clearer following the Chapel Hill Town Council's unanimous vote Monday to approve an ordinance regulating taxis in town.

The ordinance stems from a petition submitted by former UNC Student Body President Mary Cooper last October, in which she suggested a flat-rate taxi program for Chapel Hill. In her petition, Cooper cited inconsistencies in fare rates and public-safety concerns.

Under the ordinance, which goes into effect Jan. 1, the police department will add a taxicab-inspector position for enhanced monitoring and enforcement of taxis; pedi-cabs will be a regulated mode of transportation for hire; the town manager can create taxi stands; and fares will be regulated.

The ordinance creates a flat-rate

zone around the downtown area bordered by Estes Drive to the north, Fordham Boulevard to the east, the N.C. 54 bypass to the south and the Carrboro town limits to the west. Within the zone, the flat fare would be \$6 for up to two passengers, with an additional \$2 per passenger. A crossover rate of \$2 would be added for trips crossing over both Franklin and Rosemary streets within the zone.

The ordinance also allows a special-events charge of \$5 per passenger during events causing significant congestion, such as UNC football and basketball games.

Outside of the flat-rate zone, taxis may charge a \$5 minimum fare and \$2.50 per mile for up to two passengers, as well as 25 cents per minute of wait time.

In addition, the ordinance includes a \$75 fee for regurgitation or the release of other bodily fluids in a cab, as well as a charge of 25 cents per suitcase and \$1 per trunk or footlocker. Taxis

must also accept credit and debit cards as payment.

Police Chief Chris Blue said some of the local cab companies liked the new regulations but that not everyone was on board.

Lesley Parr, owner of Time To Go taxi, said his company has been charging \$3 per mile with an \$8 minimum for two passengers and that it should be up to the passengers to determine whether or not to use his business according to the rates. "We feel like it's a fair rate and easy to decipher for everyone involved," he said.

"I do not disagree with some of the regulations that the police department is coming up with. I think some of them are pretty good, especially the inspection of vehicles and the drivers," he said, adding that he felt the new fares were too complicated.

"Here I am behind the wheel of the cab trying to get somebody some

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Board of health considers smoking ban

BY ROSE LAUDICINA
Staff Writer

The Orange County Board of Health is considering proposing a rule that would further limit places where smoking is allowed in Orange County.

While smoking is already prohibited in bars and restaurants in North Carolina in accordance with a law that went into effect January 2010, this new regulation, if passed, would prohibit smoking on government grounds, at recreation facilities, in retail stores and in government vehicles and buildings.

"As the second healthiest county in North Carolina, we really feel like we need to be leading by example," said Stacy Shelp, public-information officer for the Orange County Health Department.

"Orange County prides itself ... as a place where people want to come and visit. To have an environment where people can breathe easier ... lends itself to be a more healthy and pleasant environment for all people who live and visit here," Shelp said.

The board of health decided to reevaluate the county's smoking

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Hiking trail draws concern

BY ROSE LAUDICINA
Staff Writer

An estimated 28 miles of the Mountains to Sea Trail are planned to run through Orange County. Of those 28, five to 10 miles have been built, while eight miles, which won't be constructed for another eight to 10 years, are stirring up mixed emotions.

While the Orange County Board of Commissioners already endorsed

the state's recommended Mountains to Sea Trail (MST) corridor in 2010, residents, primarily in the Bingham Township, are speaking out with both reservations and praise of the proposed route.

The Orange County section of the trail as proposed would run through Hillsborough, Eno River State Park, Occaneechee Mountain and the OWASA Cane Creek Reservoir in Bingham Township.

At the Sept. 18 commissioner

meeting, 17 residents signed up to voice their opinions on the eight miles running through the Cane Creek Reservoir.

While some expressed their adamant support of the trail and the planned routes – "I bring a ringing endorsement of the Mountains to Sea Trail," Audrey Booth, who lives near the route, said – others expressed concern and uneasiness about trail plans.

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MUSIC CALENDAR

THURSDAY SEPT 27

Cat's Cradle: Antibalas, The Brand New Life. 9pm. \$15/17

The Cave: EARLY: Ridge Frissell

Chapel Hill Underground: Dex Romweber and The New Romans, Holiday Parking

City Tap: Doug Largent Trio. 8pm

The Depot: Lise Uyanik Jazz Quartet. 8pm

Linda's Bar and Grill: Robert Griffen. 7:30pm

Nightlight: Orgavin, Mecanikill, Little Black Rain Clouds. 9:30pm. \$5

Southern Rail: Underhill Rose. 9pm

Weaver Street Market (CBO): Snort Beast. 6pm. Free

FRIDAY SEPT 28

Carolina Inn: Down River. 5pm

Cat's Cradle: Ben Sollee, Luke Reynolds. 8pm. \$15/17

The Cave: EARLY: Taz Halloween, Mark Simonsen and Billy Sugarfix LATE: Zen Frisbee, Shark Quest

City Tap: Andy Coats and the Bank Walkers. 8pm

The Depot: Not Dead Yet. 8:30pm

Jack Sprat Cafe and Bar: Coastal Collective, JSwiss, Bobby James, Thornbro, Logic. 10:30pm

The Kraken: Crumb Catcher, Andy Vaughan and The Driveline. 9pm. Free

Local 506: Mercury Dime, John Howie Jr and The Rosewood Bluff, Jeffrey Dean Foster. 9pm. \$6

Modern Fossil: Tubby Ridge Band. 6pm Free

Open Eye: TRIPP Band. 8pm

Southern Rail: Alex Bowers and Friends. 7:30pm

Weaver St. Market (HBO): New Town Drunks. 6:30pm

Local 506: Mercury Dime, John Howie Jr and The Rosewood Bluff, Jeffrey Dean Foster. 9pm. \$6

Modern Fossil: Tubby Ridge Band. 6pm Free

Open Eye: TRIPP Band. 8pm

Southern Rail: Alex Bowers and Friends. 7:30pm

Weaver St. Market (HBO): New Town Drunks. 6:30pm

SATURDAY SEPT 29

Caffe Driade: Scott Niebauer. 8pm

Cat's Cradle: Cynamatik Freak Circus. \$8/10

The Cave: EARLY: Chatterin' Teeth

City Tap: Dmitri Resnik Band. 8pm

The Depot: Lynn McGee and The Monarchs. 6pm. The Harvey Dalton Arnold Band. 8:30pm

