

Chatham Chatlist #3161

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 Date: Tue, 24 Jun 2008 22:53:24 -0400 (EDT)

From: "angel.dennison-at-ncmail.net" angel.dennison-at-ncmail.net
 Subject: Free and Reduced Cost Healthcare for Chatham and NC

*** Chatham CARES Community Pharmacy ***

From the website: <http://www.chathamcares.com/>

"Chatham CARES Community Pharmacy is a nonprofit, community-based organization committed to reducing health disparities by providing access to quality pharmacy services for the low-income, uninsured, and underinsured residents of Chatham County."

Located in the Western Chatham Senior Center in Siler City, Chatham CARES Community Pharmacy was formed by a group of local healthcare professionals. The most common reason for poor management of chronic health issues and for readmission to hospitals is patients' failure take prescribed medicines, and often that failure is do to the prohibitive cost of pharmaceuticals and insurance. The Pharmacy fills prescriptions for commonly prescribed medicines and does not distribute scheduled drugs (e.g. no narcotics).

Chatham Cares is a member of the Association of Free Clinics of NC. The majority of the medicines that are distributed are donated to the Pharmacy from distributors and manufacturers. There are no age restrictions. Refer to the website for hours of operation, volunteer, translator and donation opportunities. Prescription pick up is also provided at the Eastern Chatham Senior Center in Pittsboro through a special arrangement between the two non-profit organizations.

The phone number is: 663-0177. Email: info-at-chathamcares.org

Need a ride? For more information, call Evelyn at the Council on Aging, 542-4512 or email: evelyn.white-at-ncmail.net

*** Also: The NC Institute of Medicine is maintaining a new website to assist North Carolinians in locating free or reduced health care services: <http://nchealthcarehelp.org/>

The Safety Net Advisory Council, created in 2005 to act as a communication link among organizations, collected data on more than 300 NC providers and established the website to enable residents to search for safety net providers. Searches by county, hours of operation, patient insurance accepted (such as Uninsured or Medicaid) and services (such as dental or primary care) are available.

The NC Institute of Medicine maintains the website with financial support from the Duke Endowment and the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of NC Foundation.

For a healthier Chatham,

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Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2008 02:59:05 +0000
From: meg_miller-at-bellsouth.net
Subject: Briar Chapel deer ruining a way of life

My mother in law has helped to support her family for decades now selling flowers and vegetables at the area farmers markets. Her mother was one of the original venders at the "old" Carrboro market. My daughter helps as the fourth generation selling on Sats. with her Aunt and Grandma. But that may be the end of the line.

The drought has taken it's toll over the last years but that is nothing compared to the displaced deer population. Thank you Briar Chapel. Just another "small" way they will be effecting lives of their neighbors..

Anyone with any reasonable suggestions? She has a 5 foot electric fence, used Deer away, plays radio, buckshot, lights....nothing slows them down. They are invading in droves now. I'm not saying the deer weren't there before BC, but it's now become an impossible situation.

As things get harder on them, taxes, fuel, food and all the other things we all face, they are pushing 80 and watching the source of their spending money get eaten up. Their land and garden space borders Chapel Ridge. It's just a hop, skip and a jump for the displaced deer population to the buffet.

Come hunting season, we'll be looking for a dozen good shots. The thought of my 78 y.o. mother in law down in the field with a shot gun in the dark is a little scary.

We were thinking about building a chicken house upwind of BC, but that's no longer a lucrative source of extra income either. I just wanted to do it to return the neighborly way they wake me up every morning.

I doubt there's a magic potion, but any suggestions are welcomed.

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Date: Tue, 24 Jun 2008 22:59:24 -0400 (EDT)
From: "angel.dennison-at-nccmail.net" angel.dennison-at-nccmail.net
Subject: Help Seniors beat the heat!

Thanks to generous donations from the community, the Council on Aging has additional electric fans available for distribution to the elderly. Please get the word out to folks who might be in need of heat relief.

Please call Kathy at 542-4512 for assistance.

Stay cool,

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Date: Tue, 24 Jun 2008 23:04:42 -0400 (EDT)
From: "angel.dennison-at-nccmail.net" angel.dennison-at-nccmail.net
Subject: Transportation in Chatham County

The Council on Aging provides approximately 21,000 rides each year for Chatham's elderly citizens. These include trips from all parts of the county to the two Senior Centers for wellness and nutrition programs, with stops during the week for grocery shopping and to pick up medicines. We also provide individual medical transportation to Chapel Hill, Durham, Sanford and other sites.

In serving our mission to assist people who choose to live at home and avoid institutionalization, transportation is critical to our programs and services. Many of you have family, friends and neighbors who come to the senior centers for our delicious noontime meals and for the socialization and exercise programs the centers offer.

Our service needs are specific to the population we serve and we currently contract with two non-profit transportation providers. One is Chatham Transit Network (CTN), the NC DOT grant-seeking authority for Chatham County as conveyed by the County Commissioners. More information is available on their website www.chathamtransit.org.

