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BROOME
STREET BLUES
A WAXHAW BLOG

Remember That WalMart Nobody Wanted?



Yesterday was Opening Day!

by John Tiley

WEDNSDAY, AUGUST 18th Just over the border in South Carolina on 521, the newest and biggest WalMart I've seen yet opened yesterday! And yes this is the one Nobody around here wanted, afraid it would make too much of a mess in their back yard what with horrific traffic and all of the unsavory customers that would come with it. Well in the long run those are things we won't have to think about. And for the most part I would guess we will have almost as much a chance getting unemployed Waxhawonians some of the jobs the store will generate (three or four hundred I hear). Most importantly, it is certainly close enough for us to shop at, especially with the concentration of other retail outlets in the immediate area. Just think, all the fare WalMart offers, traditional grocery stores, gas stations, liquor stores, home improvement stores, banks, restaurants, etc., all right there. Now that is what any marketing person would term as the optimum one stop shopping experience and with all that South Carolinian double discounting! Think in terms of the much smaller tax rate charged in South Carolina?

That entire corridor is growing by leaps and bounds, even in the depths of this recession new business is building and locating in that area. I would be interested in what the state of real estate is over there... While we are still suffering on banks reluctance to issue mortgages.

I would guess there is still plenty of water and sewer capabilities there as well as an abundance of private money for some homeowners? Of course the retirees are paying cash for their new homes in those fancy communities so they, of course don't need no stinking bank loans!

The end result is that yes, we did dodge the bullet of having a big box in our neighborhood but in the process we didn't offer a better place or deal to the WalMart folks. Should have know they were going to get what they wanted sooner or later. And in the process we lose out, the Town loses out, the County loses out... all those tax revenues we desperately need here are all going to go to South Carolina.

I can hear the folks over at the Union County Chamber of Commerce grinding their teeth over this one. But our residents win,

at least until the next big town repair bill comes up and there isn't any tax money to cover it.



Short Takes

It looks like the old Bridge & Rail is just about finished with their renovations. I have heard that the building was bought and that has a lot to do with the extensive repairs and renovations that have taken place and held back the re-opening of the place. Also I have on fairly good authority that it will be called Maxwell's Tavern and is set to open in the very near future. I was by just a day or so ago and the construction crews were buzzing around like a angry hornets!

"Autumn Treasures" will be held the second weekend in October in Downtown Waxhaw. The event highlights some of our finest local artisans and craftsman. Other features include live entertainment, food and a Kids Zone.

...and don't forget The Town is planning a BBQ Competition for September... No, this has been moved to October to coincide with the Autumn Treasures Event! Autumn Treasures 2010 will be held this year on October 9 and 10. Keep and eye out for that, Mm mm-Mm!

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Calling all Professional & Backyard Barbecue Cook Teams:

The Town of Waxhaw is having their first BBQ Cook-Off. "Grill'n & Chill'n on Main" will be held Oct 8-9, 2010 in conjunction with Autumn Treasures Oct 9-10.

BBQ Categories will be Boston Butt BBQ and BBQ Spare Ribs, with prize money of \$2,500 to be awarded. Net proceeds to be donated to deserving charity to be determined by the Cook-Off Committee. Application deadline is September, 10, 2010 or when all the spaces are booked. Cook-Off will be judged by the North Carolina BBQ Society (NCBS) judges along with Cook-out Committee selected judges. **So get your team together and send in your application today. See Vendor Application and Cook-Off Rules Below**

Be a part of one of the biggest weekends in Waxhaw! Exhibitor and Concessionaire Applications are available below.

- Concessionaire Application-Autumn Treasures 2010.pdf
- Autumn Treasures Exhibitor Application.pdf
- BBQ Cook-Off Rules-corrected PDF.pdf
- BBQ Vendor App.-use (2010).pdf



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Sustainable Waxhaw

by Hunter Croswell

A few months ago, I told you about a grant that Centralina was trying to get for our region. Well they're almost there and Waxhaw is signed up! There are over 90 jurisdictions and several counties in-counting in the Centralina region in North and South Carolina that have all gotten involved too.

