



# TOWNtalk

A newsletter for Town of Chapel Hill employees

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## A Short Report

By Roger L. Stancil,  
Town Manager

We have begun the development of the Town's 2007-08 budget in earnest. The Town has two new facilities coming on line, the Aquatics Center and the Town Operations Center. The costs of operating those facilities and the debt service required for their construction add significantly to the budget. The Community Center will reopen after being closed for renovation. The Council added a significant number of new employees this year, primarily police and fire. The costs of operating the Town, such as fuel for vehicles and energy for facilities, have increased substantially. Our budget requests exceed our resources. The expenditures required to fund our basic requests exceed our projected revenues.

Over the next few months, I will be working with the Council and staff to develop a budget that meets the Town's operating requirements, recognizing those limited resources. All of us will be looking for smarter ways to work and potential changes in the way we work to meet these challenges. My priority for the coming budget is the retention and development of our excellent workforce. Without our good employees, we cannot meet the community's service expectations.

The Council's budget deliberations will all be conducted in open session. Documents provided to the Council will be posted on the Town's website. I will try to keep you informed as we develop our recommended budget. I welcome your ideas as we strive to meet our budget challenges. Send them to me at [rstancil@townofchapelhill.org](mailto:rstancil@townofchapelhill.org).

## Deborah Squires

Senior GIS Technician

**Department:** Engineering

**Joined Town:** 1995

**Duties:** Deborah creates GIS maps for many departments, including Engineering, Public Works, and Parks and Recreation. She creates grid maps that are used by the Police and Fire departments that show locations of buildings and fire hydrants. Other responsibilities include assigning addresses to new buildings and lots; approving street, subdivision and project names; and creating maps for street lighting and signage.

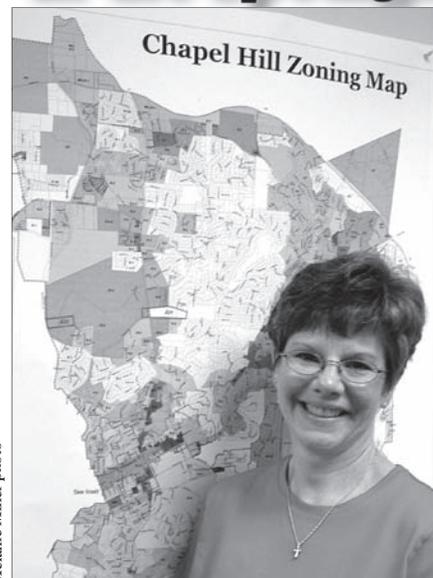
Deborah has a B.S. in elementary education from Appalachian State University, attended technical school in Architectural Drafting, and holds a Professional GIS Certification. She is one of 114 certified GIS professionals in North Carolina, which ranks third in the United States in the number of GIS professionals.

She says that creating maps is like putting a puzzle together. Different formats, including GIS, jpg, pdf, and Word, have to be combined in the same map. She needs to be creative in finding different ways of getting data into the maps and communicating information visually. It's not as easy as it looks!

**Personal:** Husband Kent is a fire captain in Carrboro. He works 24-hour shifts, so she spends a lot of time caring for 12-year old Hannah.

In her free time, she sews quilts, and has won over 10 ribbons from the State Fair. Other creative activities include knitting, embroidering, handcrafts and rubber

## In the Spotlight



Melanie Miller photo

stamping. She is active in church and walks 15 miles every week, in any weather.

Her family lives in Mebane, where the people are friendly. They are planting a new yard with gardens to attract hummingbirds. There are plans for yard art – something different from the other yards in the neighborhood! The family also includes Isabelle and Emma Grace, cats who enjoy hanging out in the large screened-in porch.

**Quote:** "Always maintain a kind of summer even in the middle of winter."

— Henry David Thoreau

## COMING UP

**April 17:** Income taxes are due

**April 25:** Administrative Professionals Day

**May 4:** Service Awards, 10 a.m., Town Hall

### Budget Review Schedule

- Work Sessions – April 18, May 2, May 23
- Manager's Recommended Budget – May 2
- Public Hearing – May 16
- Consideration of budget adoption – June 11



# In Brief

Town employees **Pam Eastwood** (Human Resources), **Phil Smith** (Police) and **Susanna Williams** (Fire) were honored by WCHL Radio as recipients of 2006 Village Pride Awards at a Feb. 25 ceremony. Says radio announcer Ron Stutts of the award program: "We honor people who work behind the scenes, who fly under the radar, with no expectation of public recognition. They all inspire us. They're good people who put others ahead of themselves and ask nothing in return. We're proud of these local role models."

**David Bonk** (Planning) led the pilot Go! Chapel Hill Active Living by Design project at Ephesus Hills Elementary School. The project makes it safer for children to walk or bike to school by improving sidewalks, crosswalks and signage around area schools. Go! Chapel Hill was the featured partnership on the National Active Living by Design Web Home page ([www.activelivingbydesign.org](http://www.activelivingbydesign.org)) in December 2006.

**James "Pee Wee" Garrett** (Public Works) has a new heart!! He went into surgery March 20 for a 12-hour procedure. He left the hospital on April 4, and is recuperating at home. Thanks to those who donated leave to him.



