

Briefs

Biz awards

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce will announce the recipients of the 2011 Business of the Year Awards at its annual meeting on Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Sheraton Hotel, 1 Europa Drive in Chapel Hill.

The finalists for each award are as follows:

- Small Business of the Year: Franklin Street Yoga Center Inc.; Showroom Shine; William H. Bunch, CPA
- Mid-size Business of the Year: Great Outdoor Provision Co., Jesse Kalisher Gallery, Strata Solar
- Large Business of the Year: 3 Birds Marketing, Carolina Brewery, Wells Fargo
- Nonprofit of the Year: Chapel Hill-Carrboro YMCA, Charles House Association, Community Home Trust

Hillsborough loose-leaf collection ending

Hillsborough will end loose-leaf collection of leaves on Jan. 31. Beginning Feb. 1 residents should place leaves in biodegradable bags for collection at the curb.

A maximum of 10 bags per property will be removed each collection day. Collection days occur once every two weeks until the loose-leaf collection season starts again in November.

Residents should allow a bagful or several armfuls to accumulate before placing brush at the curb. Less than 30 pounds of brush can be tied into bundles using jute, sisal or hay-baling twine.

Residents may receive a free sample of twine at Hillsborough Town Hall, 101 E. Orange St., or at Town Hall Annex, 137 N. Churton St.

CHT names advertising sales manager

Chip Hutchinson has been named as the first advertising sales manager for Chapel Hill Transit.

Hutchinson has worked in positions in sports marketing and ticket sales and previously was the assistant marketing director for the ECU athletic department.

In his new position, he will manage the transit advertising program, which seeks to increase revenues that support Chapel Hill Transit.

MARCHING HOME



Community members march from Abbey Court to the new home of the Chapel Hill and Carrboro Human Rights Center at 107 Barnes St. on Saturday. HRC director Judith Blau closed on the purchase of the house on Thursday and said she hopes to receive zoning approval for the center's programs at the location by March 1, when it must leave Abbey Court. Abbey Court's homeowners' association voted in December to force the center to leave the complex.

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YATES  
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Jessica Smith said the investigator is needed "to develop the necessary factual record ... upon which the committee could base its review."

"We do not make this request lightly, and we fully understand the financial constraints the council faces," she added.

Residents have questioned the police's failure to communicate with those inside the building prior to the raid, in which a police Special Emergency Response Team brandished long-range rifles and detained those on the sidewalk outside the entrance of the building, including two journalists, before rushing inside.

The committee's request, which was drafted by Smith, does not include a cost estimate of hiring an investigator. On Tuesday, Smith said that from her discussions with various professionals, she assumed that the \$15,000 figure she stated at last week's meeting would be on the lower end of the cost spectrum.

Smith said last week that Stancil's report "was one-sided in that the only people that appear

to have been consulted in connection with the internal review were members of the police and related agencies." The committee's request notes the need to interview eyewitnesses and people who were inside the building and to address a number of unanswered questions regarding the incident.

Committee member Roscoe Reeve also noted the importance of the cooperation of both Stancil and police Chief Chris Blue with a potential investigator.

"In a worst-case scenario, they could both say no," he said.

However, board Chair Ron Bogle said that given his communications with them regarding the incident, he felt they were likely to cooperate.

Committee member Anita Badrock said she wanted to be sure that the request didn't appear to be asking the town to compel its employees to speak to an investigator, given that staff members could be concerned about legal action taken against them.

"If the town staff does not speak or declines to be inter-

viewed, that in and of itself is an important part of the public record," she said.

**Media communication halted**

Last week, Stancil released a statement that town employees were not to speak with the media regarding the Yates incident.

"Out of respect for the process that began by the referral of the Yates Motor Company review to the Community Policing Advisory Board, and the Board's subsequent discussion about a process they could follow, the Town staff will temporarily refrain from individual media interviews about the Yates Motor Company incident," Stancil stated, further noting that media questions should be routed through the committee.

"This approach supports a transparent process and the desires of the Council, and the community for a full and open exchange of information on this issue."

LANDFILL  
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town would have to hire additional staff, outfit trucks to drive the distance and spend an additional \$100,000 a year on diesel fuel.

"Two hundred thousand dollars a year is only 1 cent on the tax rate, so for my house it would be an extra 350 bucks, and I can afford that," Chilton said. "But not everybody can afford that."

While Galu responded by telling him she believed there were multiple alternatives to consider that still allowed the landfill to close in 2013, Chilton told her he did not believe that to be true.

"You have had your say, so let me have my say," Chilton said, explaining that the towns of Chapel Hill and Carrboro would together save roughly \$500,000 a year by having the landfill open till 2015.

"If we don't spend half a million a year, but instead build the transfer station in Orange County, then I think what we should do is take what we are saving ... and put it to the improvements to Rogers Road."

Chilton is proposing building a waste transfer station at the intersection of I-40 and N.C. 86, but fears it won't happen if the landfill closes before it's built.

Discussion between Galu and Chilton grew even more heated when Galu attempted to correct Chilton's remark about the 1972 plans for the landfill. Chilton responded that once Galu had done the considerable amount of research he had into the landfill situation, she would then be welcome to correct him.

Before walking back to her seat, Galu told Chilton, "I think, quite frankly, if you lived with that amount of garbage behind you, you would want the landfill to close too."

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MAXINE EICHNER Professor, UNC-CH School of Law  
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