

Chatham Chatlist #2872

Contributed by Gene Galin
Thursday, 26 July 2007

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Date: Tue, 24 Jul 2007 10:06:55 -0400
From: "Robin Kohanowich" <rkohanowich...cccc.edu>
Subject: Classes for Fall at CCCC, Pittsboro

The Sustainable Farming Program
CCCC, Pittsboro Campus
Fall 2007

Registration begins August 8, 2007 - Call 919-542-6495 ext 223 or 241

NEW This Fall!
Sustainable Living: A Practical Guide
Raising
Fiber Animals

Permaculture Design Practicum*

Monday
Sustainable Cut Flower Production
A look at the business of growing and marketing quality cut flowers.
This course will cover such topics as site and seed selection, growing
flowers that maintain their quality, marketing strategies and bouquet
design.
Monday 9/10/07 to 11/26/07, 7-9 pm. Leah Cook, \$56.25

Sustainable Living: A Practical Guide. This course will examine
everyday practices that can lessen your load on the planet, support your
local economy and enhance your personal health. Topics include basics of

home gardening and eating local, energy efficiencies in the home, reducing household chemical exposure, and conscientious consumerism. Monday, 6:30-8:30 pm, 8/20/07 to 11/15/07 Laura Lauffer, \$56.25

Tuesday

Carpentry, Electrical and Plumbing

Students will learn the fundamentals for basic house construction or remodeling work from experienced builder, teacher and farmer Kevin Meehan. Topics covered include the NC building codes, framing, cabinetry and trim, stairs, wiring, drain lines, and hot/cold supply lines with an emphasis on sustainable and low impact building techniques. Excellent course for those new to the construction trades. Tuesday, 7-9 pm, 9/18/07 to 12/4/07 Kevin Meehan, \$56.25

Growing Organic Vegetables

This course will present the fundamentals of organic vegetable growing and offer hands-on training in the most important skills involved. Grow, harvest, and utilize a variety of vegetables organically, learn about irrigation installation and season extension structures. Students interested in organic certification for their farm and selling products both wholesale and retail should take Organic Farming (see below). Tuesday, 9/4/07 to 10/30/07 6 to 9 pm, Doug Jones, \$56.25

Wednesday

Fiber Animals - An overview of raising animals for fiber, including llama, sheep, goats and rabbits. Course topics will include animal care, harvesting fiber (shearing) and the steps to a finished product of locally produced fiber. Costs and considerations of getting into the fiber business will be discussed. Wednesday, 6-9 pm, 9/12/07 to 10/17/07 Laura Young, \$56.25

Permaculture Design Practicum- Learn how to apply the principles and concepts of permaculture design to a project site of your own choosing. Learning the tools of site analysis, design development and applying the fundamentals of permaculture can yield a functional and beautiful landscape. Wednesday, 6-9 pm, 9/5/07 to 10/3/07 Matthew Arnsberger, \$56.25 (*Not new - but €œ;returning€•- many of you have been waiting for this course!)

Thursday

Organic Farming

Six week crash course on how to develop a certified organic vegetable farm. This class will help you understand the standards and practices of organic farming, design your farm for efficiency and profitability, and become familiar with the equipment and materials needed in a class format that supports the development of a sound business and farm plan. The class includes hands on training at the campus€œ; Land Lab with Land Lab manager Cheryl McNeill and focused class time tapping the 17 years of organic experience of Tony Kleese. Suggested for the more €œ;seasoned€œ; organic gardener. Thursday, 9/6/07 to 10/18/07, 6 to 9 pm, \$56.25

Wild Edible and Medicinal Plants - Field Study

The focus of this field study will be locating, identifying, approaching, collecting and marketing edible and medicinal plants. Frequent field trips to local areas for identification and sustainable harvest of native plants are planned as part of the learning experience. Learn how to explore herb habitats and communities, and discover ways to open up to this healing, nurturing, and renewing force. Most of the class will take place outdoors, so come dressed accordingly. Students should bring a notebook suitable for use outdoors. Thursday, 2 to 5 pm, 9/13/07 to 12/6/07. Will Endres \$61.25

Wild Edible and Medicinal Plants

Herbalist and Wild Crafter Will Endres shares his more than thirty

years of experience in the gathering and preparation of wild herbs for personal use and sale. Learn how to wisely integrate plants into your daily life. This is an interactive course where you will be given the opportunity to ask all of your herbal questions. The preparation of herbs for use by drying, and by making fluid extracts will be covered. This course complements the Field Study class, but neither is a pre-requisite. Thursday, 6 to 8 pm, 9/13/07 to 12/6/07. Will Endres \$55

Other courses under the "Sustainability Umbrella":

Biofuels - 3 courses, An Introduction, Biofuels II and Biodiesel Analytics

Natural Building - Introduction to ecological home design

Sustainability 101- a field trip class that demonstrates sustainable practices in food and energy production and businesses. Take this course along with Sustainable Living: a Practical Guide.