We also contract with Sister-2-Sister transportation. A family-run non-profit with offices in Siler City, Sister-2-Sister provides a full range of daily transportation services as well as weekend routes for church-goers and limited on-call overnight medical transportation.

Both organizations are governed by volunteers serving on the Boards of Directors. If you want to make an impact on the future of transportation in our rural county, I encourage you get to involved with these two non-profit organizations.

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Date: Tue, 24 Jun 2008 23:12:21 -0400
From: "Lisa Skumpija" lisa-at-RealEstateinChatham.com
Subject: need cabinets made

I'm looking for someone near Pittsboro who can make bathroom cabinets that resemble an antique vanity table that I have. Please let me know if you know of anyone.

Thanks!

Please visit my website for current real estate listings and information -
www.RealEstateinChatham.com.

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Date: Tue, 24 Jun 2008 23:44:12 -0400
From: Kevin Sonney kevin-at-sonney.com
Subject: Theology on Tap : July 7, 2008 - Love Your Neighbor

In 1989, Hurricane Hugo caused over \$16.3 billion in damages to North and South Carolina.
Over a decade ago, Hurricane Fran wreaked Havoc in the Eastern region of NC.
Almost three years ago, Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast region of the US.

While the legacy of Hugo is now only in the memories of the survivors, southeast NC and the Gulf Coast continue to recover. And people of faith have led the way to that recovery, by volunteering their time, effort, and money - taking to heart the words "Love your neighbor as yourself" and turning them into a way of life.

On Monday, July 7 at 7:30, Kevin Sonney will be at the Carolina Brewery in Pittsboro for Theology on Tap to discuss caring for our neighbors - in extreme cases and daily life.

Theology on Tap meets the First Monday of every month at the Carolina Brewery (120 Lowes Dr. Pittsboro, NC 919-545-2330)
Theology on Tap is a modern opportunity for exploring issues in your life today with a nod toward God :
- Uncovering a Real God and discussing Relevant issues in a Relaxed environment.
- Making Real connections with people just like You!
- Learn a little, laugh a little, drink a little and meet new friends.

Feel free to contact me (information below) with any questions!

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Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2008 07:28:54 -0400
 From: "Bynum FrontPorch" bynumfrontporch-at-gmail.com
 Subject: Sat/ June 28 Bynum General Store workday

On Saturday, June 28, instead of spending your gas money to go to the beach or mountains, why not make the short drive over to Bynum for the next Bynum General Store workday?

There's always some work to do at the Bynum General Store. On the 28th, we'll be cleaning, painting, making some minor repairs, sprucing up the grounds, etc. Please come join us. This is a great opportunity to support the community and get to know some great folks.

No experience necessary!

What: Spring Cleaning at the Bynum General Store
 When: Saturday, June 28, 9:00-12:00
 Bring: work clothes, gloves

Sponsored by Bynum Front Porch.

For details about Bynum Front Porch, visit www.bynumfrontporch.org
 Or email us at bynumfrontporch-at-gmail.com.
 Thanks for your support.

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Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2008 05:23:16 -0700 (PDT)
 From: stephanie talbott chathamtalbott-at-yahoo.com
 Subject: Polarized Politics

The generalizations about "lefties and righties" is tiresome and polarizing. From any position on the political continuum, I've not met anyone who does not support improved local infrastructure. The conflict remains "how to pay for it". I've worked in private and public sectors, and I work in a private sector that manages public funds. I have to say I have lost much faith in financial efficiencies of our tax dollars, and hence, the best "bang for the buck" we eventually see. Therefore, arguments about raising taxes fall on deaf ears in my fatigued mind, YET, I agree with the growing needs of our county infrastructure. It would be wonderful to have an economist on the chatlist (an Al Cooke clone whose beat is economics) help us understand such complexities. Raising taxes rarely addresses issues adequately; there seems always to be laws of unintended consequences. For example, raising taxes reduces the spending power of the citizens which can depress the local economy, as we see with rising fuel costs. People simply have less to spend; businesses suffer and possibly shut down. Likewise, not fueling the infrastructure may result in people leaving the area, moving elsewhere (perhaps to the glee of many), but those consequences harm those who stay; businesses lose patronage, property values go down, ya-dee-da; you know the rant. If we could get past the labeling/name-calling/over-generalizations and simplifications, it would be really wonderful to learn more substance, facts and economic theory, for which we would all need to really discuss these complex issues with intelligence.
 Stephanie

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Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2008 08:26:15 -0400
 From: "Doug Nicholas" doug-at-tlc-nc.org
 Subject: Deep River "Coal Valley" Paddle on Saturday: Canoe trip and walk to Endor Iron Furnace

This Saturday, June 28, Triangle Land Conservancy offers a canoe trip on the Deep River from Deep River Park to 15-501, the stretch of river we call the "Coal Valley." Why? Because a century ago folks had the idea that southern Chatham County would become "the Pittsburgh of the South." Nowadays a canoe trip down the Deep is a relaxing joyride, the sounds of civilization melting away within minutes of putting in and not reappearing until the hum of traffic on 15-501 surfaces a few hours later. But 100 years ago, the clatter and roar of industry would have provided a much different experience.

