

News Briefs

Blood needed

Recent bad weather across the country on the heels of the holiday season has drastically decreased the Red Cross' blood supply in its Carolinas Region. Type O negative and type B negative blood supplies have dropped to emergency levels, and help is needed. Since type O negative blood can be used for any patient when there is not time to determine the patient's blood type, it is crucial to have a sufficient supply.

The next blood drives will be Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 25 and 26, from noon to 5 p.m. at the Great Hall in the student union on the UNC Campus. Sign up to give at [unc.givesblood.org](http://unc.givesblood.org)

There also will be a drive on Sunday, Jan. 31 from noon to 4:30 p.m. at New Sharon United Methodist Church on New Sharon Church Road in Hillsborough.

Blood can be safely donated every 56 days. Most healthy people aged 17 and older, or 16 with parental consent, who weigh at least 110 pounds are eligible to donate blood and platelets. Donors who are 18 and younger must also meet specific height and weight requirements.

For more information or to locate a nearby blood drive, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)

Felony charges leveled

On Friday, Jan. 15, Chapel Hill Police investigators charged Corey Scott Shepherd of Wake Forest with 19 counts of felony breaking and entering, one count of felony larceny and 20 counts of misdemeanor damage to property. Shepherd was arrested at Chapel Hill Police headquarters and is suspected in a rash of area business break-ins that have occurred in recent months.

Chapel Hill investigators worked with investigators from the Carrboro, Durham and Hillsborough police departments, as well as the Chatham County Sheriff's Office, after each jurisdiction experienced a series of overnight smash-and-grab break-ins. Shepherd was released on a \$43,000 unsecured bond and made his first appearance in court on Tuesday.

Route adjustments for Chapel Hill Transit

Chapel Hill Transit implemented a schedule adjustment to the F route (p.m. only) on Tuesday, Jan. 19. Additional afternoon trips also will be added, starting at 2:45 p.m.

The bus stop at the Newman Center will be closed for about 18 months due to construction on Pittsboro Street. A temporary bus stop is at 210 Pittsboro St. (News Services Building) near the intersection with Cameron Avenue.

The right lane of Pittsboro Street from beyond the temporary bus stop to McCauley Street is closed. The left lane will remain open. Chapel Hill Transit routes may experience delays as a result of the lane closure. CHT is advising customers to expect delays and to allow extra travel time.

For questions about the route change, call a CHT customer service representative at 969-4900, visit [chtransit.org](http://chtransit.org) or email [chtransit@townofchapelhill.org](mailto:chtransit@townofchapelhill.org)

Learn about affordable housing

The Town of Chapel Hill is continuing a public review process for a draft Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance to help address the need for more affordable housing in Chapel Hill. A public-information open house is scheduled from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, at Chapel Hill Town Hall, 405 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Repeating presentations will take place at 5:15 p.m. and 6:15 pm.

A task force appointed by the town council developed ideas and worked with consultants to prepare a draft ordinance, which is posted online at [townhall.townofchapelhill.org/agendas/2009/09/28/7b/](http://townhall.townofchapelhill.org/agendas/2009/09/28/7b/) with related information. Information is also available by calling 919-2728.

The Feb. 2 meeting is one of multiple opportunities for public review and comment, leading up to a public hearing tentatively scheduled for March 15.

For more information, contact the Town of Chapel Hill Planning Department by emailing [inclusionary-zoning@townofchapelhill.org](mailto:inclusionary-zoning@townofchapelhill.org) or visit [townofchapelhill.org/planning](http://townofchapelhill.org/planning)

Board discusses long-range plans

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The Board of Aldermen met at Town Hall Tuesday night to further discuss a long-range water-supply plan and the Chapel Hill-Carrboro 2035 Long Range Transit Plan.

Both plans had been presented to the board last year and the aldermen had resolved to meet again to parse out some of the details.

For the OWASA draft long-range water-supply plan, the board had previously taken issue with a sentence that read, "It is more cost-effective to reduce the

drawdown of OWASA'S reservoirs by purchasing available water than by implementing water use restrictions."

Board members were opposed to this option because they thought it implied OWASA customers would not be notified of a crisis and therefore could not take possible conservation measures.

"The public is being fooled into thinking their water usage is sustainable when it is not," Aldermen Randee Haven-O'Donnell said.

Carrboro representatives from OWASA were on hand to further clarify the matter. Secretary of the OWASA ex-

ecutive board Braxton Foushee urged the aldermen to look back to the drought of 2007 when residents were kept apprised of water levels and ways to conserve. He said that will again be done if necessary.

"Our actions spoke volumes," he said.