Solar Electricity - Basics of solar PV design and electric generation, solar resource siting and more.

For details on these classes and others visit the CCCC Continuing Education on-line catalog at <http://www.cccc.edu/resources/PDFs/flexi.pdf>

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----- 2 -----
Date: Tue, 24 Jul 2007 07:35:07 -0700 (PDT)
From: pam king <pamking5...yahoo.com>
Subject: dance night

Join us for a great time of music & dancing at our monthly "Dance Night".

Western Chatham Senior Center
112 Village Lake Rd.
Siler City

Friday, July 27, 2007
7-11 PM
Cost: \$7 per person

Raymond Bradley and Ramblin' Fever
playing old & new country and rock & roll

For more information or directions, call the senior center ... 742-3975.

----- 3 -----
Date: Tue, 24 Jul 2007 10:33:51 -0400
From: "Joel Argote" <beaune...mindspring.com>
Subject: Crepes in Pittsboro!

You've had them in Bear Creek at the Art in the Garden show, you've had them in Bynum at the Music Series Fundraiser, and now you can visit us in our very own Pittsboro at this Friday's Fishy Friday! Come by our booth at the circle in downtown Pittsboro where we'll be making our delicious, authentic sweet and savory crepes from 6:30 until the movie ends. You can choose between a shrimp crepe with grilled peppers and onions or a spinach, feta, grilled onion, and tomato crepe. For dessert, try our classic Nutella crepe, served with or without fresh strawberries. C'est bon, ca! We hope to see you there.

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Date: Tue, 24 Jul 2007 11:47:46 -0400
From: "Melanie Laskey" <melanie.laskey...ncmail.net>
Subject: Golf Tournament Golfers and Sponsors Needed

The Chatham Coalition for Adolescent Health (CAAH) and Chatham YMCA is collaboratively hosting a "Strong Kids" golf tournament on September 10th at The Chapel Ridge Golf Course.

Help to make this year's first annual "Strong Kids" golf tournament successful. If you are looking to get your business's name out and support a great cause at the same time this tournament is the way to go. Advertise your company and/or bring a team to the tournament for some good networking and fellowship and fun. If you're a golfer and want to get a team of four together that would be fantastic too.

The tournament will begin at 9:00 am. The entry fee includes green fees, cart, lunch, player gift package and chances to win prizes.

The CCAH is a 501(c) 3 entity; your prize donation is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. For more information or if you are interested please contact Melanie Laskey at 545-8514 or Bruce Murray at 545-YMCA.

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Date: Tue, 24 Jul 2007 13:36:46 -0400
From: "Mark Stinson" <stinmar1...connectnc.net>
Subject: response to Steve

After I posted this I gathered a bit more information . It looks like its more of someone wanting him shut down than his lack of permits . Apparently He was licensed as a business and when that took place a discussion ensued as to his future ventures in producing a biofuel . At that point he wasn't required to add any more permits and since the city changed its policies without giving him or just about anyone there any notice ,, he got screwed . I had a conversation with my friend Gene that operates a business in High Point . He said for some time there had been rumblings that the cities policies were a bit unfair and sometimes erratic . He said his knowledge of what happened was a direct result of another business complaining because it was hurting their bottom line . This has happened before and impossible guidelines and codes were put in place to make sure some business didn't have a chance . I have a good feeling you will hear more about this as its getting ready to bite High Point in the butt . I'm doing more research in this but before you bite my a## over this ,, and I wonder why you would unless you were involved in it in the first place ' Take time to look at a bigger picture . Cities in general have become too complicated and one sided depending on the people running them and their

affiliations with certain businesses . Its true ,, things are better in the country and that's why . I got an enormous amount of positive feedback from this ,, your the only one biting my ,, well you know over it ,, kinda makes me wonder ? Goodnite Mark

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Date: Tue, 24 Jul 2007 14:25:29 -0400
From: Ken Boggs <jkennethboggs...bellsouth.net>
Subject: ** CCCC Class -- Getting the Most Out of Teams

The Fall 2007 Continuing Education Schedule arrived on my door step today and I'd like to call your attention to a new class -- *Getting the Most Out of Teams*. It is class C-3300 running from 8/28/07 to 10/30/07 on Tues & Thurs evening from 7-9 PM at the Pittsboro campus. Here is more of a description of this class.

"The American educational system from K-12 thru college provides little training in developing the skills need to make teams work and, for the most part, punishes natural team inclinations and behaviors. In this course, the student will have fun learning about the skills and how to use them. Finally, the class provides preparation for transferring these skills to the student's real world including ongoing follow-up support."

Registration begins Monday, August 6th.

