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Commissioners Rescind Sewer Allocation Policy

The Union County Board of Commissioners on Monday rescinded the County's Sewer Allocation Policy.

In September 2007, commissioners adopted a policy for allocating wastewater treatment capacity in the 6-Mile Creek Collection System and the 12-Mile Creek and Crooked Creek wastewater treatment plants. At the time the policy was adopted, wastewater flows to these facilities were significantly below the permitted capacity. However, when all potential new development projects were considered, the potential demand exceeded the plants' capacities. The N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources (NCDENR) was also reluctant to consider permitting the expansion of the 12-Mile Creek WWTP.

In March 2011, the board of commissioners adopted an amendment to the policy that allocated an additional 445,000 gallons per day (GPD) of capacity for new one-tap and non-residential projects. This was possible because several conditions had changed since 2007, including slower growth of private development; postponement of several public sector projects; recovery of capacity for projects that failed to meet stipulated deadlines in the policy; completion of the design and permitting of the 6-Mile Creek diversion project; advancement of the permitting process for the 12-Mile Creek WWTP expansion project and the recovery of approximately 75,000 (GPD) of capacity from the William Trotter Development/Goose Creek utilities settlement.

Last October, Union County Public Works submitted the permit application and environmental assessment for the proposed expansion of the 12-Mile Creek WWTP from 6 million gallons per day (MGD) to 12 MGD. After reviewing the permit application and environmental assessment, NCDENR concurred that the expansion of 12-Mile Creek WWTP was the most environmental sound, cost-effective option. Significant effort is still required to mitigate environmental concerns associated with this expansion.

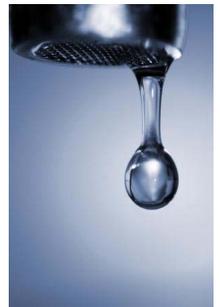
The 6-Mile Creek diversion project is also currently under construction and will free-up approximately 1.25 MGD of capacity in the 12-Mile Creek system. With the increase in capacity from 2008, the decline in average growth of new customers from 7 percent to 2.5 percent, the concurrence of NCDENR on the 12-Mile Creek permit application and the adoption of the Water and Sewer Line Extension Ordinance in March 2012 which places better controls on how new capacity is allocated, commissioners were able to rescind the sewer allocation policy and bring Union County back to a standardized process of sewer capacity allocation consistent with the industry.

Water Allocation Policy Rescinded

The Union County Board of Commissioners on Monday rescinded the County's Short-term Water Allocation Policy initially approved in October 2008.

The policy was amended in September 2009 to define and set forth allocation of the limited remaining water treatment capacity in Union County's Catawba River Water Treatment Plant (CRWTP) service area. When the initial policy was established, water demand within the CRWTP service area had exceeded the plant capacity on several days in 2007 and 2008. In addition, the County had identified new projects that would potentially require more than 4 million gallons per day (MGD) of capacity. To meet this demand for new capacity, water use restrictions were implemented to reduce the peak-day demand and the allocation policy was begun to set a structure for the allocation of the limited capacity created through the water use restrictions.

In March 2011, commissioners amended the policy to allocate an additional 300,000 gallons per day (GPD) of water treatment capacity for a non-residential and government facility reserve and established criteria for the allocation for non-residential projects based on readiness to move forward with construction.





Ghosts and the Paranormal

Tuesday, Sept. 25
6 p.m.
Edwards Memorial Library

Barbara Jones of the Union County Area Paranormal Society will discuss different types of paranormal activities.

Several factors allowed for amendment to the policy including completion of the Anson County water distribution system service area project that permits additional water to be moved into the Union County water system and offsets demand in the CRWTP service area; design and permitting progress associated with the CRWTP raw water reservoir project; success with water conservation and water use restrictions; slower growth of private development and recovery of capacity from projects that have failed to move forward along stipulated schedules.

The plan was further amended in July 2011 to allow phasing of commercial projects and in March 2012 to allocate water capacity to projects with allocated sewer capacity. Other action which provides sufficient capacity to meet the growth needs of Union County for the next five to seven years are the interim temporary transfer of allocated capacity agreement with the Lancaster County Water & Sewer District (LCW&SD) which increased the County's capacity within the Catawba River Water and Sewer Plant from 18 MGD to 21 MGD through February 2017; the adoption of Union County's Comprehensive Water and Wastewater Master Plan which developed water and sewer demand projections for the next 20 years; the increase of capacity from Anson County from 2 to 4 MGD and the adoption of the Water and Sewer Line Extension Ordinance in February which creates the framework for working with the development community for the construction of new water and sewer infrastructure and commitment of capacity for new developments.