Unfortunately the funds are not in hand yet but the promise sounds good. \$3,500,000 to \$5,000,000 will be divvied up appropriately between these areas to support and grow in sustainability.

Sustainability includes roads, farms, utilities, food distribution, etc., the things that support the people in the area. Waxhaw has decided to be a part of all of this, and later, if Waxhaw doesn't like the terms, they have full right to opt out. It's seeming to be a pretty sweet deal for Waxhaw and hopefully some grant money will come our way to support some of the important things.

Design, Design!

by Hunter Croswell

Waxhaw will be holding a design event in downtown on Sep. 22nd – Sep. 25th in accordance with the Small Town Main Street Program. The WHPC has been trying to find a logo, and trying to acquire some of local talent. But, they just couldn't refuse a free offer from Benchmark Studios Inc., one of the companies in charge of determining the new historic preservation guidelines from the town. I don't think the tax-payers could refuse free either... So now, Benchmark will be at the STMS design event showing off what they are doing and getting feedback from us!

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Field-trip Time!

by Hunter Croswell

Town Manager, Mike McClaurin, has presented an idea that the WHPC is putting some serious thought into. The WHPC will be contacting other local towns with historic districts to coordinate a tour for Waxhaw folks to see what they're doing. Then Waxhaw will be organizing a public field-trip to each town to go on these tours. Waxhaw townspeople will be to take a look at all the work they're doing in there town and talk to their board members to see the common ground in their work and ours.

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This story happened a while ago in Dublin, and even though it sounds like an Alfred Hitchcock tale, it's true.

John Bradford, a Dublin University student, was on the side of the road hitchhiking on a very dark night and in the midst of a big storm.

The night was rolling on and no car went by. The storm was so

And now, Our Weekly Dose of Humor directly from the Internet.....

bits and pieces that your Editor will not testify to for correctness, accuracy nor even believability but they are certainly humorous, So Enjoy!

The Joys of Aging



87 year old ladys letter to the bank!

Shown below, is an actual letter that was sent to a bank by an 86 year old woman. The bank manager thought it amusing enough to have it published in the New York Times.

Dear Sir:
I am writing to thank you for bouncing my check with which I endeavored to pay my plumber last month. By my calculations, three nanoseconds must have elapsed between his presenting the check and the arrival in my account of the funds needed to honor it..

I refer, of course, to the automatic monthly deposit of my entire pension, an arrangement which, I admit, has been in place for only eight years.

You are to be commended for seizing that brief window of opportunity, and also for debiting my account \$30 by way of penalty for the inconvenience caused to your bank.

My thankfulness springs from the manner in which this incident has caused me to rethink my errant financial ways. I noticed that whereas I personally answer your

As they say, imitation is the sincerest form of flattery.

Let me level the playing field even further.

When you call me, press buttons as follows:

**IMMEDIATELY AFTER DIALLING,
PRESS THE STAR (*) BUTTON FOR
ENGLISH**

#1. To make an appointment to see me

#2. To query a missing payment.

#3. To transfer the call to my living room in case I am there.

#4 To transfer the call to my bedroom in case I am sleeping

#5. To transfer the call to my toilet in case I am attending to nature.

#6. To transfer the call to my mobile phone if I am not at home

No one believes seniors . . . everyone thinks they are senile.

An elderly couple was celebrating their sixtieth anniversary. The couple had married as childhood sweethearts and had moved back to their old neighborhood after they retired. Holding hands, they walked back to their old school. It was not locked, so they entered, and found the old desk they'd shared, where Andy had carved "I love you, Sally"

On their way back home, a bag of money fell out of an armored car, practically landing at their feet. Sally quickly picked it up and, not sure what to do with it, they took it home. There, she counted the money-fifty thousand dollars! Andy said, "We've got to give it back." Sally said, "Finders keepers." She put the money back in the bag and hid it in their attic.

