

Briefs

Library at mall meeting

The Town of Chapel Hill will hold a public information meeting to provide information and gather input on a proposal to move the Chapel Hill Public Library to University Mall on Wednesday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Chapel Hill Town Hall.

The town council is scheduled to receive an update on the proposal and discuss the issues involved on Feb. 14. A meeting with members of the library board of trustees, Library Foundation and Friends of the Library is scheduled for 5:30 to 7 tonight (Thursday) in the library meeting room.

For more information, visit [townofchapelhill.org/futurelibrary](http://townofchapelhill.org/futurelibrary) or contact [mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org](mailto:mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org) to submit views on the idea.

Bingham meeting tonight

The university will hold a briefing on changes at its Bingham Facility today (Thursday) at 5 p.m. at the Giles Horney Building on Airport Drive.

UNC Medical School officials recently announced they are dropping expansion plans for the facility. The school has filed a request with the state to replace the facility's failed wastewater-treatment system. For information on the facility, visit [unc.edu/community/bingham.html](http://unc.edu/community/bingham.html)

Officer placed on leave

Preston Opegard, a Chapel Hill police officer serving as a member of the U.S. Marshal's Service Joint Fugitive Task Force, was placed on administrative leave last Friday after fatally wounding a Durham man while serving a warrant for his arrest.

The task force was attempting to locate and arrest Jerome Thompkins, a man wanted for three counts of first-degree sex offense involving a child, three counts of indecent liberties with a child and three counts of crime against nature.

Officers located Thompkins at 404 Macon St. in Durham. Upon arrival, Thompkins barricaded himself in a bedroom with a handgun and fired his weapon repeatedly at the officers. Opegard was forced to fire his weapon out of self-defense, and fatally wounded Thompkins at the scene. No other

persons were injured.

As is standard procedure, the Chapel Hill Police Department and the State Bureau of Investigation are conducting an administrative internal investigation into the incident.

Emergency siren test

UNC will test its emergency sirens on Monday between noon and 1 p.m. as part of Alert Carolina, the university's campus-wide safety awareness campaign.

Anyone on the UNC campus or in downtown Chapel Hill may hear the sirens, which are used to signal an emergency, such as an armed and dangerous person on or near campus, a major chemical spill or hazard or a tornado sighting.

New Chatham court location

The Chatham County Superior Court will open on Monday in a new location, at 158 West St. in Pittsboro. The address previously housed the Pittsboro Memorial Library. All superior court sessions will be held in the building and superior court judges and staff will have offices there.

The court will remain in the West Street facility until the new Chatham Judicial Center is completed, projected for late 2012.

Bus to NCSU game

Chapel Hill Transit will provide Tar Heel Express shuttle service to and from the Dean E. Smith Center for the N.C. State University vs. UNC men's basketball game scheduled for Saturday at 2 p.m.

Shuttle service will begin at 12:30 p.m. and will provide continuous service to the arena from park-and-rides at the Friday Center, Southern Village, University Mall and Jones Ferry Road. The shuttles will operate for 45 minutes following the game.

Shuttles drop and pick up on Bowles Drive in front of the Smith Center. Shuttle rides are \$5 for a round-trip or \$3 for a one-way trip.

For additional information on the Tar Heel Express Shuttle, visit [chtransit.org](http://chtransit.org)

Researchers cite six demographic trends that will transform U.S.

UNC News Services

A browner, grayer and more culturally diverse population and workforce will dramatically transform the nation's social, economic and political institutions, according to a new report by researchers at UNC.

The report, "Six Disruptive Demographic Trends: What Census 2010 Will Reveal," identifies major shifts in U.S. demographics and their implications for business, consumer markets and the nation's competitiveness in the global marketplace.

"The U.S. population is far different today in terms of geographical distribution, racial and ethnic composition, age mix, family types and economic circumstance from what it was a decade ago," said James H. Johnson Jr., co-author of the report with John D. Kasarda. Johnson is director of the Urban Investment Strategies Center at the Frank Hawkins Kenan Institute of Private Enterprise, part of UNC's Kenan-Flagler Business School. Kasarda is director of the Kenan Institute.

The six trends are:

- South-shifting population. More than half of the nation's population growth

during the past decade (51.4 percent) occurred in Southern states, driven in part by an in-migration of an estimated 2.3 million newcomers from nearly all demographic groups – blacks, Hispanics, the elderly and the foreign born – and high fertility rates among some, particularly Hispanics.

- "Browning" of America. Nonwhites accounted for an estimated 85 percent of U.S. net population growth during the past decade. Non-Hispanic whites represented 65 percent of the U.S. population in 2009 compared to 76 percent in 1995.

- Intermarriage increase. Marriage across racial and ethnic lines has doubled since 1980, further contributing to the browning trend, with 41 percent of all intermarriages in 2008 between Hispanics and whites; 15 percent between Asians and whites; 11 percent between blacks and whites; and both parties nonwhite in 16 percent of intermarriages.

