



TOWNtalk

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A Short Report

By Roger L. Stancil,
Town Manager

The Town Council is taking a new approach to developing the 2007-08 budget, using recommendations from a committee of Council Members and department heads. The first visible difference will be in the Council Retreat scheduled for Jan. 19-20.

The Council Retreat in recent years has been focused on fiscal projections based on limited information available halfway through the fiscal year. This year, Council will focus on setting priorities, with information from the management team. Once those priorities are established, the Manager will develop a Recommended Budget based on those priorities and presented after more reliable financial information is available.

In preparation for this year's retreat, department heads listed the successes of each department for the period July 1, 2005-Dec. 31, 2006. They also identified trends they see in our community that affect the Town and their priorities for the coming budget year. Successes, trends and priorities were associated with the 10 Themes of the Comprehensive Plan. The Council also compiled their perspective on successes, the trends they see and the priorities they have going into the planning retreat. All of this information has been compiled into one document and distributed to Council Members and staff.

This advance information will facilitate the accomplishment of several objectives for the retreat:

- To assure that the Council has the best professional advice and perspective from the staff as the Council deliberates priorities for the coming year
- To enrich the staff's understanding of how the Council reaches its decisions on those priorities
- To enhance our shared commitment to those priorities through this understanding of decision-making and our understanding of how the actions of the Town staff connect with the Council priorities
- To lay the groundwork for a budget based on those priorities

Robbie Borgesi

Fire Captain

Joined Town: February 1996

Duties: Borgesi is a company officer at Fire Station 2 on Hamilton Road. A typical day begins at 7 a.m. with a truck and gear check and physical fitness. The rest of the day could include company inspections, training, and special projects, including weekly Child Safety Seat Clinics.

Borgesi studied firefighting at Durham Technical Community College and is certified as an Instructor in Fire Service (Level 2), Live Burn, and Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD)/HazMat. He has taught at the Chapel Hill Fire Academy and has taught WMD in other countries, including Moldova and Romania. He is part of the Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Team Task Force 8, which includes firefighters from Chapel Hill, Durham, Raleigh and Cary. Team members receive training in all disciplines of rescue and can be called by the state in case of natural disasters.

Personal: Borgesi was born in New York and since the age of five, he wanted to be in the Army and fight fires. He has achieved both dreams. He has been in the military for more than 20 years and became a firefighter in 1986.

Borgesi was deployed to Iraq as a Nuclear Biological Warfare Specialist from February

In the Spotlight



Melanie Miller photo

2005 to January 2006. Being away from his family was the worst thing about serving in Iraq. He thanks Chief Dan Jones, the fire administration, and all members of the Fire Department for helping him and his family during his deployment.

Borgesi and his wife Susan, a North Carolina probation officer, have two children — Pace, 7, and Maya, 3. The family enjoys going to movies and musicals, and recently went to the mountains to get a Christmas tree and go sleigh-riding. They are building a new house in Holly Springs and hope to break ground in February.

Philosophy: Managers do things right; leaders do the right thing.

Quote: "Go Pack!"

COMING UP

Jan. 12: Ninth Annual Martin Luther King Day Celebration at Public Works

Jan. 15: Martin Luther King Jr. Day, a Town holiday. Chapel Hill was the first community to declare this a municipal holiday in 1983.

TBA: Groundbreaking for Aquatics Center (call 969-5055)

Feb. 23: Chili Cook-Off and Talent Show



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Employees gathered for reflection and song at last year's Martin Luther King Day celebration.

In Brief



Martha Adamo's (Clerk's Office) daughter Rosita (left) is touring the country

with Ailey II, the junior company of the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater. Adamo adopted Rosita, who was born in Nicaragua, when she was 2 years old. Rosita was scheduled to perform a duet with another Ailey dancer at the Carolina Friends School on New Year's Day.

We are saddened to announce the loss of Pearl Alston, mother of **Charles Alston** (Finance), who passed away on Dec. 17.

Mattie Bullock, wife of **Charles Bullock** (Housing), passed away on Dec. 10. He is very grateful to everyone who donated leave during this difficult time.



Rae Buckley (Planning) and husband Bill welcomed their first child, Betty, at 4 p.m. on

Dec. 12. She weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz. and was 20 inches long. What a beauty!

Kevin Gunter and **Jabe Hunter** (Police) have successfully completed their Masters in Business Administration from Pfeiffer University. The completion of a master's degree is a huge accomplishment; however, completing it while juggling a family and a career is an amazing success. Congratulations!