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Date: Tue, 24 Jul 2007 14:35:46 -0400
From: Ken Boggs <jkennethboggs...bellsouth.net>
Subject: ** CCCC Class - Leadership: Partnering with Other Personality Types

The Fall 2007 Continuing Education Schedule arrived today and I'd like to call your attention to a new class -- *Leadership: Partnering with Other Personality Types*. It is class C-3299 running from 8/27/07 to 11/05/07 on Monday & Wednesday evening from 7-9 PM at the Pittsboro campus. Here is more of a description of this class.

"In this course, the student will evaluate his/her own Psychological Type using the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator® and develop insight into the consequences of this type. The course then does something unique. It turns attention to the use of Psychological Type as a Rosetta stone to decode and unlock the potential present in key relationships, focusing on students in the class as well as "type watching" in our ordinary daily world. This course material very special since it is not available anywhere else. "

Registration begins Monday, August 6th.

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Date: Tue, 24 Jul 2007 14:55:19 -0400
From: "Ray Kelley" <yellek8981...hotmail.com>
Subject: **

I have some boxes that could be used for moving. They held medical supplies in their previous life. First come First serve.

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Date: Tue, 24 Jul 2007 19:53:39 -0400
From: Jim Nitsch <jnitsch...emji.net>
Subject: ** Subject: Re: Jim Nitsch's post

Dearest Steve,

My momma's gonna be so proud when I tell her I was voted to be a poster boy. Wait. Not voted. Deemed. Dang. I've been Deemed by someone I've never had the pleasure to meet. Probably never will either. Have the pleasure.

I will gladly accept your deeming if it makes you happy to deem me so. Unfortunately though, if you were to read that again, what I posted, you will see that I was not the author. Never even said if I agreed with what the author said. Just said "I received this today and have not seen it mentioned on this list. So, I figured some might be interested.
jim"

Basically I kind of take offense to the tone of your posting implicating me as your new worst enemy and I really don't feel the need to defend anything. So. Sorry if your looking for some kind of fight on the chatlist. I'm not interested.

I was interested in the math thing though. 6 super wall marts on 30 acres. Your right. 1.3 mil acres is only 29.84 acres. A far cry from 30. Heck. The biggest super wall mart I was able to google was 218500 sqft. 6 of those would be 30.096 acres. Way way over that 30 acre mark.

Have fun and if you need gas money for bowling or dinner let me know. I'll be at home looking at the stars.

Jim

Date: Mon, 23 Jul 2007 22:34:18 -0400
From: "STEVE CANDELORI" <specscape...earthlink.net>
Subject: Re: Jim Nitsch's post

Jim,

Like it or not, I deem you the new "fear mongering poster boy", informing us all that the "Empire" is on the march again and it's gonna strike.

What do you have against economic boost? You certainly can't make it happen. What about job creation? You don't want the citizens to have places to dine out? Is there something wrong with families going out to a bowling alley to have fun?...young lovers to take in a movie? We are not entitled to such pleasures in your world? Thanks.

What is wrong, for one thing are your figures. Six super Wal-Marts on 1.3 million sq. ft.? Nope! Not unless you stack'em one on top of each other. How about making South Point look like small potatoes. Now that you have your base following at your back and the rest scared for their lives, do the math : 1.3mil.sq.ft. sounds big, it's not even 30 acres. Cole Park Plaza is bigger than that.

Talk about propaganda, what do you consider your babble? What back door will this giant be pushed through? Don't you trust your newly elected planning board to do the right thing? I'd have to say that they are on your side if they stand anywhere.

Your claim that "your charmed, authentic, historical community is at stake" is fear mongering in it's purest form. You should be embarrassed and ashamed for trying to scare people and do it with skewed truths.

This "mall" might not be a good idea. It may not be built as proposed. It may never come to be, who knows...? But, if it does, let me be the fist to invite you to stay home and snivel while I take my family out to dinner and bowling. (I don't support Hollywood in public.) And quit trying to scare people. It won't work with me around.

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 Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 06:05:58 -0400
 From: Phyllis Thomas <pthomas...email.unc.edu>
 Subject: ** To Steve Candelori about the new mega-mall

Steve:

Thank you for expressing your sentiments on this subject. You are certainly not the only person in Chatham that feels this way. I'm tired of having to drive 20 or more miles to get a decent meal, and it would be wonderful not to have to drive to Cary or Burlington to take in a movie.

Times are changing, and growth is inevitable.

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 Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 06:08:27 -0400
 From: Phyllis Thomas <pthomas...email.unc.edu>
 Subject: ** Low cost spaying and neutering

Can someone refer me to the group that does low-cost spaying for dogs and cats? They do the work for \$20 for people with incomes less than \$40,000.

Thanks for your help.

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 Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 07:56:06 -0400

From: "Ashley Hinnant" <amhinn32...cccc.edu>
Subject: Ramonas to Play NC Girls Rock n' Roll Band Camp!

Hi everybody!

I am posting the following for a friend...

Thanks,
Ashe :)

Hi All,

The Ramonas, my band, will be playing the NC Girls Rock n' Roll Band Camp show at the Cat's Cradle on Saturday, July 28th.