The next day, two police officers were canvassing the neighborhood looking for the money, and knocked on their door. "Pardon me, did either of you find a bag that fell out of an armored car yesterday?" Sally said, "No". Andy said, "She's lying. She hid it up in the attic. Sally said, "Don't believe him, he's getting senile."

The agents turned to Andy and began to question him. One said: "Tell us the story from the beginning." Andy said, "Well, when Sally and I were walking home from school yesterday" The first police officer turned to his partner and said, "We're outta here!"

A pig's orgasm lasts 30 minutes.

(In my next life, I want to be a pig..)

strong he could hardly see a few feet ahead of him.

Suddenly, he saw a car slowly coming towards him and stopped.

John, desperate for shelter and without thinking about it, got into the car and closed the door.... only to realize there was nobody behind the wheel and the engine wasn't on.

The car started moving slowly. John looked at the road ahead and saw a curve approaching. Scared, he started to pray, begging for his life. Then, just before the car hit the curve, a hand appeared out of nowhere through the window, and turned the wheel. John, paralyzed with terror, watched as the hand came through the window, but never touched or harmed him.

Shortly thereafter, John saw the lights of a pub appear down the road, so, gathering strength; he jumped out of the car and ran to it. Wet and out of breath, he rushed inside and started telling everybody about the horrible experience he had just had.

A silence enveloped the pub when everybody realized he was crying... and wasn't drunk.

Suddenly, the door opened, and two other people walked in from the dark and stormy night. They, like John, were also soaked and out of breath. Looking around, and seeing John Bradford sobbing at the bar, one said to the other....

Look Paddy....there's that idiot that got in the car while we were pushing it!!!!'



telephone calls and letters, --- when I try to contact you, I am confronted by the impersonal, overcharging, pre-recorded, faceless entity which your bank has become.

From now on, I, like you, choose only to deal with a flesh-and-blood person.

My mortgage and loan repayments will therefore and hereafter no longer be automatic, but will arrive at your bank, by check, addressed personally and confidentially to an employee at your bank whom you must nominate.

Be aware that it is an OFFENSE under the Postal Act for any other person to open such an envelope.

Please find attached an Application Contact which I require your chosen employee to complete.

I am sorry it runs to eight pages, but in order that I know as much about him or her as your bank knows about me, there is no alternative.

Please note that all copies of his or her medical history must be countersigned by a Notary Public, and the mandatory details of his/her financial situation (income, debts, assets and liabilities) must be accompanied by documented proof.

In due course, at MY convenience, I will issue your employee with a PIN number which he/she must quote in dealings with me.

I regret that it cannot be shorter than 28 digits but, again, I have modeled it on the number of button presses required of me to access my account balance on your phone bank service.

#7. To leave a message on my computer, a password to access my computer is required.

Password will be communicated to you at a later date to that Authorized Contact mentioned earlier.

#8. To return to the main menu and to listen to options 1 through 7.

#9. To make a general complaint or inquiry.

The contact will then be put on hold, pending the attention of my automated answering service.

#10. This is a second reminder to press* for English.

While this may, on occasion, involve a lengthy wait, uplifting music will play for the duration of the call.

Regrettably, but again following your example, I must also levy an establishment fee to cover the setting up of this new arrangement.

May I wish you a happy, if ever so slightly less prosperous New Year?

Your Humble Client

And remember:

Don't make old People mad.

We don't like being old in the first place, so it doesn't take much to tick us off.

Some lions mate over 50 times a day.

(I still want to be a pig in my next life...quality over quantity)

Humans and dolphins are the only species that have sex for pleasure. (What about that pig??) I'm still not over the pig

~ ~ ~But old is good in some things:
old songs, old movies
and best of all OLD FRIENDS!!

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