- "Graying" of America. The first baby boomer born in America turned 65 on Jan. 1, sparking a "silver tsunami" of 79 million baby boomers who will exit the U.S. workforce over the next 20 years. About 8,000 Americans will turn 65 every day over the next five

years, and they will live longer than previous generations because of advances in health care and lifestyles that are more active.

- Gender shift. Women now hold nearly half of all paid U.S. jobs (49.8 percent), own 40 percent of all businesses and hold 43 percent of executive, administrative and managerial positions in the U.S. economy, narrowing the male-female wage gap to its lowest point in history.

- More grandparent-headed households. The number of children living in grandparent-headed households increased by 26.1 percent between 2001 and 2010, compared to 3.8 percent for all U.S. household types. One or both parents also live in about two-thirds of the grandparent-headed households.

Researchers identified these trends by analyzing demographic and economic statistics compiled by the U.S. Census Bureau, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Internal Revenue Service and other government agencies from the past decade as well as other demographic research. They expect the 2010 census data to confirm these trends and provide greater detail on them.

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In addition, county staff plans to create online tools for residents to register their pets, reserve meeting rooms and sign up for classes, team sports and recreational facilities. Plans also include an initiative to bring public wireless access to all county buildings.

In other business, the board agreed to hold up to three work sessions a year during the day, straying from their longtime practice of holding only night meetings.

Yuhasz said holding some meetings during the day will improve access for those who cannot attend night meetings.

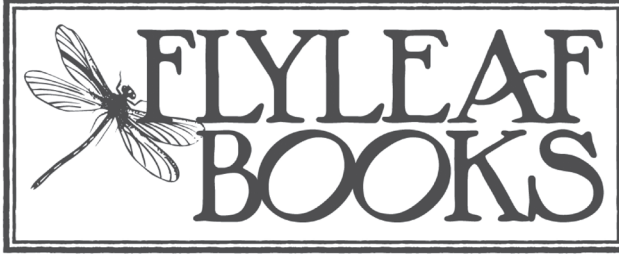
"If all our meetings are at night, then someone who can't come at night can't come and address the commissioners," he said. "I think we should start with a couple work sessions, but I don't want to rule out the possibility that we might at some point have a regular meeting during the day."

Commissioner Valerie Foushee cautioned against holding too many daytime meetings, saying that such a schedule would only allow those who are independently wealthy or who have control of their work schedules to run for a seat on the board.

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Shelter plan advances, more info sought

Chapel Hill's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board approved the Inter-Faith Council for Social Service's plans for a new men's shelter Tuesday night, as the plans work their way through the town's advisory boards ahead of a public hearing before the Chapel Hill Town Council scheduled for March 21.

The shelter plans, which were approved by the town's planning board earlier this month, were also scheduled for review by the town's Community Design Commission Wednesday night after *The Citizen's* press time.

Meanwhile, the town last Wednesday heard comments on shelter guidelines from planning board members, advocates for the homeless and those opposed to the proposed new men's shelter site near the intersection of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and

Homestead Road.

The approval process for the new shelter and the guidelines are moving on different tracks, but shelter opponents have used the discussion of the guidelines to highlight their concerns about the potential impact of the IFC's plan.

The guidelines, developed through the town's planning board, call for consideration of the impact on nearby neighborhoods as well as the proximity of social services.

Residents near the proposed men's shelter said the new guidelines were not specific enough and do not spell out policies on sex offenders and proximity to parks, schools and other shelters. Opponents have argued that the proposed shelter would be close to the IFC's Project Homestart, which houses women and children transitioning from homelessness, and

Freedom House, a substance-abuse recovery program, and that building it would unfairly burden other residents in the area.

The council asked town planners to review the proposed guidelines and provide better crime statistics and the extent of the homeless population and its needs.

To underscore the need for a new home for its Community House, the IFC is hosting a tour on Feb. 6 of the current community kitchen and men's shelter in the old Chapel Hill municipal building at 100 W. Rosemary St. The event runs from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. — Kirk Ross

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Tuesday, February 1, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

A public hearing will be held on Orange County's potential legislative agenda for the 2011 North Carolina General Assembly Session. The issue areas to be addressed include:

Hunting Deer with Dogs Orange-Alamance County Line Commissioners Disclosure Revenue and Taxation Transportation Responsibility Bio-Solids Disposal Energy Efficiency

Broadband Service Environment Court Facility Fees Electronic Public Notice E-911 Funds Mental Health Agriculture

The Board of Commissioners welcomes all comments on all items as may be introduced or addressed at the public hearing. The meeting is open to the public and will be held on Tuesday, February 1, 2011 at the Department of Social Services Center at 113 Mayo Street in Hillsborough beginning at 7:00 p.m. If you need additional information, please call Greg Wilder at 245-2300.

Congrats to the following Citizen readers...

Janet Buehler Ed Harrison Zaneta Kosiba-Vargas Justin Sawon

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Their names were drawn from the correct entries in the "Find The Pie" contest from last week's paper. The pie, by the way, was in the "MILL blog" ad on page 2 of the Jan. 20th Citizen.