



TOWNtalk

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A Short Report

BY CAL HORTON, Town Manager

First, a few words about championship performances.

Best basketball team in America: Carolina. Best crowd management and clean-up team in America: Town of Chapel Hill. What a great job all of you did in managing the 45,000 people who rushed to Franklin Street after the final game. The clean-up job was absolutely first-class, also. Special thanks to Public Works, Parking Services, Fire and Police employees. You're champions!

And, the same congratulations go for the good work done during and after Apple Chill. A sincere tip of the hat to the Public Works employees who worked late at night on the clean-up and then carried out their regular duties early the next morning.

And now a few words about the budget.

The citizens budget review committee and the management consultant have made their budget recommendations. Their reports are posted on the Town's web site and available at the Town Clerk's office and the library. Now we are doing our best to provide information that is helpful to the Council in considering the recommendations. Our budget proposal will be presented to the Council on May 9, and the public hearing on the budget will be held on May 18. The budget proposal will be posted on the web and available in each department.

I appreciate the long hours and hard work done by all those who are helping in development of the budget.

Jane Dyer

Reference Librarian

Joined Town: 1974

Department: Library

Duties: There is one statistic that Jane Dyer has spent a career trying to change – too many people leave libraries without finding what they came for. Dyer's easy smile and caring nature help people to share what they're seeking, and she engages them in a process of sleuthing and discovery. In addition to reference work, she spends time selecting and recommending books and materials for library acquisition.

Personal: Dyer has seen the evolution of library services in Chapel Hill. She began in 1960 as a volunteer at the community's first library at 115 Franklin St., which had an intimate atmosphere with a fireplace. At the age of 15, she was hired as a part-time library employee and worked for three years. In 1967, the library moved to 523 E. Franklin St., and then in 1993, it moved to its current location on Library Drive off Estes. Books fly off the shelves in this town that loves to read, and expansion is on the near horizon.

As she nears retirement, Dyer looks

In the Spotlight



forward to deepening her involvement in yoga, tennis, meditation, gardening, reading and community service through her church, Chapel of the Cross. Her son, Leroy, 24, is a UNC pharmacy student.

Philosophy: "If you do not establish a trusting relationship with the person you are helping, you will have trouble meeting their needs."



COMING UP

- * "Allergy 101" Lunch & Learn - May 3
- Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Dedication - May 8
- Mother's Day - May 8
- * Service Awards Reception - May 13
- Memorial Day Holiday - May 30

* Call Human Resources at 968-2700 for more information.

In Brief

Jeanne Erwin (Finance) and **Mary Lou Kuschatka** (Transportation) successfully graduated from the 2004-05 Municipal Administration Course of the School of Government. The program is designed for managers, department heads and officials. About 140 hours of coursework covers North Carolina local government law, organization and management, finance and budgeting, personnel law and administration, planning and regulation of development and the delivery of city services. A total of 65 officials graduated the course this year.

Jackie Fuller (Parks and Recreation) was recognized on April 21 for making the President's List with a 4.0 GPA at Shaw University in Raleigh during the Academic Awards Day Convocation. Fuller is completing her second semester toward a degree in criminal justice.

Amy Harvey (Clerk's Office) participated in the Relay for Life at the Pitt County Fairgrounds on April 22. In its 11th year in Pitt County, the event raises money for the American Cancer Society. Last year, the event raised \$200,000 for cancer research and support.

Brenda Jones (Finance/Parking Services) completed on March 26 the requirements for a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Strayer University - Cary Campus. She will participate in commencement scheduled June 18 at the Patriot Center in Fairfax, Va. She will graduate with a 3.53 GPA.

Catherine Lazorko (Manager's Office) completed the Boston Marathon on April 18 in a time of 3 hours, 56 minutes and 54 seconds. She placed 10,014 in a field of 17,549 runners, and 730 out of 2,095 runners in her division.



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Martin Luther King Jr Blvd

Historic Airport Road

Dedication Ceremony

The Town Observances Committee has planned a community celebration on Sunday, May 8, to dedicate Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

The event begins at 2:30 p.m. outside of Town Hall at the Stephens Street parking lot. There will be musical performances by local church choirs, presentations from community members and an unveiling of the new street sign. At 4 p.m., a people's procession will march to Hargraves Center, where more entertainment, events and food will be offered until 6 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

Donations are being accepted for a special endowment at the Chapel Hill Public Library. For details, visit www.townofchapelhill.org/MLK.

Welcome New Employees!

Ira Austin (Transportation), Transit Operator
Marvin McGee (Transportation), Transit Operator
Luther Nash (Inspections), Building Inspector
Jaime Palacios (Transportation), Transit Operator
Ernesto Santiago Rivera (Public Works), Construction Worker

Lisa Edwards begins a new position as the HR training coordinator after completing an MBA from Pfeiffer University last December. She has been a Town employee with the Police Department since 1996.

Updated Seal Approved

The Town Council selected an updated Town seal in April (see front cover). Council members expressed their preference for a graphic update that would retain the current depiction of a mythical Athena with improved letter-forms for clear visibility and ease of reading. Adaptations of the seal now are being produced for various uses, including letter-heads, business cards, T-shirts and vehicles. Use of the Town flag as a logo will be discontinued. The Town Information Officer will provide templates to encourage consistent use of the seal across departments.

Address Changes

The renaming of Airport Road on May 8 will change the addresses of numerous Town departments, including those at Town Hall. Departments are asked to make every effort to update their existing office supplies with correction labels and other techniques. When supplies are depleted or difficult to update, check with Coco Hall at the Finance Department for reordering. The Town will consolidate its supply needs for economy and efficiency.

New addresses are as follows:

- **Town Hall**, 405 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. (zip code to change to 27514)
- **Fire Station 1**, 401 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. (zip code to change to 27514)
- **Police Department**, 828 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
- **Public Works**, 1099 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
- **Transportation**, 1089 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Compliments



Parks and Recreation staff received high praise for organizing a winning street festival in Apple Chill on April 17. "As a vendor since 2002 I want to praise you and your staff for putting together what I and my company saw as a very well organized and orchestrated event," wrote Doug Clifton.

Public Works sanitation workers were thanked by Virginia Knapp, who was taking a morning walk through the neighborhood when she saw the garbage truck and realized that she forgot to put out her trash bins. They must have seen her mad dash home because the truck backtracked to retrieve her trash. "Please pass along my sincere thanks for their time and effort," she wrote on April 12. "I appreciate all that every Town staff member does to make it so wonderful to live in Chapel Hill."

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