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Where Have All The Tenants Gone?



Welcome to this weeks edition of The Waxhaw Gazette! If you own a business and have any news worthy happenings planned or know of someone new coming in, send me a press release and I will be happy to include it. Contact me directly with comments or suggestions at: jtiley@thewaxhawgazette.com

From the Editor:

In my continuing coverage on development in the Waxhaw area, I will report on the new and proposed healthcare facilities and how they effect us. Now, however as I have a far more personal perspective, I will also be following up today's article as it unfolds. The people at the hospital who took care of me there and what I will be going through in my recovery. I believe this will give us all an opportunity to better judge how the growth can and will effect us all.



As I continue to get back to business I am taken by the number of empty office and store spaces that seem to be blossoming up in town. Along with the spring flowers the for rent signs are popping up, in the historic buildings, the "new-old building" just recently completed, and of course there is all kinds of space with the newest construction going on. When I took the photograph shown here this building appeared to be fully leased out and that was just a few months ago, but when I went by recently the entire street level row appeared empty and two of the three signs had already been removed.

What is going on? Are the rents too high? Is there not enough business for these companies? Surly when the banks approve such projects they anticipate being reasonably successful in keeping these offices occupied? And when the offices are leased, aren't the leasing agents are looking for long term tenants?

I am of the opinion that, at least for now, Waxhaw is already overbuilt when it comes to office/business space. And frankly, before any more new projects get approved for building, we need to know who is going to occupy them. ...Along with a concerted effort to be put in place to fill the empties we already have in place. Otherwise we will end up with a town that resembles a ghost town.

I Level heads with an eye toward economic development are desperately needed here to reach out and solicit businesses into the area much like Charlotte and Monroe have been doing. The only way we can be successful is to grow business for our town that will be a benefit to the current and incoming residents who want to call Waxhaw and for that matter, Wesley Chapel, Weddington and the entire surrounding areas home. We need companies who can flourish by catering to us and supply us with needed goods and services. Not just an unproven idea that some developer has so he can build out a project, make a bundle and move on. And as fuel costs and travel becomes even more of an issue it will certianly benefit us if we could stay here in town and not have go into Charlotte or Monroe as frequently.

Something has to be done. I'm not sure what that will entail, but I am willing to do all I can from here to make it and our town, happen! Now I ask you, my readers to comment. Tell me your thoughts and ideas... it's your home too. What do you want to see happen?



by: John Tiley

March 7th, 3:30PM: The ER ER

I have now arrived at the CMC Monroe ER. A close friend drove me over as I wasn't interested in an ambulance ride.... I always have been a bit of a low key person. I got there OK so I guess it was OK? You know how guys can be and your Editor is no different... macho to the point of self delusion! Dr. Tomcho had called ahead and they were expecting me. I was a bit disoriented due to my condition, but in no time at all I was in a cubicle and being attended to. Poked, prodded, bled out, medicated and x-rayed. I even had a sonogram done on my heart. From what I can remember it was kind of neat watching my heart flip flop around in my chest. I was later informed that wasn't the way it was supposed to look!

The people that took care of me couldn't have been better. The Doc was right on top of things and in what seemed like no time at all I was comparatively stable. My heart was under control. They had medicated me for my breathing and I was feeling much better.

Oxygen, steroids and who knows what all else. Time was flying by and before you know it Friday night was in full swing and boy did that ER get busy with all that you'd expect. There was a lot of moaning and groaning going on that made me feel like maybe I was in better shape than some of the other people there.

At around 1AM, they were looking at the idea of maybe sending me home, at least until the most wonderful nurse, who had been looking after me all night, took one look at me after they took the oxygen off and I got up, or at least tried to. No sir, there was no way she wanted me to leave their care that condition. Now I can't remember her name, but I am sure she remembers me (I do have that effect). And I hope she gets a chance to read this so she knows I am grateful .In short order they set me up with a room for observation and further medication and, in hindsight, I am glad they did. It turned out this was just the beginning of the saga.

Next week: Out of the ER.