Tutor Training

Literacy Council 101 Orientation
Wednesday, Sept 19
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
105-A East Jefferson Street in Monroe
704-226-1425
rsvp to: info@literacyunion.org
www.literacyunion.org

Kilah's Law Receives Unanimous Support

The Union County Board of Commissioners on Monday unanimously passed a resolution supporting Kilah's Law which, if passed by the North Carolina General Assembly next session, will permit harsher sentencing for those who inflict permanent physical debilitating injury on a child.

The law is backed by Rep. Craig Horn, a Republican from Union County, Indian Trail Mayor Michael Alvarez and Union County resident and activist Jeff Gerber, who founded the Justice for All Coalition, a national group that advocates for tougher penalties in cases of violence against children and women.

The law is being sought because of the May 16 beating of three year old Kilah Davenport by her stepfather. As a result of the beating, the Union County girl sustained a broken clavicle, fractured skull, and damage to 90 percent of her brain. The stepfather was arrested and charged with felony child abuse, inflicting serious bodily injury. He is currently in the Union County Jail under a \$1 million bond.



Kilah

If passed, the law will raise the sentencing guidelines for anyone who causes the permanent debilitating physical injury of a child. Currently this crime falls under a Class C felony with a 44-92 month possible sentence.

"It is our hope that we give the judicial system the tools it needs to implement a suitable punishment to fit the magnitude of the crime," Gerber said. "In this particular instance, we feel strongly that this type of horrific crime should fall in line with that of a child pedophile, meaning 25 years to life."

The Justice for all Coalition has traveled to three counties so far offering a resolution of support for Kilah's Law. "We've introduced this resolution to may town councils, and I'm proud to say this resolution has passed unanimously in every municipality," Gerber added.

For more information about Kilah's story, visit www.teamkilah.wordpress.com. You can sign an online petition at www.change.org.

Weddington Country Festival

The Town of Weddington will hold it's first Weddington Country Festival featuring "Art at the Corners" on Saturday, Sept. 22 from 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. at the Town Hall and the Weddington Corner Shopping Center located behind Town Hall at 1924 Weddington Road.

The festival will bring old fashioned family fun for all ages once again to the heart of the community. The day will feature local artists from the Waxhaw Art Council. Artists will provide demonstrations, display paintings, pottery and sculpture for sale.

The "Kids Corner" will include an arts and crafts area, a bouncy castle and dunking booth. There will also be face painting, tattoos, hula hoop contest, petting zoo an scavenger hunt.

You can also take part in baking, a cupcake challenge, vegetable decorating and scarecrow building contests. Local firefighters will compete for prizes in the "Battle of the Fire Stations" tug-of-war. Prizes will benefit the stations' rescue and safety efforts.

Senior citizens ages 65 and up will be served a free BBQ picnic with all the fixins from volunteer firefighters from 11:30 a.m - 2 p.m.

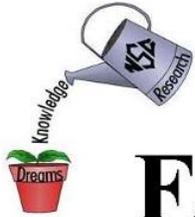
Warning: Deed Scam

Union County Register of Deeds Crystal Crump wants to warn county residents about a deed scam occurring in other parts of the state.

A company identified as Deed Referral Services offers to get a homeowner "a property profile" for a fee of \$86 and a processing fee of \$35. The mailing is misleading and states that a "State Record Regulation Department" recommends this service.

Citizens should be warned that this information is public record and can be obtained for a minimal fee from the Union County Register of Deeds office. If you have any questions, call 704-283-3797.

Want to participate in the Chili Cook Off? The first 15 applicants to sign-up at www.townofweddington.com can compete in the first "Peoples Choice Chili Cook Off."



Union County Extension
Master Gardener
Volunteer Association's

FALL BULB & PLANT SALE

SATURDAY

OCTOBER 6, 2012

9:00 am — 12:00 pm

Union County Agricultural Center - Greenhouse
3230 Presson Road
Monroe NC 28112
(Off of 74 next to Brooks Tractor)

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Master Gardener Grow Line 704-283-3822

Email: unionmg@co.union.nc.us

Website: www.mastergardenersunioncountync.org

Sale will be held rain or shine. Cash or Checks accepted.

Taste of Union

Saturday, September 29

5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Union County Ag. Center
3230 Presson Road in Monroe

Taste of Union is a fun food-tasting event which showcases restaurants around the country and surrounding areas.

The event, now in its fourth year, raises funds for Operation Reach Out, a ministry to the needy in our community. Festivities include live music and a silent auction. Tickets are \$20 (\$25 at the door). Go to tasteofunion.org for more information.

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