Fire Chief **Dan Jones** (left) shows off his shaved head. Jones and other members of the Fire Department raised over \$2000 for Saint Baldrick's Day, which

raises money and awareness for childhood cancer. Information: [www.stbaldricks.org](http://www.stbaldricks.org)

Catherine Lazorko photo



**Morgan Creek Preserve Dedication** — The Town Council and the Botanical Garden Foundation Inc. held a dedication and signing ceremony for the creation of Morgan Creek Preserve on March 26. Students from Frank Porter Graham Elementary School (above) attended to help test Morgan Creek's water quality. The event celebrated the permanent protection of open space to the south and west of Fordham Boulevard. Future plans call for walking trails throughout the corridor to connect with the Fan Branch Trail toward Southern Village and the future Southern Community Park.



Following a comprehensive search and selection process, Town Manager Roger L. Stancil announced the selection of **Thomas McCarthy** (left) as the new chief of

police for Chapel Hill. McCarthy, who is recognized nationally for innovation in community policing, will assume the position on June 25. Police Major Brian Curran is serving as interim chief.

## Special Olympics

Help support Special Olympics North Carolina by attending Pig-Out on the Green, a Law Enforcement Torch Run fundraiser supported by the Chapel Hill Police Department. Enjoy barbecue, live music, and a silent auction. The event will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday, April 22 at Southern Village Green. For information, contact Officer Phil Smith at 968-2760.

**SUBMIT YOUR NEWS AND PHOTOS** to *TOWNtalk*! The next deadline is April 30 for the May issue, distributed on May 11 with the biweekly payroll.

## Lose and Win

The Town is implementing the "Lose and Win" Weight Management Challenge to encourage and reward employees for wellness activities. Employees will receive 10 points for completing each weekly challenge. The employee with the most points and greatest body fat loss will receive a prize at the end of the challenge.

- Weeks 1 and 7 (April 1 – 7, May 13-19): Drink four 8-ounce glasses of water daily.
- Week 2 (April 8 – 14): Eat breakfast daily.
- Weeks 3 and 8 (April 15- 21, May 20-26): Walk for 30 minutes.
- Weeks 4 and 9 (April 22 -28, May 27-June 1): Cut portion in half for one meal daily.
- Week 5 (April 29 – May 5): Park five parking spots farther than usual daily.
- Week 6 (May 6 -12): Eat five fruits or vegetables daily.

Information: [ltaylor@townofchapelhill.org](mailto:ltaylor@townofchapelhill.org) or [cbbrooks@townofchapelhill.org](mailto:cbbrooks@townofchapelhill.org)

## Healthy Families

Go! Chapel Hill Active Living by Design is sponsoring two family health events. Healthy Kids Day will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 14 at the Chapel Hill-Carrboro YMCA. Information: [ebenson@chcymca.org](mailto:ebenson@chcymca.org) or 442-9622. Family Fun and Fitness Day will take place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 21 at the Triangle Sportsplex in Hillsborough. Information: 644-0339 ext. 225.



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# Compliments



The UNC Healthcare North Carolina Jaycee Burn Center expressed appreciation to the **Fire Department** for providing a holiday meal. "The Christmas meal was deeply appreciated, and we are still having families talk about the beauty of the day because of your presence and thoughtfulness."

**Ann Brown** and the EZ Rider staff received compliments for their great service and compassion from Norah Batham. She offered thanks to Ann for her patience, kindness and availability.

Leslie Kelley wrote to thank **Jerry Battle** for improving street signs in her neighborhood. "Three neighbors said, 'Hey, did you see those great new signs?' on Wednesday. We appreciate your work!"

Shane Swindal called to thank Public Works employees **Sam Rone, Doug Fisk, Lorenzo Vanhook, and Anthony Craven** for assisting him when he ran out of gas. They quickly helped him move his vehicle out of traffic. He was very impressed with their efficiency and willingness to help, and would like them to get the recognition they deserve for being so kind and helpful.

**Anthony Leach** (Transportation) received thanks from Vickie O'Neal for his politeness, compassion, and careful driving over the years. He is a very good driver, and she appreciates him looking out for her.

**Martha Peoples** (Transportation) was praised by Vincent Watson for her careful driving, sense of humor, and pleasant attitude. He wanted to thank Martha for being such a treasure and an asset, especially in dealing with elderly passengers like himself.

Betty L. Klauber wrote to thank the Town for requesting state funds for installation of a new traffic light at the corner of Erwin and Sage roads. "I drive my granddaughter home after her "play dates" with me and negotiating the traffic at that corner always caused so much anxiety. Now it is an easy, safe drive to my daughter's house every day. Thank you."

## Employees Recognized for Service

Join us in congratulating the following employees for reaching service milestones with the Town. A ceremony is set for 10 a.m. Friday, May 4 at Town Hall.