The issue, Foushee said, was in the particular language of the draft, and he said he's receptive to the board of aldermen finding the wording that will hold OWASA to be as transparent as the aldermen want it to be.

The board also received updates to the 2035 Long Range Transit Plan. These updates in-

clude recommendations that the plan include language to evaluate the use of existing rail corridor for light rail, that a lane reduction be implemented on Martin Luther King Boulevard to convert the two outer lanes to bus-and-bike-only lanes and that the board of aldermen support a lighted bicycle and pedestrian commute route from the UNC main campus through Carrboro.

The board also received a presentation on criminalizing wage theft in Carrboro and referred the matter to town staff to learn more about the legalities of such an issue.

OBITUARIES



**Kenneth P. Strong**

Kenneth P. Strong, longtime PlayMakers Repertory Company actor and dramatic arts professor at his alma mater, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, died Jan. 12, 2010 after a long battle with cancer.

He had appeared with PlayMakers, UNC's professional theater company in residence, since 1979, having been in more than 50 productions. Most recently, he was seen in *Pericles*, *Amadeus* and as the Aviator in PlayMakers' 2007 holiday production of *The Little Prince*. Strong is also remembered for roles in *God's Man in Texas*, *King Lear*, *Art and Death of a Salesman*, among others.

Ray Dooley, PlayMakers company member and professor in UNC's department of dramatic art, said Strong "radiated love to everybody that knew him. When the history of PlayMakers is written, he will hold a place of honor."

Strong appeared on Broadway in *Inherit the Wind* with George C. Scott, Off-Broadway in *Easter* with the New York theater company Naked Angels, as Atticus in *To Kill a Mockingbird* at Syracuse Stage and as Mitch in the Intiman Theatre (Seattle) production of *A Streetcar Named Desire*.

He also was seen on television shows including "Law & Order," "Matlock," "In the Heat of the Night" and "Spin City." Strong also appeared in films, including *Cold Sassy Tree*.

Strong earned a bachelor's degree in 1979 and a master's in fine arts in 1983, both from UNC. He was a native of Fayetteville, N.C., where Bo Thorp, artistic director of Cape Fear Regional Theatre, asked him to found a theater school in conjunction with Cape Fear. He named it THE STUDIO and set about the business of teaching and shaping young lives, which he went on to do as

a faculty member in the UNC department of dramatic art.

He is survived by his wife, Kee Strong, of Durham; his mother, Sara Strong, father, John Strong, and brother, Richard Strong, all of Fayetteville; father-in-law, Jack Fortes, of DeLand, Fla.; and brother-in-law, Scott Fortes, of Talking Rock, Ga.

**Marcel Robins**

Marcel G. Robins, 86, passed peacefully on Jan. 14, 2010 at the Health Center of Carolina Meadows in Chapel Hill, N.C. after a brief but intense battle with cancer.

With him were his loving wife, Helen, and his devoted daughters, Ann and Didi.

Marcel served in the British Army, Jewish Brigade, during World War II. He was a builder in Westchester County, N.Y. and continued building commercial properties in the Southeast after his move to Chapel Hill 40 years ago.

No services are planned at this time.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or to the American Red Cross for Haiti earthquake relief.

completing her education, Eleanor was employed as one of the first female accountants at the Eastman Kodak Company in Rochester, N.Y. during the 1940s and 1950s. She spent most of her adult life in the Rochester area, where she married James Henry Neyhart of Rochester in 1957. They lived in Penfield, N.Y. throughout their marriage, and in 2008 Eleanor moved to North Carolina to be near her family after the death of her husband in 2006. Eleanor's lifelong interests included golf, needlework, ballroom dancing, flower gardening and jazz music. She volunteered many hours at the penfield symphony orchestra.

Eleanor is survived by her son, Gregory Allen Neyhart, and his wife, Clara Danziger, of Chapel Hill, as well as two grandchildren, Emily Clara Neyhart and Christopher Cole Neyhart, of Chapel Hill.

**Patrick Robeson**

Patrick Michael Robeson, 50, died Sunday, Jan. 10, 2010 at UNC Hospitals.

Patrick was employed as a master carpenter. He was predeceased by his father, Edward D. Robeson, and daughter, Rachael Ann Robeson. He loved people and especially his family. He loved to serve his Lord and said, "Addicts and prisoners need salvation too. I will go to the depths of hell to bring people to salvation."

Patrick is survived by his wife, Irene; his mother and step-father, Leatrice and Lawrence Henry; his children, Mary, Christopher, Shannon, Stuart, Michael, Dustin, Patrick II, Elizabeth, Jonathon and Precious Joy; four brothers and a sister; and three grandchildren.

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