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Honoring Dr. King— The Chapel Hill Town Council dedicated Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard on May 8, 2005, which marked the 45th anniversary of Dr. King's visit to Chapel Hill in 1960. The dedication ceremony and festivities, along with interviews of residents, were documented on film. To view the rebroadcast of this historic event, tune to Govt. Cable Channel 18 at noon or 7 p.m. on Martin Luther King Day on Jan. 15.

Ernie Rogers (Engineering) played Santa for the holiday breakfast on Dec. 15. Santa



passed out gifts to everyone, and Secret Santas were revealed. Employees shared holiday plans and sampled breakfast dishes, including cheesy quiche casseroles and **Tracy Dudley's** (Finance) delicious fried potatoes. Thanks to **Tanita Howard** (Clerk's Office) for organizing the Secret Santa gift exchange and **Amy Harvey** (Clerk's Office) for decorating. Employees also enjoyed Sugar and Spice, an employee appreciation event held in December at Hargraves (see photo at right).



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Recycling

Two waste reminders for the post-holiday season: if you are wondering what to do with all the dead batteries from cameras, toys, ipods, laptops, cell phones and other battery operated devices that appear around this time of year, you can recycle them at any of the six Orange County Solid Waste Convenience Centers, either of the two Radio Shack stores in Chapel Hill, Weaver Street Market in Carrboro or Southern Village or Whole Foods. Lowe's Home Improvement also accepts rechargeable batteries for recycling.

If you have a lot of Styrofoam peanuts or block, bubble wrap and other similar packing materials, mailing houses throughout Orange County accept these materials. Call ahead to find out when it's best to drop them off. Locations are listed at www.co.orange.nc.us/recycling/ ("How do I recycle..." at top of page).

— Blair Pollock (Orange Community Recycling)

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Compliments



Doug Clark (Transportation) received compliments from Heather Walls on Dec. 12 for his expert service as a driver, being dependable and reliable and always on time. “. . . he is one of the nicest, friendliest drivers employed by Chapel Hill Transit.”

Ty Edwards (Transportation) was commended by Kathryn Cole on Dec. 11 for returning a purse that was left at the bus shelter. She was very appreciative and said that Edwards had restored her faith in mankind.

Daniel S. Jensen expressed his appreciation to **Bill Letteri** for his leadership of the **Public Works Department**, which is courteous, pleasant and always willing to help. “They say a good team takes on the reflection of their leader so I must conclude you are a terrific leader because your team is certainly so. . . . thank you for all you and your team does for the residents of Chapel Hill.”

Daniel A. Prendergast expressed his appreciation to **Johnny Parker** and **Doug Kelly** (Fire) for a job well done during the permitting and inspections process. “Both of these gentlemen have done an admirable job of always enforcing the existing codes. . . . in a professional and courteous manner.”

SUBMIT YOUR NEWS AND PHOTOS to *TOWNtalk!* The next deadline is Jan. 22 for the February issue. If you have photos, send those also! Send to tio@townofchapelhill.org or by mail to Catherine Lazorko (Manager's Office).

Got Talent? Got Chili?

Our next Employee Appreciation Event is a Chili Cook-Off & Talent Show on Feb. 23. This will be the “second annual,” and if you came last year you know this is not to be missed!

The cook-off begins at 12:30 p.m. at Hargraves Center with a talent show around 1 p.m. All attendees taste and vote for their favorite chili in the categories of Best Beef Chili, Best Vegetarian Chili, and Best Overall. A free chili lunch will be provided. Employees will have an opportunity to win door prizes.

Can you beat the reigning chili champions? Here's the list of winners from the 2005 Chili Cook-Off:

- Best Beef: **Tim Smith** (Public Works)
- Best Vegetarian: **George Small** (Engineering)
- Best Overall: **Tim Smith**

Can you sing – dance – juggle – or perform for the enjoyment of others? Your fellow employees will be the most enthusiastic and supportive audience you have ever encountered! Many of us are hoping that the Transit Trio (**Daniel Hart, Lafayette Poteat and Audrey Council**), pictured upper right, return to the stage to deliver more cool riffs like last year's “Ain't No Sunshine.”



Catherine Lazorko photos

More information, including registration forms, will be sent to departments soon. For more information, contact **Johnny Pompey** at 968-2787 ext. 211 or jpompey@townofchapelhill.org.

Interns Go to Town



Several departments worked together last fall with interns who participated in the Town's first college internship program. Pictured (l-r) in photo at left are **William Gingher, Kathryn Schwing, Ashlee Prevette** and **Grace Ko** and (l-r) in photo at right are **Amelia Strobe, Lakeisha Blake, Emily Moore, Grace Webster** and **Steven Lowrance**.