To read last weeks installment in this series [please go here.....](#)

I encourage all of you to pass our link along to your Waxhaw friends and relatives so they too can enjoy our paper. Remember we will be publishing every Friday with updates as they come out. I continue the process of building out our e-mail list which I will use to send out as an announcement at time of publishing so if your not already on our list and wish to become a subscriber, please drop me a line with your request.



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Video Links

Not only Elephants Remember!



This is a still photo. Below is a link to a video. There's no sound, but look at the picture first and then watch the video. These 2 guys reared this lion from a baby in England but the authorities would not allow them to keep it once it reached maturity so they were forced to give it up, they took it back to Africa and placed it in a wildlife sanctuary, a year later they went to see it and were told it would not remember them.

For the Video, go here. Enjoy!

"How Many Dogs Does It Take to Change A Light Bulb?"

Golden Retriever: The sun is shining, the day is young, we've got our whole lives ahead of us, and you're inside worrying about a stupid burned out bulb?

Border Collie: Just one. And then I'll replace any wiring that's not up to code.

Dachshund: You know I can't reach that stupid lamp!

Rottweiler: Make me.

Boxer: Who cares? I can still play with my squeaky toys in the dark.

Lab: Oh, me, me!!!! Pleeceeeeeeeze let me change the light bulb! Can I? Can I? Huh? Huh? Huh? Can I? Pleeceeeeeeeze, please, please, please!

German Shepherd: I'll change it as soon as I've led these people from the dark, check to make sure I haven't missed any, and make just one more perimeter patrol to see that no one has tried to take advantage of the situation.

Jack Russell Terrier: I'll just pop it in while I'm bouncing off the walls and furniture.

Old English Sheep Dog: Light bulb? I'm sorry, but I don't see a light bulb!

Cocker Spaniel: Why change it? I can still pee on the carpet in the dark.

Chihuahua: Yo quiero Taco Bulb.

Pointer: I see it, there it is, there it is, right there.....

Greyhound: It isn't moving. Who cares?

Australian Shepherd: First, I'll put all the light bulbs in a little circle...

Poodle: I'll just blow in the Border Collie's ear and he'll do it. By the time he finishes rewiring the house, my nails will be dry.

Cat: "Dogs do not change light bulbs. People change light bulbs. So, the real question is: How long will it be before I can expect some light, some dinner, and a massage?"

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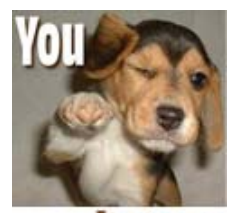
Most of them knew him as 'Holy S__t!'



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Welcome to Waxhaw's Very Own Advice Column. "Ask Amber"

Dear Amber,

I recently moved to a home in a rural area and am having problems with my neighbors. They have a huge dog that they allow to have the run of the neighborhood. This dog wanders the neighborhood and chases every thing in sight! Cats, deer, raccoons, and opossums – whatever it is – he'll chase it. Because he is allowed to roam, he relieves himself wherever the urge strikes him. I have gone outside many mornings only to find a reminder that "Hugo" has been there! Not only that, but he digs holes in my garden. I'm planning to plant a flower garden for spring but don't want all my efforts to be destroyed by this dog. I spoke with Hugo's owner about the problem but they just said there are no leash laws in this area and they don't have to confine him. Help, I moved to this area to enjoy the outdoors but this dog is ruining my enjoyment of my own yard!

Not a Fan of Hugo

Dear Not a Fan,

While there may be no leash laws in your area this does not mean that your neighbor's dog is allowed to destroy property. Since his owner is unwilling to do anything about this problem you'll have to take matters into your own hands. Before you plant your garden pick up a roll of chicken wire to place on the ground over the soil. Most spring flowers can be planted through the openings in the wire mesh and the dog won't be able to dig through it. You may also want to look into using a dog repellent in your flower beds. There are different types of repellents and the prices vary. Some repellents work by emitting an ultrasonic noise that dogs can hear and won't go near. Another kind of repellent is the type that you can sprinkle or spray in the area that you want to keep the dog out of. Most of these are made with natural products and won't harm the animal - dogs find the smell unpleasant and will stay away from the flower beds. If none of these suggestions work, you may want to contact the county animal control to see if they can tell you of any humane ways to keep animals out of your garden.

Amber

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