Internationalist Books: Subculture Danger, Le Fomo. 9pm

Local 506: Frontier Ruckus, Magnolia Collective. 8:30pm. \$10

Open Eye: Saludos Compay. 8pm

Southern Rail: Lee Gildersleeve and Bad Dog Blues Band. 6pm

SUNDAY SEPT 30

The ArtsCenter: Carrboro Music Festival. 3pm

Cat's Cradle: Carrboro Music Festival. 3:30pm

The Cave: LATE: Eric Stepanian

The Century Center: Magnolia Klezmer Band. 1pm

Chapel Hill Underground: Last Year's Men, Wowlof. 6pm

Local 506: The Black Cadillac, Bevel Summers. 9pm. \$5

Memorial Hall: The Silk Road Ensemble, Yo-Yo Ma. 7:30pm

Open Eye: Carrboro Music Festival. 1pm

Southern Rail: Carrboro Music Festival. 1pm

Weaver Street Market (CBO): Carrboro Music Festival. 1:15pm

MONDAY OCT 1

Cat's Cradle: Polica, Gardens and Villa. 9pm. \$12/14

Local 506: Mount Carmel, Effingham. 9pm. \$8-9

Memorial Hall: The Silk Road Ensemble, Yo-Yo Ma. 7:30pm

TUESDAY OCT 2

Local 506: The Soft Pack, Heavy Hawii. 8:30pm. \$10

WEDNESDAY OCT 3

Cat's Cradle: The Green, Stick Figure, Matt Inie. 8:30pm. \$13/15

The Cave: LATE: Royal Chant, The Hissy Fits

Local 506: Octopus Project, Nervous Curtains. 9pm. \$10-12

THURSDAY OCT 4

Cat's Cradle: Goodspeed You! Black Emperor, Airstrip. 9pm

The Cave: LATE: Old North State, Shane Kelly, Adam Woods, Chris Rodrigues

Chapel Hill Underground: Wesley Wolfe, Transportation, Ye Olde Shoppe. 9pm

The Depot: Mahalo Jazz. 7:30pm

Linda's Bar and Grill: Robert Griffen. 7:30pm

Local 506: Aer, Yonas, David Dallas, SkyBlew. 8pm. \$12-14

Shakori Hills: Driftwood, Ayr Mountaineers, Mipso, Big Cosmo, Yarn, The Morning After, Songs of Water, Shannon Whitworth, Elephant Revival, Rosie Ledet and The Zydeco Playboys, Laura Thurston Band, Locust Honey, Donna The Buffalo.

Southern Rail: Lee Gildersleeve

FRIDAY OCT 5

Caffe Driade: Prypyat. 8pm

Carolina Inn: Mel Melton and

The Wicked Mojo. 5pm

Cat's Cradle: The Whigs, Ponderosa. 8:30pm. \$12

The Cave: LATE: The Church of Zann

The Depot: Critical JUNKtion. 8pm

Local 506: Balmorhea, Onoheim. 9pm. \$8-9

Nightlight: Campfires and Constellations, Almost People, B-Side Project, Turchi. 9:30pm. \$5

Open Eye: Junko Fujiyama. 8pm

Shakori Hills: Tara nevin, Jeb Puryear, Shannon Whitworth, Ayr Mountaineers, Rndy Dean Whit, lakota John, River Whyless, Hoots and Hellmouth, Jonathan Scales Fourchestra, Driftwood, Kelley and The Cowboys, Jacob Jeffries Band, Mason's Apron, Trombone Shorty, Elephant Revival, LiLa, Casey Driessen, Suenalo, Preston Frank, Dona The Buffalo, Big Cosmo. 2pm

SATURDAY OCT 6

Cat's Cradle: Easy Star All-Stars, Aggrolites. 9:30pm. \$15/17

The Cave: LATE: New Town Drunks

The Depot: North Columbia. 8:15pm

The Kraken: Tokyo Rosenthal. 9pm. Free

Local 506: Lord Huron, Night Moves. 9pm. \$10-12

Shakori Hills: Billy Two River, The Mighty Sanfordaires, Wildcat Creek, Deer Clan Singers, Lost In The Trees, Unknown Tongues, Casey Driessen, Rupa and The April Fishes, Elastic Bond, Green Grass Cloggers, Donna The Buffalo, JP Harris and The Tough Choices, Crys Matthews, Fatoumata Diawara, Jacob Jeffries Band, Suenalo, Mipso, Red June. 11am

SPOTLIGHT: CARRBORO MUSIC FESTIVAL

The 15th annual Carrboro Music Festival will be held this Sunday, Sept. 30, starting at 1 p.m.

The daylong free festival will feature many styles of music at numerous indoor and outdoor venues throughout downtown Carrboro. In just a few hours listeners will be able to experience sounds from bluegrass, folk and jazz to country, rock and world music. The festival will feature more than 180 acts, including Toon and The Real Laww, Archbishops of Blount Street, Dark Water Rising, Scarlet Virginia and Gentle Robot, just to name a few. The event is a product of a coordinated effort by the Carrboro Recreation & Parks Department and the Carrboro Music Festival Planning Committee.

Check out the 2012 Carrboro Music Festival Guide inside this week's Citizen for a full performance schedule and venue map.

SPOTLIGHT: MOUSE MOCK FAREWELL BLOWOUT

Mouse Mock has stood at the helm of The Cave in Chapel Hill for the past 12 years, and this week-end marks his last as owner of the town's oldest tavern, located at 452 1/2 W. Franklin St.

To celebrate more than a decade under his influence and ownership, The Cave is throwing a farewell blowout and potluck in Mock's honor on Friday, Sept. 28. The potluck kicks off the event at 5 p.m., followed by an all-star round robin at 7:30 featuring Taz Halloween, Mark Simonsen and Billy Sugarfix. Then at 10, Shark Quest and Zen Frisbee will take the stage for Zen Frisbee's last show ever.

This is your last chance to say a big thank you, goodbye and good luck to Mock, so don't miss out – head to The Cave to celebrate great music, a great venue and Mouse Mock.



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CAT'S CRADLE

FR 9/28 BEN SOLLEE

MO 10/1 POLICA

FR 10/19 FATHER JOHN MISTY

WE 10/10 MELVINS LITE

TU 10/23 STATE RADIO

TU 10/16 THE TEMPER TRAP

SU 10/14 THE HOLD STEADY

TU 10/2 THE SOFT PACK LOCAL 506 (CH)

ALSO PRESENTING

KINGS (RALEIGH)

TU 10/16 TILLY AND THE WALL

W/10/17 YAKKI DAB

TH 10/18 PASSION PIT AFTER PARTY!

WE 12/8 JESSICA LEA MAYFIELD & DAVID MAYFIELD: THE SIBLING RIVALRY TOUR

LOCAL 506 (CHAPEL HILL)

SA 9/29 FRONTIER RUCKUS W/MAGNOLIA COLLECTIVE

TU 10/2 THE SOFT PACK

W/HEAVY HAWAII

FR 10/19 MILO GREENE W/LUCIUS

SU 10/21 GENERATIONALS W/MAUS HAUS AND BRETT HARRIS

WE 11/7 ANAMANAGUCHI AND FANG ISLAND

MO 12/10 PACHAEL YAMAGATA

MOTORCOP (DURHAM)

SA 10/27 AC NEWMAN W/THE MYNABIRDS

WE 11/14 PINBACK HAW RIVER BALLROOM (SA)

SA 11/10 BEN GIBBARD W/ADVANCE BASE (SEATED SHOW)

THE CASBAH (OUR)

SU 9/30 NEIL HALSTEAD

WE 10/31 NOAH GUNDERSEN & DAVID RAMIREZ

WE 11/7 TRIXIE WHITLEY

SA 11/17 KAKI KING W/LADY LAMB THE BEEKER

LINCOLN THEATRE (RAL)

MO 10/1 MINUS THE BEAR W/CURSIVE AND CASPIAN

SU 10/28 DIVINE FITS W/COLD CAVE

TH 11/1 BONHAR00365 TOUR PRESENTED BY SAMSOMITE

WHITE DENIM W/MAPS & ATLASES

FR 11/2 FUTURE ISLANDS W/TALK NORMAL

THE ARTSCENTER (CAR)