### 5 years

**Cathy Andrews** (Planning)  
**Pam Eastwood** (Human Resources)  
**Priscilla Evans** (Transportation)  
**Ryan Depew** (Fire)  
**Freddy Puebla** (Transportation)  
**Glenda Baldwin** (Transportation)  
**Napoleon Brown** (Transportation)  
**Anthony Carr** (Transportation)  
**Susan Naumoff** (Library)  
**Traci Donley** (Police)  
**Patrick Harris** (Police)  
**Lori Patino Sanchez** (Police)  
**Tracy Perry** (Police)  
**Ronald Telfair** (Police)

### 10 Years

**Colleen Hall** (Finance)  
**Steven Page** (Public Works)  
**Philip Williams** (Public Works)  
**Christopher Farrar** (Public Works)

## New Employees (since Feb. 21)

**Charles Barnard** (Information Technology), GIS Analyst  
**James Breedlove** (Transportation), Mechanic II  
**Bobby Buchanan** (Fire), Firefighter  
**Bryson Butner** (Fire), Firefighter  
**James Cobb** (Fire), Firefighter  
**Kenneth Dixon** (Fire), Firefighter  
**Emily Dondero** (Fire), Firefighter  
**Edwadda Flagler** (Fire), Firefighter  
**Joshua Haraway** (Fire), Firefighter  
**Marlon-Matthew Lobban** (Fire), Firefighter  
**Kevin Maynard** (Public Works), Construction Worker

**James Garrett** (Public Works)  
**Paul Wofford** (Public Works)  
**Michael Riggsbee** (Public Works)  
**Jeffrey Allen** (Public Works)  
**John Newark** (Public Works)

### 15 Years

**Harold Scarborough** (Public Works)  
**Kay Johnson** (Finance)  
**Terrie Gale** (Police)

### 25 Years

**Ernestine Garrett** (Transportation)  
**Beverly Baldwin** (Transportation)

### 31 Years

**Susan McClure** (Library)  
**Louise Pettis** (Inspection)  
**Richard Terrell** (Public Works)

### 32 Years

**Larry Stroud** (Public Works)

### 34 Years

**Nate Davis**  
 (Parks & Recreation)



**Charles Alston** (Finance) enjoys breakfast at the Service Awards ceremony in December.

### Kathryn Riedl

(Finance),  
 Accountant

**Daniel Roberts** (Fire),  
 Firefighter

### Michael

**Shoffner** (Public Works), Groundskeeper  
**Jacob Sinkiewicz** (Fire), Firefighter  
**Bryan DeJesus Serrano** (Public Works),  
 Construction Worker

**Elijah Stevens** (Fire), Firefighter  
**Eleni Terzis** (Fire), Firefighter

**Barry Thompson** (Information Technology), Information Technology Analyst

## Retiring Employees

**Gregg Jarvies** (Police)  
 Effective April 1

**Pam Eastwood** (Human Resources)  
 Effective May 1

**Jane Cousins** (Police)  
 Effective May 1

## Recycling

Having a really big party/wedding/family reunion/church picnic and need to borrow multiple recycling bins? Call Orange Community Recycling to borrow recycling bins for your event: 968-2788.

— Blair Pollock (Orange Community Recycling)

# Chili Cook-Off and Talent Show

The Second Annual Chili Cook Off and Talent Show had 14 employees competing for the title of Best Chili and four talent acts. A big "Thank You" to Lance Norris, who did an outstanding job as MC.

## Winning Chili

Best Beef: **Tanita Howard** (Clerk's Office)

Best Overall: **Chelsea Laws** (Inspections)

Best Vegetarian: **Tim Smith** (Public Works)

Talent was provided by **Jerry and Terry Battle** (Engineering/Landscaping), **Antonio Thompson** (Parks and Recreation), **Eugene Farrar** (Public Works), and the dynamic "Transit Trio," **Daniel Hart, Lafayette Poteat, and Audrey Council**.

## A Special Thank You to Volunteers

**Tina Vaughn** (Housing), **Pam Eastwood** (Human Resources), **Jackie Fuller** (Parks and Recreation), **Bill Webster** (Parks and Recreation), Town Manager **Roger Stancil**, **Kurt Neufang** (Transportation), and **Andrea Judge** (Parks and Recreation).



## Congratulations to Door Prize Winners

\$25 Gift Card-Weaver Street Market: **Cathy Andrews** (Planning)

\$10 Gift Certificate-Midway Barber Shop: **Cary Degraffenreidt** (Public Works)  
Brunch for Two-Carolina Inn: **Sandy Kline** (Clerk)

\$25 Gift Certificate-Vacuum Cleaner Hospital: **Lisa Edwards** (Human Resources)

One Hour Bowling for 4 at Mardi Gras:

**Laurel Cotton** (Transportation)

Loaf of bread each month for One Year-Great Harvest: **Scott Newton** (Engineering)

One Night Stay-Holiday Inn Express: **Anna Biton** (Planning)

\$25 Gift Card-Wal-Mart: **Mark Bayles** (Library)

Bag of Carolina Goodies from Carolina Pride & Johnny T Shirt: **Dwayne Fowler** (Public Works)

Super Door Prize: One Night Stay and breakfast for two at the Franklin Hotel: **Wendy Smith** (Engineering)



Catherine Lazorko photos

The next Employee Appreciation Event is Scoop It Day in May.