The show starts at 7pm, and the Ramonas will most likely go on at about 9:30. However, I hope everyone will come out to see the hard work that the camp participants (girls - ages 12-15), and we, the band camp volunteers, have done to put on this show. Also, they will be giving away door prizes donated by a lot of great area businesses.

All money raised will go back into the camp so that we can continue to empower and build the confidence of our future girl rockers and local female leaders.

Please come and join me in celebrating women who rock!

Kim Overcash

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Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 07:14:29 -0700 (PDT)
From: Billy Thornton <billybob27344...yahoo.com>
Subject: ** Blackberries & Tomatoes

Hi everyone. I just got back from Busy Bee Farm and wanted to let you all know that this will probably be the last week to pick berries. They have lots and lots of tomatoes though. You can pick them up by the pound or the bushel. If you are going to do some canning this will be the place to get them. While you are there getting your tomatoes pick up some new red potatoes. Call them at 542-5890 or go by the farm at 1092 Dewitt Smith rd. Best if you call first to make sure they still have some and are open.

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Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 11:43:17 -0400
From: "Angela Partin" <apartin...kirby-holt.com>
Subject: Found Dog

In the process of searching for our 2 missing dogs, we have found a dog. It's a female, about 30-35 lbs. or so, no collar. She was found in the woods near St. Matthews Church off 902 in Pittsboro (near intersection of 902 and Pittsboro-Goldston Rd.). If you've lost a dog, please call 362-1260 to describe her. thanks

Angela Partin

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Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 14:23:23 -0400
From: "Susan Graham" <susan_s_graham...ncsu.edu>

Subject: Environmental Survey for Chatham County

North Carolina Cooperative Extension is seeking your input to ensure that our educational programs adequately address the important issues in your community. Please visit this site and complete the brief survey.

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=P2XNnjHJA9n2_2fF5E4U7mrg_3d_3d

Your contribution to identify community needs is greatly appreciated. This data will be used to develop our four-year plan of work for 2007-2010. Thank you for participating in this very important needs assessment for Chatham County. Your input is important to us.

Please feel free to contact us at (919)542-8202 or email susan_s_graham...ncsu.edu should you have questions or at any time we may be of assistance.

Thank you.

Susan S. Graham

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Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 14:35:37 -0400

From: Forrest Greenslade <forrest...forrestgreenslade.com>

Subject: ** Art brewing

Art Excitement Brewing in Chatham*

Chatham Artist's Guild artists will be featured in August and September at the new Carolina Brewery & Grill at the intersection of 15-501 South and Hwy 64 Bypass in Chatham County. The first of a series of Carolina

Brewery art exhibits will display two-dimensional works of art by sixteen juried Guild artists.

“The Chatham Artists Guild welcomes Carolina Brewery & Grill Pittsboro to Chatham County and is thrilled with our partnership in presenting and supporting our community’s artists,” states Leslie Palmer, Guild President. “Chatham County is filled with talented artists. When we began to discuss what to hang on the walls of the Pittsboro restaurant it seemed natural to feature local artists work,” says Carolina Brewery owner Robert Poitras. “We are excited to be working with the Chatham Artists Guild and look forward to being an active part of the community.”

Among the works on exhibit are paintings by Rita Baldwin, Shannon Bueker, Jeff Christian, Beth Goldston, Joey Howell, Katherine Jardine, Jeff McFall, Diane Taylor, Joan Sommers, Sally Sutton, and Melody Troncale; drawings by Leslie Palmer; photographs by Mark Bashista and Juan Pons; prints by Vidabeth Benson; fabrics by Jean Vollrath; and multi-media art by Rita Spina.

An art exhibit reception will be held Monday, Aug. 27th from 5-7pm when the public will have the opportunity to meet the artists. Refreshments will be served.

The Chatham Artists Guild, a 501(c) 3 non-profit member organization, is composed of nationally and regionally recognized artists of Chatham County, who since 1992, have presented the Chatham Open Studio Tour. The Guild and the Chatham Studio Tour have gained a strong reputation through high quality professional art. The Guild requires that its members meet these standards. All members must be professional working artists or crafts persons, and must have working studios located within Chatham County.

Carolina Brewery celebrates its twelfth year in business in 2007. The locally-owned brewery and restaurant has drawn international attention for its handcrafted beers, all brewed in-house by Brewmaster Jon Connolly and his team. Carolina Brewery is equally dedicated to food and its expanding menu, which raises the bar on traditional bar fare. Both the Chapel Hill and Pittsboro kitchens feature Culinary Institute of America graduates. Carolina Brewery & Grill Pittsboro will feature the same award-winning beer and great food as the Chapel Hill location. Brewmaster Connolly will oversee brewing operations in Pittsboro, and the new facility will produce all beer for Carolina Brewery’s expanding restaurant, grocery, and direct to consumer sales. In the kitchen, Head Chef and Culinary Institute of America graduate Andrew Forster moves from Chapel Hill to run the Pittsboro restaurant.