SA 10/13 PERFUME GENIUS W/DUSTED

DISCO RODEO (RALEIGH)

TIX: DISCO RODEO, CAT'S CRADLE AND ETIX.COM

TH 10/18 PASSION PIT W/YOUNGBLOOD HAWKE

TH 11/29 FUN. (\$29/\$31)

NIGHTLIGHT (CHAPEL HILL)

MO 11/12 YOUNG PRISMS

CAROLINA THEATRE (DURHAM)

FR 11/16 DELTA RAE

FLETCHER THEATRE (RALEIGH)

WE 2/27/13 BRUCE COCKBURN

TIX: TICKETMASTER OR VENUE BOX OFFICE

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The Master; Arbitrage; Samsara

THE LUMINA Southern Village, 932-9000

Hotel Transylvania; Looper; End of Watch; Trouble With the Curve;

THE VARSITY 123 E. Franklin St., 967-8665

The Bourne Legacy; The Dark Knight Rises; Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted; Marvel's The Avengers

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End of Watch; Hotel Transylvania 3D; House at the End of the Street; Looper; Trouble With the Curve; Won't Back Down

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Briefs

Shuttle to the music festival

Chapel Hill Transit will provide a free shuttle from the Carrboro Plaza Park and Ride to the Carrboro Music Festival.

The music festival is this Sunday in downtown Carrboro from 1-9 p.m. The shuttle will run every 10 to 15 minutes and will make stops along Main Street between Carrboro Town Hall and The ArtsCenter.

Parking at the park and ride will be free during the music festival. For more information and a map of the shuttle route, visit chtransit.org, email chtranist@townofchapelhill.org or call (919) 969-4900 and press 1.

Trustees ask Thorp to stay

The UNC Board of Trustees passed a resolution on Sept. 19 requesting that Chancellor Holden Thorp reconsider his decision to step down.

In the resolution, the board asked Thorp to reconsider because they "think it is in the best interest of this university." Board members also said they fully endorse the resolutions that have already been passed in support of Thorp by the executive branch of student government, the UNC-Chapel Hill Faculty Council, the Council of Chairs of the College of Arts and Sciences and the UNC-Chapel Hill Employee Forum.

Thorp has been unwavering in his decision and will resign effective June 30, 2013.

Dog Adoption Month

To celebrate Adopt a Shelter Dog Month, Orange County Animal Services has reduced the adoption fee for select dogs to \$60 through October.

Created by the American Humane Association, Adopt a Shelter Dog Month is a national event to raise awareness about adopting and dog ownership and care that also aims to reduce the number of homeless dogs and puppies in shelters.

Visit www.co.orange.nc.us/animalservices for more information about Dog Adoption Month events and to see photos and descriptions of adoptable animals.

Buses to the game

The Tar Heel Express will provide shuttle service on Saturday for the UNC football game against Idaho, which kicks off at 3:30 p.m. Shuttle service will begin at 12:30 p.m. from the Friday Center and University Mall and at 2 p.m. from the Southern Village and Jones Ferry park-and-ride lots. The shuttles will run every 10 to 15 minutes and will operate for 45 minutes following the game. They will drop off and pick up on South Road at Carmichael Auditorium and Woolen Gym. Shuttle tickets are \$3 for one way and \$5 round trip.



RALLY AROUND THORP - Hundreds of students and faculty members assembled in support of UNC Chancellor Holden Thorp on the UNC campus last Friday. The group and Carrboro and Chapel Hill mayors Mark Chilton and Mark Kleinschmidt asked Thorp to reconsider his decision to step down at the end of June 2013. Thorp said he appreciated the support but that he was confident in his decision.

PHOTO BY DAVID JESSEE

CH to share Rogers Road costs

BY SUSAN DICKSON
Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL - Following similar moves by Orange County and Carrboro, the Chapel Hill Town Council on Monday indicated that they would share costs for both a community center and sewer service for the Rogers Road neighborhood, but council members did not specify how much funding they would provide.

The Orange County Board of Commissioners earlier this month said they wanted to move forward quickly in providing the neighborhood with a new community center, with or without assistance from the towns. Then last week, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen voted to share costs for the community center and the installation of sewer service,

providing 14 percent of the cost of the sewer line up to \$900,000.

The moves follow the release of an interim report from the Historic Rogers Road Neighborhood Task Force, which outlines options for providing sewer service and a community center to the neighborhood as part of a plan to mitigate the effects of the Orange County Landfill in the community.

Preliminary estimates for the sewer project are at about \$5.8 million, but exactly how those costs will be divided among the towns and county remains unclear. The council asked Town Manager Roger Stancil to come back to them with options for how the council could fund their share - yet to be determined - of the costs.

The county will fund the approximate \$500,000 in con-

struction costs for the community center and has asked the towns to contribute to computers, supplies, permitting costs, connection costs and the first 12 months of utilities.

The Rogers Road neighborhood previously had a community center run by RENA, which offered after-school and summer programs and served as a food pantry, but it was shut down in August for violating fire and safety codes.

Council member Jim Ward, who serves on the Rogers Road task force, said he would like to get the community center up and running as quickly as possible.

"I, personally, would like to move the community center on a faster track than the sewer, just partly because of its immediate impact on kids and partly because it's an easier problem to

solve," he said.

Council member Donna Bell said she wanted to be sure that residents of the community wanted sewer service before it is installed, suggesting that residents be surveyed.

"What I want to be sure of ... is that what we are bringing is what the community wants," she said. "I don't want to get down the road and for us to have brought sewer out and for people not to connect to the sewer. I don't want for there to be a community center built and for it not to be used and facilitated."

She added, "What I want to happen, whatever we do, is that this is a solution that takes us in a positive path of healing. ... There is no amount of money on the face of the earth that I know of that is going to fix what happened in 1972."

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when it did not receive supermajority approval, which would mean that under a town ordinance the project could not come back to the town for another year. Currin said approval would be in violation of the ordinance, and thus subject to legal challenge.

According to town staff, no action was taken on the rezoning in January since it did not receive enough votes for either approval or denial, so the waiting period does not apply.

In June, the council voted 5-4 to approve the project, but because first readings of rezoning ordinances require supermajority approval, it had to come back before the council for a second reading, at which point it required only a simple majority. When Charterwood came back before the council earlier this month, members voted 4-4, with Pease absent from the meeting.

Given the lengthy development process for Charterwood, Christian said he would think twice about development in Chapel Hill.

"It would certainly change the way we would approach building here," he said. "I thought just doing a good project was going to be looked upon favorably. That didn't turn out to be the way it worked out."

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certain watershed or downtown districts, unlike conditional-use permits, which are subject to aldermen approval.

Following Tuesday's changes, a proposal like the Family Dollar would require a rezoning, which would come before the board of aldermen instead of the board of adjustment.

Board members said they felt the properties were more appro-

priately zoned as residential, noting how the state Department of Transportation would not allow access directly off of Jones Ferry Road onto the properties, instead channeling traffic onto Alabama Avenue.