The Council established the internship program to expose students to experiences in career fields of interest in a local government setting. The Town offers up to 10 undergraduate internship opportunities in the following departments: Finance, Fire, Human Resources, Information Technology, Inspections, Library, Mayor/Town Council, Public Housing, Town Clerk and Transportation.

We thank all our interns, and look forward to watching them advance in various career paths. For those of you moving on, stay in touch! We expect three new interns to be joining us this spring.

Celebrating Years of Service

5 Years

William Bellamy (Public Works)
Nicole Dubé (Police)
Eugene Farrar (Public Works)
Jackie Fuller (Parks & Recreation)
Russell Garrett (Parks & Recreation)
Larry Jones (Transportation)
Dale May (Public Works)
Jerry McGhee (Transportation)
Kimberly Monroe (Transportation)
Mona Nazir (IT)
Ryan Warner (Fire)

10 years

Annie Brown (Transportation)
Jeff Cabe (Fire)
Katina Capers (Transportation)
Annie Edwards (Transportation)
Lisa Edwards (Human Resources)
Andrea Judge (Parks & Recreation)
Gary Mitchell (Public Works)
Robert Moore (Transportation)
Robert Pruitt (Fire)
Vanessa Sanders (Finance)
George Sorrell (Police)
Michael Stone (Police)

20 Years

Charles Alston (Finance)
Jerry Battle (Engineering)
Robert Bosworth (Fire)
Donald Bradley (Police)
Yvonne Brown (Finance)
Robert Carden (Police)
Jerry Council (Public Works)
Brian Curran (Police)
Glenn Davis (Housing)
William Evans (Transportation)
Rex Gibson (Police)
Andrew Jones (Public Works)



Catherine Lazorko photos

Pictured with Town Manager Roger Stancil, Police Chief Gregg Jarvies received what will be his last service award since announcing his intention to retire in April after 31 years.

Doug Kelly (Fire)
Steve Kirkland (Public Works)
Annie Matthews (Transportation)
Bob Overton (Police)

21 Years

Carol Baer (Library)
Betsy Barnes (Transportation)
David Bonk (Planning)
Anthony Brooks (Police)
Ed Brooks (Police)
William Clark (Transportation)
Jerrie Cole (Police)
J.B. Culpepper (Planning)
Bruce Heflin (Manager)
Ceberettia Hinton (Transportation)
Ralph Karpinos (Town Attorney)
George Long (Housing)
Charles Mitchell (Public Works)
Teresa Oliver (Transportation)
Bobby Pearson (Transportation)
M. C. Russell (Engineering)
Lee Sparrow (Police)
Mike Taylor (Engineering)
Kathy Thompson (Library)
Rodney Watson (Fire)
Mike Whitmore (Housing)
Kathye Williams (Police)

22 Years

Mark Bayles (Library)
Cary Degraffenreidt (Public Works)
Douglas Fisk (Public Works)
Ozetar Gaskin (Public Works)
Larry Gentry (Public Works)
James Jones (Public Works)
Joe Layton (Police)
Kristi McClellan (Finance)
Caprice Mellon (Fire)
George Small (Engineering)
Melvin Smith (Police)
Tim Smith (Public Works)
William Thompson (Public Works)

23 Years

Barbara Gear (Transportation)
Richard Goldston (Public Works)
Tina Vaughn (Housing)

24 Years

Beverly Baldwin (Transportation)
Ernestine Garrett (Transportation)

25 Years

Pat Burns (Police)
Carmen Cole (Transportation)



Charles Alston (Finance) at the Service Awards Breakfast last month.

Stephen Porterfield (Fire)
Joe Sands (Police)
Ronald Teague (Transportation)
Larry Tucker (Engineering)

26 Years

Randy Ballard (Public Works)
Eva Cohn (Transportation)
Joe Farrington (Public Works)
Elias Lack (Transportation)
Bobby Pettiford (Inspections)
Frances Rapley (Library)
Tim Richardson (Library)
Garland Sawyer (Transportation)
Annie Sharpe (Transportation)
Bill Webster (Parks & Recreation)

27 Years

Decatur Cole (Public Works)
Randel Riggsbee (Public Works)
Lloyd Ross (Public Works)

28 Years

Raymond Alestock (Public Works)
Thomas Mills (Transportation)
Scott Simmons (Planning)

29 Years

Maggie Burnett (Public Works)
Jane Cousins (Police)
Iris Schwintzer (Transportation)

30 Years

Charles Booth (Transportation)
Susan McClure (Library)
Louise Pettis (Inspections)
Richard Terrell (Public Works)

31 Years

Jim Huegerich (Police)
Gregg Jarvies (Police)

33 Years

Nate Davis (Parks & Recreation)

35 Years

Dayle Gibson (Public Works)

37 Years

Flora Parrish (Police)