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Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 15:25:11 -0400
From: Tami Schwerin <tami...blast.com>
Subject: Industrial Biofuels Tour-First Friday!

Dear Chatham,

We have a new fancy form to fill out to register for the First Friday Industrial Biofuels Tour!

You can do it from either the biofuels website or the abundance website:
<http://theabundancefoundation.org/tours/>

<http://biofuels.coop/industrial-directions/>

Next tour is Friday, August 3rd ... 10:00 a.m. Come over and see what everyone is talking about!
(limited to first 25 people)

(tour an industrial biofuels plant that uses waste fat to make local fuel, home of Eastern Carolina Organics, Biodiversity Project, Abundance Foundation, Piedmont Biofarm and more!)

Tami Schwerin
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Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 16:46:44 -0400
From: "Rita Marley-McKenzie" <Rita.Marley...ncmail.net>
Subject: ** TeenWorks Teen Center Auction

TeenWorks Teen Center, SOS after-school and summer camp program for disadvantaged youth, will be holding an auction on Friday, August 17th to raise money to support its programs. Donations from businesses and individuals are greatly needed. If you have anything that can be auctioned off, please contact either Tonya Headen-Lee, Director at 742-1318 tonya.headenlee...ncmail.net or Rita Marley-McKenzie, Board Chair at 642-6980 rita.marley...ncmail.net. All donations are fully tax-deductible, and we can arrange pick-up, if needed. We are looking for all services and goods (new and gently-used). We would especially love to hear from local artists as well. Thanks in advance for your help!!!

Be sure to mark your calendar to join us at 6pm on Friday, August 17th in the Paul Braxton Gym in Siler City for the auction!

Thanks to Greg Bennett for providing auctioneer services.

Thanks, Rita.

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Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 16:32:34 -0500
From: "Vance Remick" <vance...thegeneralstorecafe.com>
Subject: ** Music this week at the General Store Cafe

This week at the General Store Cafe.

On Thursday, July 26th from 8-10 pm, we will have Jazz with the Second Third, Johnny Waken on Friday, July 27th from 8:30-10:30 pm and Fescue 911 on Saturday, July 28 from 8:30-10:30 pm. Enjoy our Sunday Brunch from 9 am until 4 pm on Sunday, July 29th.

Special Announcement:

The GSC will be closing every Monday beginning July 16th.

Don't forget to check our website for the regular lunch and dinner menus Monday-Saturday, weekly dinner specials Thursday-Saturday, our Sunday Brunch and other links and details at www.thegeneralstorecafe.com

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Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 23:51:23 -0400

From: Tony Baker <photony...mindspring.com>

Subject: Friday Free Film

OK Folks, here's the skinny. Pay attention. Take notes.

"To Kill a Mockingbird" in the Capital Bank parking lot at the Circle in Pittsboro.

Friday Night, July 27

Sponsored by the Pittsboro Merchants Association. "Working to turn Chapel Hill and Durham into bedroom communities."

Admission: Free

Munchies, not free, for sale:

Howard's Fabulous Fish Sandwiches.

Crepes (sweet or savory) by Jody.

Shrimp Kabobs by Angelina

Hotdogs by Barney

Popcorn by Leslie

Sodas and water by the PMA

Time: Sundown (8:30-ish)

You merely have to show up with your own Barcalounger, the family, appetites and maybe enough time to browse the shops in town.

Warn the kids that the movie has important but strong themes.

(Thanks to Tami Schwerin (the projector), Eric Shook (assorted hardware), Noah Smith (stand-in projectionist), Capital Bank (the parking lot/drive-in theatre) and the guys at Radio Shack (for working with us on the amps at the last minute last month). Be nice to them. These are good people.

Linkage to the future schedule:

<http://www.pittsboroshops.com/fishy/fishymenu.htm>

See ya at the movies,
Tony

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Date: Thu, 26 Jul 2007 08:15:58 -0400
 From: Rachel Hoff <rhoff...email.unc.edu>
 Subject: Last Monday Night

Sorry many of you missed it.
 Please join us in august for muisc at Piedmont Biofuels.
 Here is an artical about it:
<http://www.indyweekblogs.com/scan/show-feedback/pittsboro-notdowntown-live/>

Something pretty exceptional happened at a Triangle rock show Monday night—not Bishop Allen at Local 506 or Lola Ray at The Pour House. Instead, it was The Castanets—a revolving group of improvisers led by Brooklyn songwriter Raymond Raposa—playing outside the walls of Piedmont Biofuels in Pittsboro. The set—split between Raposa, a vertically gifted drummer, guitarist Jesse Ainslie and Matthew Houck, who’s one of this land’s absolute best, most heartbreaking songwriters as Phosphorescent—was beautiful, the words and largely improvised instrumentation drifting through what must have been one of the few chilly nights of this roasting season.