Catherine Adamson, a resident of the neighborhood who helped lead efforts against the Family Dollar, said she was pleased with the rezoning of the parcels.

"I think I come away with the feeling that the town's listened to us," she said. "This is what we asked for."

Adamson said she would not be opposed to residential development or some commercial uses at 100 Alabama Ave., noting that her concerns with the Family Dollar had stemmed from the traffic and noise that are associated with high-volume retail developments.

Other residents also thanked the board for listening to their concerns.

"Thank you for giving us that land back," said resident Larry Worth, "giving us our neighborhood back."

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JAGS TROUNCE TIGERS - Jaguar Alex McVeigh ploughs through the Chapel Hill High School defense in Carrboro's 35-0 win over CHHS last Friday night. Though both teams came into the game undefeated, the Carrboro High School football team annihilated the Chapel Hill Tigers. Carrboro will take on South Granville High this Friday in Creedmoor at 7:30 p.m. PHOTO BY TED SPAULDING

School Briefs

School board talks Common Core

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education discussed student outcome data and received an update on the new Common Core curriculum and the district's partnership with the Institute for Learning at a work session last week.

Board members heard a presentation from Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services Magda Parvey about how the new Common Core standards will increase critical-thinking and analytical skills in students, but could make tests more challenging.

The next school board meeting is scheduled for Oct. 4 at Chapel Hill Town Hall.

District National Merit Semifinalists named

Fifty-one Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools high school students have been named 2013 National Merit Semifinalists.

Semifinalists from Carrboro High are: Etienne Bovet, Audrey Copeland, Camilla Dohman, Melaina Dyck, Kristen Lee and Colleen McCarthy.

Semifinalists from Chapel Hill High are: Hannah Blackburn, Laurence Cecil, Willa Chen, Samuela Fernandes, Elizabeth Fox, Arun Ganesh, Thomas Greer, Wesley Guo, Michael Huang, Michelle Jin, Shiyi Li, Chiara Salemi, Caleb Stern, Kiera Turner and Charles Woldorff.

Semifinalists from East Chapel Hill High are: Bernard Amaloss, Eric Chiou, Nathan Cho, Quinlan Cullen, Mingming Dong, Bridget Dou, Mitchell Gelpi, Zhen Hu, Kelly Jiang, Sung-Hoon Kim, Diana Lamaure, Hannah Lee, Austin Liu, Amanda Lohmann, Sandhya Mahadevan, William McEntee, Troy Mitchell, Lorraine Oh, Nina Pande, Jacob Reed, Casey Smith, Tyler Tran, Joyce Wang, Alexandra Willcox, Lena Wilson, Maggie Xing, Alice Yu, Cissy Yu, Allen Zhou and Zhongshan Zhu.

Approximately 16,000 students from across the nation were named semifinalists in the 58th annual National Merit Scholarship Program and will compete for 8,300 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$34 million.

CHCCS earns graduation achievement awards

State Superintendent June Atkinson and State Board of Education Chair Bill Harrison recognized the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools district with two graduation achievement awards at a ceremony on Sept. 19.

The district was recognized as fifth among the 10 school districts in the state with the highest graduation rates. Within the district, East Chapel Hill High School was recognized for having the second-highest graduation rate for schools of its size in the state.

CHHS presents Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?

Chapel Hill High School's Honors Theater IV class will present Edward Albee's *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* tonight (Thursday) through Sunday.

The production is entirely student run and directed and is the first of two shows the class will put on this year. Performances will begin at 6:30 p.m. today through Saturday and at 1 p.m. on Sunday at Chapel Hill High in the Hanes Theatre.

Tickets are \$5 and the class has noted that the show is for mature audiences only.

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TAXI FROM PAGE 1

where as safely as possible, and I have to explain all of this?"

Council member Jim Ward said he would like to see a simpler ordinance. "To me, it seems a little more complicated than it needs to be," Ward said, noting a proposed 10 cent per grocery bag charge that was eliminated from the ordinance. "I think we ought to simplify that. It seems like a nightmare to both the consumer and the taxicab for everybody to make sure they felt like they were being treated fairly."

UNC Student Body President Will Leimenstoll said he strongly supported the ordinance.

"I think that most of the changes that you all have made are really positive ones," he said. "I think that this taxi ordinance can really benefit the students at UNC-Chapel Hill."

Leimenstoll said student government's safety and security committee would work to tell students about the taxi ordinance, encouraging them to use taxis as safe transportation when needed.

SMOKING FROM PAGE 1

ordinance and began drafting a smoking ban as part of its 2012-14 strategic plan to increase the health of residents of Orange County.

Although the rule is still being drafted and discussed by the board, board members have already reached out to collect



Colleen Bridger

feedback from local elected officials and community health leaders through a survey.

After receiving the survey results, the board met on Wednesday, after *The Citizen* went to press, to discuss the results and adjust the draft if necessary before opening up an online survey today (Thursday) for feedback.

"The folks I have talked to have largely been supportive," Orange County Health Direc-

tor Colleen Bridger said. "Most people understand the health hazards of second-hand smoke."

In creating a draft ordinance, the county has been working closely with Durham County, which in August put into effect a smoking ban similar to what the board is considering.

"When you look at cities like Durham, which was really tobacco country USA, they went smoke-free before us," Shelp said.

Working with Durham and the Durham County health department enables the Orange County health department to share ideas and receive helpful information regarding lessons learned in putting the law into action, Shelp said.

"We are learning from their implementation and enforcement, and they have been immensely supportive and helpful," Bridger said.

While figuring out how to enforce the law if implemented could pose some problems, Bridger and Shelp both said they weren't as worried about that as they were about awareness and education.

"We said all along this isn't really about enforcement, this is more about empowerment," Bridger said.

Shelp noted that law-enforcement officers would have the authority to give someone smoking in a prohibited area a \$25 fine.

"Do I expect to see a lot of police enforcement associated with this? No," Bridger said, adding that she hopes just having the law in place will make people think twice before smoking, which would have a positive impact not just on those breathing second-hand smoke but on the smokers themselves.

"The recognition is there that smoking is bad for you and inhaling second-hand smoke is just as bad for you," Bridger said. "Maybe this will encourage more people to try one more time to quit smoking, and maybe this will be the time it sticks."

The board of health will hold a public hearing on the smoking ban on Oct. 24. If the board decides to move forward with it, the ban would be presented to the Orange County Board of Commissioners in November.

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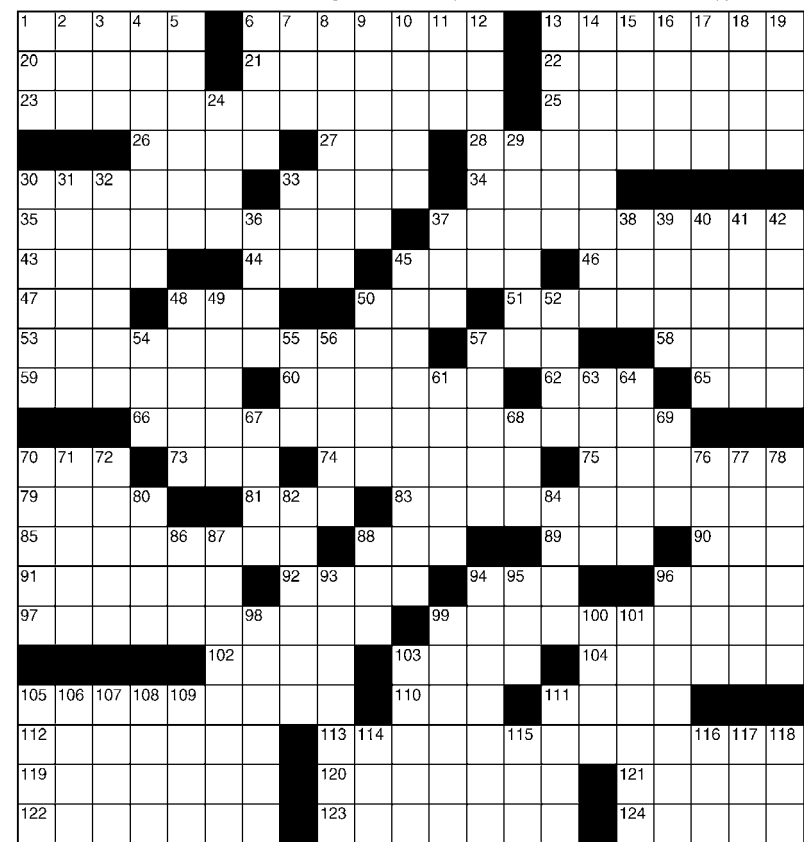
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Time is Money?

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by Linda Thistle

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HOUSE Calls

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This week we respond to questions about exercise-induced asthma and organic foods.

Dear HOUSE Calls, I have difficulty breathing sometimes when I run, and my friend said that I might have asthma. What exactly is it? Do you think I have it?

Your friend may be right. Asthma is spasm or inflammation of the bronchioles — the tubes in your lungs. Exercise-induced asthma simply means that exercise brings on this spasm. Many people with regular asthma also have exercise-induced asthma, but some people only have exercise-induced asthma. Some indications of asthma might be tightness in your chest, coughing or an audible wheeze. Also a history of asthma, allergies or eczema in you or your family can be associated with exercise-induced asthma. You should speak to your doctor about this. She or he might

recommend a pulmonary function test, useful for identifying underlying asthma, or an inhaler medicine (albuterol) before exercise to open up those breathing tubes.

Dear HOUSE Calls, What does organic really mean on a food label, and are these foods better for you?

Eating organic seems like a good idea, but there are some practical issues. Organic has become a bit of a marketing tool; it is trendy. It costs growers or manufacturers money to have food inspected and certified as organic for labeling purposes. In some cases, organic food may be of lower quality than non-organic food that is grown locally. We would be hard-pressed to show you clinical studies demonstrating improved health from eating organic. That said, there is little downside to eating organic, except the cost. We find that organic food costs 20-50 percent more,

which is prohibitive for many people. There is a growing concern about the number of chemicals that come in contact with our foods, so I think it is very reasonable to buy organic. One compromise rule is if you peel it, go cheap. If you eat the peel, consider organic. Apples and peaches are very high in chemicals, so we might lean toward organic, but bananas and pineapples, because we throw away the peels, are less of a problem. Buying local is a good approach, and you can often talk to the farmer about the use of chemicals. Some small growers are very concerned about chemicals but can't spend the money to get their crops certified as organic. Also, washing produce is a great way to get rid of some chemicals, dirt and germs.

HOUSE Calls is a weekly column by Dr. Adam Goldstein, Dr. Cristy Page and Dr. Adam Zolotor on behalf of Your Health and the UNC Department of Family Medicine.



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Community Briefs

Downtown walking discussion

Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership will continue its series of Dream Up Downtown walks on Oct. 4.

The walk, "Inspiring Innovative Spaces," will begin at 6 p.m. at University Baptist Church's Memorial Garden. It will focus on the influence of art on Chapel Hill's businesses and tourism. The walk will be hosted by Molly De Marco.

For more information, contact Meg McGurk at meg@downtownchapelhill.com

Spay and Neuter Day

The Orange County Animal Services Department, in collaboration with Pet Overpopulation Patrol of North Carolina, will hold a "Spay Neuter Day" on Wednesday.

Free spay and neuter surgeries will be available to pets of families serviced by the Orange County Department of Social Services or who qualify by their incomes.

For more information about Spay and Neuter Day, call Samantha Perry at (919) 942-7387, ext. 223, or Sarah Fallin at 224.

County awards arts grants

The Orange County Board of Commissioners awarded \$30,482 in arts grants to 10 nonprofit organizations and six schools last week.

Grant recipients are The ArtsCenter, Kidzu Children's Museum, Chapel Hill-Carrboro Public School Foundation, Deep Dish Theater Company, Door to Door of UNC Health Care, Ephesus Elementary School PTA, Estes Hills Elementary School, FRANK Gallery, Glenwood Elementary School PTA, Grady A. Brown Elementary School PTA, Hillsborough Arts Council, McDougle El-

ementary School PTA, McDougle Middle School PTA, North Carolina Symphony, Orange County Artists Guild and Town of Carrboro Recreation & Parks Department (to be used for the Carrboro Music Festival).

For more information, visit artsorange.org

WISE grants expanded

Chapel Hill homeowners are eligible for a limited time to receive up to \$2,350 from Chapel Hill Worthwhile Investments Save Energy (WISE) toward qualified home energy upgrades.

This offer is available to the first 100 homeowners to make a WISE project commitment by Jan. 1 and represents an increase of the previous program offering of \$1,500.

For more information, visit wiseprogram.info

Inter-Faith Council honors donors

The Inter-Faith Council for Social Service celebrated local restaurants' participation in the Restaurants Giving Ten Percent (RSVVP) program last week.

RSVVP offers restaurants the chance to donate 10 percent of their receipts each month to IFC. Since the program was launched in 1989, RSVVP has raised almost \$400,000.

411 West, Amante Gourmet Pizza, Breadmen's, Margaret's Cantina, Mediterranean Deli and Sunrise Biscuit Kitchen were honored for 20 years of participation. Akai Hana, Alfredo's Pizza Villa, The Carolina Club, Carrburritos, Joe Van Gogh and The Loop Pizza Grill were honored for 15 years of participation. ACME Food and Beverage, Chick-Fil-A, Elaine's on Franklin, Lantern Restaurant and Pantana Bob's were honored for 10 years of participation.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY SEPT 27

Book Sale — Sponsored by the Friends of the Chatham Community Library, continuing through Sept. 29. Thursday hours: 9am-7pm (919) 545-8084

Ruth Salvaggio — To read from *Hearing Sappho in New Orleans: The Call of Poetry from Congo Square to the Ninth Ward*. Bull's Head Bookshop, 3:30pm

Friends of the Downtown — Monthly meeting with speaker Freddie Kiger. Franklin Hotel, 9:30am Free

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FRIDAY SEPT 28

44 Plays for 44 Presidents — A chronological, biographical survey of the lives of the men who have held office so far, continuing through Sept. 30, Oct 4-7. The ArtsCenter (91) 929-2787

Low-Cost Rabies Shots — In honor of World Rabies Day, \$10 rabies shots clinic. Orange County Animal Services Center, 10am-2pm (919) 968-2287