That alone was remarkable, but the real treasure came because the band—stuck in traffic and pulling through Richmond around the show’s original 8 p.m. start time—was three hours late. No one left. Instead, people kept coming, heard that they’d be there until 1 a.m., and stayed anyway. They talked, hung out. Strangers met, became friends. Dogs ran, swam together. I meant to share some ice cream, but I sort of forgot and ate it myself. My roommate passed around an 18-pack of Budweiser to new faces. One man offered bug spray and blankets. When Raposa and Houck pulled up, the excitement for the bands was tempered by the comfort of hanging out in a gravel parking lot, drinking cans of beer late at night like teenagers out for the summer.

I’ll stop there, as this entire reflection runs the risk of sounding too romantic. But that’s something that cuts two ways in this case. On one hand, it’s self-evident that stuff like this doesn’t happen in Pittsboro every night—or month, for that matter. Pittsboro is a town of 2,850 people, and it has neither the facilities nor the people to support two fantastic touring bands every Monday night of the year. A friend I made in the pre-show chatter wrote to me the next night to say, “Things such as that don’t really happen, quite like that, in Pittsboro very often. Last night made me sad that I moved away from there.”

But, it did happen this week because there was the facility to support it and the people to make it happen. Coincidentally, because the band was late, nearly some 40 people wound up lounging on the wet grass, listening to the bands and drinking beer out of their own cans. Half of them arrived just before the band did, or, properly, just after a packed town-hall meeting that lasted for several hours just a mile away. An ardent group of citizens had gathered to express their opposition to a rezoning move that would allow a 2 million square foot shopping center and 300 residential units to build on Industrial Park Drive. That means, I’m told, that the entire complex would back right up to the front gates of what was, Monday night, sort of like paradise.

In a pretty comprehensive News & Observer story on the subject, Emily Matchar quotes a local shop owner saying, “Growth is growth.” No, it’s not. With apologies to the people there, Cary is the place where such thought prevails. As much as developers in Chatham County love to, well, develop, the people of Chatham County genuinely seem to relish their rivers and love their outdoor festivals and treasure their ample plots

of land. If you want to build a mall, sure, OK, do it. But if you want to build a mall—also known as a nexus for cars with one driver and no passengers and for general wastefulness—that backs up to the facilities of the people that are doing some of the most important, honorable work in this pollution-heavy and growing state, that’s flatly disrespectful. Build the mall, and say goodbye to the organic, hydroponic greenhouse of Screech Owl that sits on the same land. Say hello to the pestilence you’ll most certainly be for the farmers that fill up their trucks with biodiesel when they drop off their goods at one of the state’s biggest organic food depots, Eastern Carolina Organics. And, lastly, say goodbye to dogs howling at bearded musicians playing unisynths and singing songs about blood in the mouths of horses. In that case, shop at your own risk.

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 Date: Thu, 26 Jul 2007 09:22:19 -0400
 From: Blue Heron <heronkate...earthlink.net>
 Subject: ** Pittsboro Place

When I went to the meeting on Monday night I had not decided whether I would like to have “Pittsboro Place” built or not. Yes, I enjoy going out for dinner and a movie, shopping for new shoes, etc., as do most of us.

But as I listened to the presentation and the speakers, I realized that in having” Pittsboro Place” in that location, we would be losing the opportunity to have a valuable industrial park.

“Pittsboro Place” would offer most of us some conveniences and entertainment, but it would also bring us enormous amounts of traffic and it would NOT bring business to our historic downtown.

Much of the discussion on Monday was about the huge number of jobs that Pittsboro Place would provide. Many of these would be minimum wage jobs with little or no opportunity for advancement.

An industrial park would also provide many minimum wage jobs. They would need cleaning crews, receptionists, perhaps they would have their own cafeteria. They might also hire trainees who would learn new skills which would lead to better paying jobs. We have all heard stories of C.E.O.’s who started out as mailboys.

A movie theatre and a bowling alley [some people at the meeting expressed a desire for these] could be located elsewhere near Pittsboro - let’s think of Pittsboro’s future and KEEP our only industrial park location!

Katherine Ladd

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 Date: Thu, 26 Jul 2007 09:40:32 -0400
 From: Dan Cahoon <uncledan...blast.com>
 Subject: Level F

ATTENTION! THE CIRCLE IN PBO IS AT LEVEL F! I REPEAT, LEVEL F!

What exactly does level F mean? Fun? Friendly? Fascinating? Other words that start with F? This was from the lawyer representing Pittsboro Plunder, I mean Pittsboro Place (proposed retail and housing development on East 64). He told the county commissioners and our

fabulous mayor that "no matter what, the circle will be at level F" in a matter of time. I would love a rubric that detailed what level F means (how much traffic etc.) and how someone calculates this "level". I probably won't understand the exact statistical methods for measuring traffic in this fashion, but I am curious nonetheless.