Art Reception — For Lolette Guthrie, O'Neal Jones and Pringle Teeter. Hillsborough Gallery of Arts, 6-9pm

Art Walk — Last Friday's Art Walk. Historic downtown Hillsborough, 6-9pm Free lastfridaysartwalk.org

Robert Jackson — To speak on The Environmental Science (and Policy) of Natural Gas Fracking. Celebration Assembly of God Church, 11am

Art Reception

For Claudia Schmitz-Esser's exhibit *Inked Yarn Woodcut Prints*. Eno Gallery, 6-9pm enogallery.net

Nia Dance Jam — Nia is a sensory-based movement practice that draws from martial arts, dance arts and healing arts. Carrboro Century Center, 7pm \$3 trianglerenia.com

Fruit Tree Class

Al Cooke offers a class on Diseases and Insects of Tree Fruits. County Agriculture Building, Pittsboro, 9-11am, 6:30-8:30pm (919) 542-8202

THURSDAY OCT 4

MONDAY OCT 1

Time Out — With host Bill Hendrickson and guest Lisa Fischbeck, Vicar of the Episcopal Church of the Advocate. WCOM 103.5 FM, 5pm

TUESDAY OCT 2

Banned Books — Members of the UNC community to read from banned and censored books to mark First Amendment Day. Wilson Library, 5:30pm Free (919) 548-1203

Photography Exhibit

Through Their Lens: Chatham County runs through Jan 5. Duke Center for Living, Galloway Ridge, 1-5pm (919) 642-6893

WEDNESDAY OCT 3

Caring for Our Creeks — Instructor Randy Dodd presents the first of a five-week class to learn about the health of local creeks. Carrboro Century Center, 7-8:30pm \$10

THURSDAY OCT 4

OAR Forum — Organizing Against Racism Alliance presents the third forum addressing Politics, Race, and the November Election with a discussion focusing on health. United Church of Chapel Hill, 7pm

Fruit Tree Class — Al Cooke offers a class on Diseases and Insects of Tree Fruits. County Agriculture Building, Pittsboro, 9-11am, 6:30-8:30pm (919) 542-8202

David Menconi — To read from and sign copies of his book *Ryan Adams: Losing, A Story of Whiskeytown*. Bull's Head Bookshop, 3:30pm Free

Night Out — Hillsborough's Community Night Out to heighten crime and drug-prevention awareness. Old Orange County Courthouse, 6pm

SATURDAY SEPT 29

Parade of Homes — HBA of Durham, Orange and Chatham Counties opens the 2012 Parade of Homes, continuing through Sept. 30, Oct. 5-7 and Oct. 12-13 12-5pm hbdoc.com

Migratory Bird Day — Third Annual Eno River State Park Migratory Bird Festival with bird walks, booths, games and a "bird singalong." 7am-noon newhopeaudubon.org

5K and Family Walk — Benefiting The Abundance Foundation. Carolina Brewery, Pittsboro, 9am

Music Hall — With host Rocco featuring popular hits by American originals. WCOM 103.5 FM 9am-noon

Movie Screening — Carolina Performing Arts' *The Rite of Spring* at 100 presents *Coco & Igor*. Varsity Theater, 7pm Free

SUNDAY SEPT 30

Open House — The South Orange Rescue Squad celebrates its 41st year of service with an open house. 202 Roberson St., 2pm sors.us

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Listening to some of the candidates on the campaign trail these days, you would think that North Carolina's economic problems could be completely solved right away if state officials would simply hurry up and let energy companies start drilling for natural gas in underground rock formations.

The highly controversial practice of hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, was approved by the General Assembly this summer when lawmakers managed to override Gov. Beverly Perdue's veto of legislation legalizing the practice in one of the most bizarre episodes in the Legislative Building in years.

One Democratic legislator who signed a letter urging Perdue to veto the fracking bill ended up voting to override the veto after legislative leaders hurriedly added a tax credit for the film industry that the lawmaker supported.

But even that wasn't enough; the bill only become law after another lawmaker mistakenly pushed the wrong button and inadvertently voted to override the veto. House Majority Leader Paul Stam immediately invoked a parliamentary maneuver to make sure the lawmaker could not change her vote, and the dangerous practice of fracking became legal in North Carolina.

The legislation established the Mining Energy Commission, which was promptly stacked with industry officials and fracking supporters.

WRAL-TV reported this week that the lone commission member running for chair has already decided that the state needs to go ahead with fracking, despite the commission's charge to determine if the state should proceed with the practice.

That doesn't inspire much confidence that the commission will consider the legitimate concerns about the impact of fracking on the drinking-water supply, not to mention the quality of life in communities where fracking is conducted.

A draft EPA report found contamination in groundwater from fracking in Wyoming, and farmers in Pennsylvania tell horror stories about what happened to their farms and their small towns after fracking began.

None of that seems to deter the commission members or legislative champions of fracking and neither do the startling facts about how fracking actually works. The industry has identified as many as 300 chemical compounds used in fracturing fluid and each well uses three million gallons of water.

Thanks to congressional action several years ago taken at the request of oil and gas companies, the federal government does not regulate fracking under the Safe Drinking Water Act, leaving most of the responsibility with the states to make sure it's done safely.

But the General Assembly dismantled the state environmental agency in 2011 with massive budget cuts and the transfer of much of its authority to the more business-friendly Department of Agriculture.

The deck is clearly stacked.

And maybe most relevant for this year's political debate are two facts rarely mentioned about fracking: Geologists believe there is far less natural gas in North Carolina's shale deposits than in several other areas of the country, and the price of natural gas is currently very low, reducing the profitability and the need for drilling in the state.

And finally, there's the report from the Department of Commerce that found that even at its peak in North Carolina, fracking would create only 372 jobs a year. That is less than a 10th of the education jobs eliminated by the General Assembly in 2011.

Fracking is many things, including a risk to our drinking water and a threat to our local communities. But it is not any part of a solution to our economic problems, despite what the political candidates closely tied to the oil and gas industry keep telling us.

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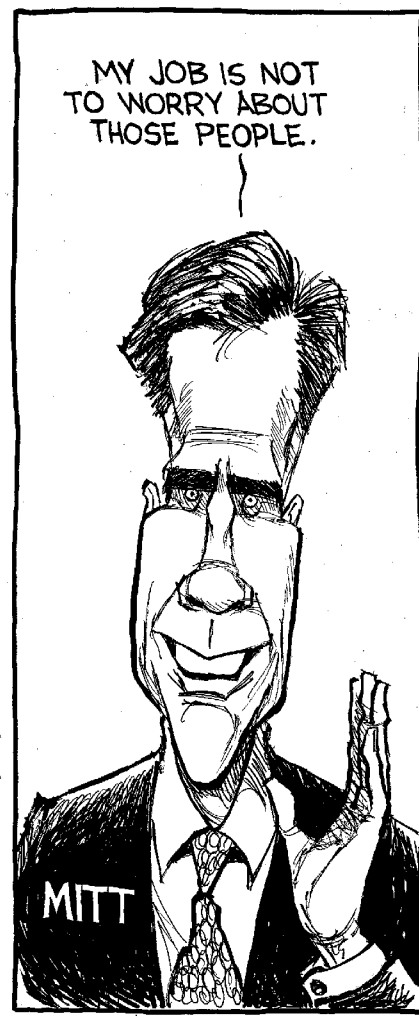
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Obey Creek: a slippery slope

Like a lot of folks in the southernmost part of Orange County, I watched with great interest the presentation by East West Partners on the latest concept plan for Obey Creek.