This particular measurement may be practically meaningless and is used primarily as a gauge for traffic planners. I don't know what can be done about level F but it sounds ominous. I know what F word I use when I almost get creamed by big trucks and SUV's that don't even slow down at the circle. As I have posted before though, caution is the best strategy when encountering stupid and inconsiderate drivers.

I also heard about a possible bypass that could alleviate some of this level F type traffic (and ease the possible traffic nightmare developing from a large shopping center on 64 west), as well as dire warnings about what could happen to our charming downtown.

The impassioned objections shared by the many brave opponents to Pittsboro Place Monday night were articulate and informative. I especially enjoyed Barbaras' stirtorian (sp?) comment to the assembled people. In my opinion she shut PBO place down right there. Many other folks also had excellent information and opinions that also should let the commissioners know exactly how the majority of PBO residents feel about non sustainable development in our town. The proponents for the development had a rather weak argument in my opinion. Many mentioned that they wanted something "to do" in PBO. This made me think about "doing" in PBO.

There is much "to do" in PBO and surrounding lands. We have a growing arts culture here (if you take time to participate). There are cool movies played outdoors in two locations recently. The mill has hosted several worthwhile productions and hopefully will host more (if the place can be made hospitable. Practicing lines when you can see your breath freeze is an interesting experience). First Sundays usually have some interesting characters walking about. We have some terrific restaurants and hang outs if you come at the right times. Local churches are welcoming and open to all. Just walking around PBO is a joy. I wish I could do it more as part of my daily work routine.

No, we do not have a place for teens to "hang" out. No mall. No "joints" where young people can be seen and see. I don't know if we really want something like that. I am sure young people would like someplace where they could go and do that sort of thing. When I was a kid we drove up and down Stratford road trying to be cool. It was called cruising then and we thought it was the top of the tops. I participated in this many times but ultimately found it to be oppressively boring. My friends didn't understand why I chose a good book over a cramped VW filled with cigarette smoke.

No, you can't buy underwear in PBO (I have been to Family Dollar. They do not carry my brand of underwear). You can't buy Nike or Addidas or any other high dollar commercial shoe in PBO. You can buy excellent GOOD shoes at New Horizons on Hillsborough st. They are also high dollar but worth every penny (and sustainable!). You can't buy cheap brand new clothes made in China in PBO, but you can buy the same stuff at the Thrift Shop if you go often. There is no bowling alley or movie theater in PBO. We cannot currently purchase a bloomin' onion in PBO (no worries mate) or a margurita made with koolaid and cheap tequila. We don't have a Dicks or an REI (I would actually look in those stores, sorry, can't afford anything right now). We don't have Cary shopping in PBO. It is true.

But I don't want it here. I have seen my home town (WS) grow in this fashion. When I was young I went to see President Ford open the largest Mall in North Carolina at the time (Hanes Mall). It quickly became a mecca for teens and others to hang out in and walk in air conditioned

splendor. I participated with others for years by "hanging out" at the mall. I even worked there for awhile. It got old. That sort of thing always gets old and then you have empty stores, desolate parking lots and a distinct lack of trees, flowers and fields.

In my home town, the mall just grew and grew and then the road out to the mall grew and grew and grew until the creeks and valleys that I used to roam (by myself, the other teens didn't find my passion for the outdoors very appealing) and explore were paved over and turned into rainwater retention ponds, parking lots, and 4 lane roads that were and still are congested with polluting cars. It is no longer a beautiful place. It is a nightmare. I shudder when I return there and visit. That area is the reason I am here. That sort of development turns my stomach. I don't want or need any of the mass produced items available at those sorts of places. The only reason I go to Lowes Home Improvement is because I can't get what I need anywhere else. J. Henry's will order it for me if I plan ahead (I don't usually).

PBO and the surrounding area is teaching me a new way to live. I am learning to make my life work with resources readily available. I am learning that local is best. I am learning that I don't need Marshalls (never did frankly) or a bowling alley (I can bowl, in fact I collect bowling balls). I do like watching movies on a big screen but I am learning it is more fun in a parking lot or field with good friends and a glass of wine. I am learning to spend my money on sustainable goods and therefore make a positive impact on local and global economies.

As an aside, I must share with you my experience in emptying the drop boxes for the PTA Thrift shop. Each week this summer I have filled my truck and trailer with items donated to the thrift shop. The boxes are jammed full each week with clothing, toys, obsolete electronics, books, strange indescribable items (it is like a mystery) and distressingly, trash (please don't put trash into the drop boxes). When I empty these boxes I think about how much stuff we buy and where it came from. We have too much. We buy too much. We don't need that stuff. We don't need the stores to buy it in.

I think I know what Level F means. It means we are on the verge of letting convenience and consumerism take over our wonderful community. I think we can encourage sustainable development and keep our dollars local. In fact, I am counting on it.

Come to the meeting next Monday night (July 30) and hear what your neighbors and friends have to say about plunder in PBO. Hear what outside developers have to say. Look our county leaders in the eye and let them know you care.

Let them know you are at level F!