The plan, reduced from the previous version, now features only 600 new residences and more retail/commercial space than University Mall right on U.S. 15-501 across from Southern Village.

I certainly can't fault developer Roger Perry for doing his best to maximize the potential of the land for his Baltimore clients. And like almost every other developer who has rolled out a big plan for the council, he's tried to take advantage of the council's obsession with adding commercial space by dangling the prospect of a big-box store to anchor the place.

None of this is surprising. What is surprising, especially coming on the heels of a year-long visioning process for the town's new comprehensive plan, is how easy it seemed to get a council made up of bright, engaged people to take the bait.

Obey Creek is a slippery slope, both literally and figuratively. A small portion of the 124-acre project is on somewhat flat land near the highway, but most of it falls off quickly down to Wilson Creek, which flows into Morgan Creek not far from the James Taylor bridge. The land has so many natural constraints that it has proven hard to develop. It was rejected as an alternative site for the school district's third high school because it didn't have enough land for all the fields, buildings and infrastructure.

The project is also a slippery slope in that it compromises not just the original agreement struck with residents in the area when Southern Village was developed but also the most recent thinking on the area developed during work on Chapel Hill 2020, the town's newly minted comprehensive plan. If the council somehow decides to buy into the project, it will set a new town record for tossing principles and community participation under the bus.

To make this plan attractive, Perry has promised something just shy of the moon, including "off-site improvements" to 15-501 and the N.C. 54/15-501 bypass along with new park land on the portion of the land that's pretty much unbuildable.

In exchange for this, the council will have to buy into the idea that you can build that number of residences and a massive commercial center — right now the plan looks like the retail strip across from Southpoint Mall — and somehow not turn the only route for southern Orange and northern Chatham county residents to Durham and Raleigh into a parking lot.

At this point you may wish to note that University Mall, the future smaller cousin to Obey Creek, is flanked by three four-lane roads and one two-lane road, all with ample turn lanes.

In addition to the traffic-congestion issues, there's also the issue of stormwater runoff, construction-caused siltation and all the other impacts to the watershed. The creeks that run through the area run into the already severely impaired upper portion of Jordan Lake, which both Carrboro and Chapel Hill are mandated to improve via new standards for reducing pollution caused by runoff.

These concerns alone should have caused the council to answer East West Partner's plea for guidance with a resounding "nah." But the majority of the council seem to have made the calculation that somehow the sales tax and property tax dollars are too tempting just to say no now and let Perry's clients consider an alternative to a traffic magnet. (The site, for instance, would make a lovely gateway-to-Chapel Hill site for a company headquarters.)

Instead, the council seems ready to use entertaining the concept of Obey Creek as a way to convince Chapel Hillians that it is determined to add retail space and spur economic development. This without anything other than back-of-the-envelope math on the possible revenue and no serious look at traffic impacts and actual costs to the town.

The saving grace here is that the project is still in the concept-plan phase, a process which a previous council wisely put in place to give developers a sense of whether an idea would fly or not. After hearing out the concerns of south-of-town residents, this council opted to give Perry a definite "maybe," pleasing almost no one.

At one point, council member Matt Czajkowski said the project was an opportunity to show that the council is serious about retail.

I agree, because in 20 years of watching and writing about development in Chapel Hill, I can't recall a bigger fantasy.

The social justice of public transit

MOLLY DE MARCO, SETH LAJEUNESSE
AND DAMON SEILS

After years of planning and community discussion, the Orange County Board of Commissioners recently placed a referendum on the November ballot for a half-cent sales tax to support public transit. Together with state and federal contributions, the new revenue will support a 20-year investment in bus and rail service in Orange County.

There are many reasons to support the transit tax, like reducing the environmental degradation wreaked by overreliance on car travel and the sprawl it generates. Often overlooked are the benefits of public transit for marginalized populations.

The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights describes transportation as a central social-justice issue, because it connects us to jobs, schools, health care, social services and food. Many of us take such access for granted. But for people with low incomes, seniors and people with disabilities, among others, access to transportation can be challenging.

Car ownership is expensive; lower-income families may be unable to afford insurance, gas and maintenance. According to the 2010 U.S. Census, one in 11 households in Orange County does not have access to a car. Some of us cannot drive, some can't afford to and some choose other forms of transportation. Others of us live in areas that have been left out by inadequate transportation systems that give priority to the needs of some populations at the expense of others.

Although poor weekend and nighttime bus service merely inconveniences some, it can mean an inability to keep a job for others. People with lower incomes are more likely to have evening and weekend employment.

A recent report by the Brookings Institution points out that most jobs in urban areas are near transit stops, but most workers have lengthy commutes that make these jobs impractical to reach. Long commutes also restrict opportunities to participate in other elements of civic life, such as health care, community organizations and even voting. Good public-transit

systems promote full participation in civic life for all.

The Orange County transit plan will expand access for the whole county. The plan calls for more bus hours and new routes in rural areas, increased service in Chapel Hill and Carrboro, an Amtrak train station in Hillsborough and bus rapid transit along Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard in Chapel Hill. These enhancements will connect rural areas to population centers, place more people within an easy commute to workplaces and bring lower-income residents and others to vital social services. In the long term, the plan will support a light-rail transit line from UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill to South Alston Avenue in Durham, linking Orange County residents to employment opportunities in Durham County and vice versa.

Public financing of new roads and parking structures, like the Eno River Parking Deck recently purchased by the county for \$1.6 million, encourages the use of cars, leads to more traffic and pollution and expends resources that could be dedicated to improving the lives of lower-income residents. Alarming, many cities have seen declines in support for public transit as urban sprawl has brought us larger highways, bigger parking decks and higher-speed roads without sidewalks and bike lanes. This pattern of development exacerbates social isolation, apathy toward the welfare of neighbors and erosion of community.

An improved transit system will benefit all county residents by supporting economic development, expanding opportunities for social participation and encouraging denser development that takes pressure off rural areas and preserves open spaces. It will especially benefit neighbors who today have poorer access to jobs, health care, education and engagement in civic life.

A community is stronger when all people are able to engage fully in public life. Please join us in voting for the Orange County transit tax on Nov. 6.

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VICKY DICKSON

Romney's remarks about the "entitled" 47 percent were made at a fundraiser where the entry fee, at \$50,000 a plate, was very nearly equal to the median household income in this country. I guess it's not surprising that people who can spend that kind of money on dinner might be out of touch with what the average American is going through.

Consider, for example, a family of two adults and two preschool-aged children living in Orange County on the U.S. median household income (\$50,694 in 2012). After deductions for state taxes, social security and Medicare, that family would be left with about \$3,800 a month. That might not sound too bad — if you didn't consider the cost of day care around here, which for two children could easily total \$1,500 or more. So that family would have to squeeze housing, transportation, food, clothing and health care for four people out of \$2,300. *The Wall Street Journal* would still call them "lucky duckies," because their child-care expenses would mean that they would pay no federal income taxes.