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Date: Thu, 26 Jul 2007 09:48:13 -0400 (EDT)
From: lynn mitchell <equibov...peoplepc.com>
Subject: ** Help building shelters for horse non-profit...

The Finish Line Foundation, Inc. is in great need of someone or ones that can build shelters for our herd of sanctuary horses. Winter is around the corner and we are running out of time. Right now the winter storms are weathered by trying to hit the storms just right and blanketing everyone. Our domestic horses can handle cold and they can handle wet. But wet and cold at the same time is more than these very special horses have the ability to weather.

Your help is much appreciated. I can be reached at 919-548-6085 or at EQUIBOV...peoplepc.com.

Thank you,

Lynn Mitchell, Finish Line Foundation, Inc. a 501 (c)(3) organization
"Changing tomorrow for Horses today"

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Date: Thu, 26 Jul 2007 09:58:30 -0400

From: Dan Cahoon <uncledan...blast.com>

Subject: Steve

Steve, would you like to retract any of your statements. They sound kind of hostile to me. People get upset when things they care about are taken away. Sometimes there is a good reason or maybe someone actually didn't take care of business the way they should and so end up losing something good. I often find that the reason I lose is because I made the mistakes myself. Laws are laws, permits have good foundations that protect the rest of us from long term damage.

But people can be corrupt and people do use laws and permits to help them get richer or to protect what they have. I don't know why the plant in High Point is having difficulty. Mark is concerned that there is a contingent of people who don't want bio fuels to be a successful part of our energy strategy. He is also concerned that a huge local refinery might also be "targeted". I understand that. I hope you do as well.

There are some people who just don't want "green" fuels or low mpg. I work with people who get mad with me when I recycle or conserve (as if I am hurting someone by doing so, WHO CARES IF I ROOT AROUND IN THE TRASH CAN FOR ALUMINUM?). There are people who actively work to defeat environmental protection. I personally am a member of the left wing conspiracy. I am working to get rid of the bigots, racists, polluters, big oil, good old boys etc. I intend to fight for a world where my children can live in peace, health and prosperity.

From your posts, I can see that you care about these issues as well. Please allow the rest of us to post without retribution. I am brave and so am willing to speak out. Mark Stinson and others are also brave and concerned.

Why should he retract his statements? Should you retract yours? Should I retract mine?

Rhetoric.

Thank you Steve for your comments. They make me think and also justify my zeitgeist. I wish more people with views in opposition to mine would speak up and out. It gives me the opportunity to respond.
Peace.

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Date: Thu, 26 Jul 2007 09:53:19 -0500

From: Lesley Landis Designs <llldesigns...nc.rr.com>
Subject: PBO Treasure Hunt, THIS SATURDAY 7/28 ...10:00 am

Ahoy Me Hearties, both Young 'n Old!
Pittsboro's on the horizon and the bounty is in the spyglass!

Gather at th¹ Community House on Thompson Street at 10:00 a.m. this Satterdee, July 28.
Pick up a packet o¹ clues an¹ hade ou¹ t¹ search th¹ streets fer booty.
When the sun hits the crow's nest, weigh anchor at th¹ Chatham Mills lawn fer summer bounty.
Ya swabbie! See what the town larders hold. Avast, ya scurvy knave! Brave be ye, for certain!

Lan'lubbers Translation: Calling treasure seekers of all ages! Gather at The Community House on Thompson Street (behind Elizabeth's Pizza) at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, July 28. Pick up a packet of clues and head out to search the streets of our town for "The Treasures of Pittsboro." The Treasure Hunt concludes at the Chatham Mills lawn at noon for summer treasures.

There is no charge for this event and it is for all ages.
The Pittsboro Treasure Hunt is sponsored by Pittsboro Together.

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Date: Thu, 26 Jul 2007 10:14:29 -0400
From: Dan Cahoon <uncledan...blast.com>
Subject: Homo stupidus

Martha, don't give up. Don't move out. Your fight isn't over. You deserve to see the outcome to your support for sustainable living. We are stupid, but we need you. I have been planning on "leaving this stupid state" for 23 years now and am still here. I understand how you feel. Growing up in NC can be difficult for free thinking, educated individuals. But without them and us, how bad do you think it would be? Stay, fight, live.
I don't know if this town can stave off fatal development. I know that my little pocket of green ain't goin nowhere any time soon and my children are planning on taking over when I'm gone. This is my last stand. I am like a cornered animal, fighting to the death. Together we can become the future and all the bone heads and confederate carry overs from bigone days will be left behind. Our children (and theirs) are too smart now to continue the "old ways". The authoritarian powers are waning. The development we see all around us is going to fail and then we will have some of the last of the good stuff.
Let the curmudgeons and ignoramus spume and sputter. They just know their way of life is changing.
Let me know if you need some rejuvenating opportunities. The good people of PBO and Chatham county have saved me from despair. Please don't leave now.

We are the agents of change.

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