Or consider a single parent working as a sales associate at Staples in one of those 100,000 jobs Romney is so proud of creating. According to the Glassdoor website, which lists salaries posted by workers around the country, those jobs generally pay around \$9 an hour, or \$18,720 a year. That amount of income "entitles" a single parent to the earned income tax credit, which (along with other credits for children and child-care expenses) means that that Staples worker would get back more from the federal government than he or she put in.

In contrast to what Romney seems to believe, I think that's a good thing. If a company run by a CEO with a salary of \$8.86 million can't find the money to pay parents enough to feed, clothe and educate their children, those parents need a government-provided safety net.

It's hard for me to believe that Romney would be so dismissive of those struggling families if he really understood what they were going through. But he, and the multimillionaires and billionaires who agree with him, live in a bubble that seals them off from the rest of America. It's a bubble that's kept inflated by the delusions of the entitled super-rich that they created their millions all by themselves.

I believe in personal responsibility, and I think that those who work hard should enjoy the fruits of their labor. But you can't be in small business without realizing that the relationship between work and reward is not simple. You can work very, very hard and come out with nothing to show for your labor, or you can, like Romney, enjoy huge rewards for your efforts. There's a lot of luck involved.

And American multimillionaires and billionaires don't reach that status solely by dint of their own hard work. Like Romney, they've been smart and lucky enough to have profited by the labor of hundreds or even thousands of hard workers who are barely earning enough to get by.

So I think it's only fair to ask those multimillionaires and billionaires to contribute more to the general welfare.

The knee-jerk Republican response to such a suggestion is that it incites class warfare. Well, so be it. I think that the millions Romney's stashed in the Caymans and Switzerland and Sherman Adelson's \$40 million campaign contribution could be better spent ensuring that children don't go hungry or die due to lack of medical care. If that makes me a class warrior, all I can say is, bring it on.

Vicky Dickson is co-owner of The Carrboro Citizen.

An organized offensive effort

BY EDDY LANDRETH
Staff Writer

North Carolina's new high-octane, fast-moving offense may be unsettling to some fans, but it is producing results.

The mechanics are different, so some people find themselves having to adjust and wondering if all is in order.

Quarterback Bryn Renner repeatedly looks toward the sideline as the team rushes back into position play after play. Renner walks along the line of scrimmage, communicating the plays and calling as everyone else settles into their places.

Can this possibly be an organized effort? Is this not the very definition of chaos?

Actually, it's not — there is a great deal of organization in what the Tar Heels do on offense, or else they wouldn't be able to play without a huddle and move as quickly as they do.

UNC (2-2) will play Idaho (0-4) on Saturday at 3:30 p.m. at Kenan Stadium in the second of three consecutive home games.

As far as the offense goes, let's face it: This strategy is still new to the team, although the Tar Heels are getting better each week. Carolina played well throughout the second half against Louisville and most of the game in a 27-6 victory against East Carolina on

Saturday. UNC amassed 450 yards of total offense and ran 72 plays, nine more than the Pirates. Carolina is now trying to take the process to an even greater level, shift into a new gear.

Coach Larry Fedora described the pace he wants to see from his offense as "fanatical," once again echoing the philosophy of UNC basketball coach Roy Williams.

"We're still working on tempo every day," Fedora said. "We're still not there. We're asking for a fanatical effort in tempo throughout the game. We still don't understand what that really is yet. We have a lot of work to do in that area."

Renner may not be moving as fast as Fedora wants, but the junior quarterback appears in total command and quite comfortable with the offense. He's thrown seven touchdown passes in the last two games.

In UNC's four games, Renner is 90 of 144 with a completion rate of 62.5 percent. He's averaging almost 300 yards per game, and he's thrown 11 touchdowns and only three interceptions.

"It's the reps that are so important," Fedora said. "Every time a safety moves or rotates down, he gets to see that live. It's a learned experience he can continue to work on."

"It's still about managing the game, which is moving the chains and taking care of the football. He did a tremendous job of taking care of the football against East Carolina. We went through 60 minutes of the game and we didn't turn the ball over. That is a

big, big deal right there." Missed assignments and missed tackles hurt Carolina in the previous two games. For the most part, the defense seemed to erase those against the Pirates.

"We've been killing ourselves offensively and defensively," senior linebacker Kevin Reddick said. "In other games [before ECU], we weren't executing, or we were waiting until the second half to turn it up. We kept going all the way through [against the Pirates]."

"It was basic stuff, but guys were executing the basic stuff we had planned." Now the Tar Heels' goal is to become consistent in their concentration and effort — from start to finish.

"The focus this week will be on us again," Fedora said. "It is still figuring out who we are as a football team. ... It's not so much physical as it is mental."

"We are physically in shape. It's more about working on our minds and the things you need to do individually as far as your personal plan to prepare for a game."

Concentration is the key, and it's all about building good habits.

"We've done a pretty good job in the second half of staying focused and doing the things," Fedora said. "We've got to start faster. I've been pleased with how we have come out and played in the third and fourth quarters, whether we were up or whether we were down [on the scoreboard]."

"We've got to do a better job of starting fast. That is where it has got to happen."

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At least six different species of crustose, foliose or fruticose lichens are growing on this boulder surface. PHOTO BY GARY PERLMUTTER

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Dark squiggly lines on a holly tree trunk are common script lichens, *Graphis scripta*. PHOTO BY GARY PERLMUTTER

consider lichens not as individuals, but entire ecosystems in miniature.

We lichenologists use the term 'thallus' to describe a lichen body. To blur things further, a lichen thallus can be a single lichen or a colony of several lichens merged into one.

Generally lichens come in three growth forms or body types: 'crustose' (crust-like), 'foliose' (leaf-like) and 'fruticose' (shrub-like). And they come in a wide array of colors, from black to brown, to green, blue, yellow, orange, red and white. Most are a grayish-green.

Given enough time, lichens grow on just about anything. They are found on bare soil,

rocks, wood, moss and even on the bark of trees, from the roots up the trunk and to the canopy branches and twigs. Some lichens grow on other lichens, crowding each other as they compete for light and space. Sometimes if you pick up a fallen branch you'll see it's completely covered with several different kinds of lichens – a community unto itself. In the natural world you are never far from a lichen."

Join Gary for his class and become the first "lichenologist" in your neighborhood. And thank you, Gary for introducing Flora readers to the world of lichens.

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Roberson's Sawmill, 1930s?

Rich with a "sense of place," this week's photograph captures an early Carrboro sawmill tableau of stern-faced working men and a barefoot boy posing stiffly in front of stacks of neatly sawn lumber. According to *Citizen* reader Ricky Roberson of Chapel Hill, that's his grandfather, Edward Roberson, the sawmill owner, on the far right. However, trying to accurately date the photograph is challenging. Family lore has it that the sawmill was sold to the Fitch family (of present-day Fitch Lumber Co.) for "little or nothing," Robbie writes – leading me to speculate that the transaction happened during hard times. That being said, the photographer clearly made the picture from an elevated perspective (perhaps from atop another stack of lumber), and it looks strikingly like the WPA-era work of Chapel Hill's redoubtable Bayard Wootten, who was fond of shooting from creative angles. Who knows? What we don't know about this image is made up for by its compelling sense of place.



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