Join TLC and local historian Edwin Patterson on this trip to the past. Edwin will spin tales of the men who would be coal kings, and we'll stop for lunch and a walk to the still-impressive ruins of the Endor Iron Furnace.

Go to

[http://www.tlc-nc.org/news/calendar/2008/2008-0628paddle\(Deep\).shtml](http://www.tlc-nc.org/news/calendar/2008/2008-0628paddle(Deep).shtml) for more information, or call our outfitter, Haw River Canoe & Kayak Co., to register (336-260-6465).

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Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2008 08:54:03 -0400
From: "Angela Partin" apartin-at-kirby-holt.com
Subject: Workday at the Sprott Christian Youth Center

Please come out and help us during the workday at the Sprott Christian Youth Center in Moncure on Saturday, June 28th at 9:00 a.m. We will be finishing up the painting of the gym and working on the bathrooms. We are so close to having the center reopened! The center will be a great asset to the community. All volunteers are greatly appreciated! The center is located at 685 Old US 1 in Moncure.

Thank you!
Angela Partin

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Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2008 09:15:27 -0400
From: "Scott Priestley" scott.priestley-at-gmail.com
Subject: General Store Cafe

Chatlisters-

Just a public response to my post - since mentioning my concerns about the GSC "Twilight Hour" I was approached by 2 different members of the management/ownership of GSC. They were very responsive and really wanted to engage in dialogue to get more feedback. I have always been a supporter of GSC and have enjoyed most of my experiences there. I feel confident that the issues are merely "growing pains" and everything indicates that the management/ownership at GSC will seek feedback and employ it where possible to weather the storm. As creatures-of-habit most of us get a little discombobulated by change. But as we all know, change is the only constant in Chatham County!

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Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2008 09:46:25 -0400
From: "Richard Silc" richard_silc-at-unc.edu
Subject: Chatham Park & Rip rip off zone

CAP is really Carolina Auto Parts?

I live in Chatham County and use the UNC Commuter Alternative Program (CAP). Earlier this spring a bunch of cars had their catalytic converters stolen at the Chatham Park & Ride lot. My truck's catalytic converter was almost completely cut off when someone apparently interrupted the thief and he fled. At that time I wrote the UNC Police Chief expressing my concern that some commuter could interrupt a thief during some odd time and then be assaulted or killed. A large number of ladies, who work at UNC Hospitals, expressed concern for their personal security to me as we discussed the crime wave while riding to work.

Yesterday again several cars were hit, including mine. The first time in May it cost me \$200 to repair. This time it will be over \$2000 with the other damages. My deductible doesn't cover much of this. Will UNC? Why weren't UNC Departmental Parking Coordinators notified of this increased crime threat and ordered to inform the UNC staff? How many more criminal acts occur on these lots without a warning to the public of the risk? When does UNC become liable due to negligence?

I was a strong believer in the CAP. It is, in theory, a great service and a win/win for UNC and the employee. However, I cannot afford to continue to use it. Does someone have to be injured or killed in a parking lot before UNC secures the area? We can do Nobel Prize winning research at UNC, but cannot come up with a plan and implement that plan to secure a parking lot?

Here are some ideas:

1. Fence and gate the area.
2. Put up a camera that records license plates of vehicles entering and exiting.
3. Increase the patrols.
4. Hire an attendant and charge a couple of dollars a day for parking.

Why is this so difficult? Does someone have to die before action is taken?

Richard Silc

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Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2008 09:54:00 -0400
From: "Al Cooke" al.cooke-at-chathamnc.org
Subject: Squah bugs? Probably not

Squash bugs? Probably not ... or not yet anyway.

If you look carefully at the squash flowers, you can discover two types: male and female. The female is characterized by a small squash-shaped ovary below the flower; the male flower does not have an ovary.

Typically members of this family that includes squashes, pumpkins, melons, and cucumbers have separate male and female flowers on the same

plant. And apparently in an effort to attract pollinators before investing a lot of energy in ovaries, the plant first sets only male flowers for a few days to perhaps a couple of weeks. These flowers will fall off and never set fruit. No ovary, no fruit.

Then you start to get a mix of male and female flowers. If there is pollen transferred from the male to the female flower, then the ovary becomes a fruit and may ripen. At that point if the ovaries are falling off, it's a good idea to look about in the morning to see if there are any insects moving from flower to flower. Without pollination, the ovary dies.

If you don't have insect pollinators, you may be able to achieve pollination yourself by using something like a small paint brush or Q-tip to collect pollen and transfer it to the female flower. A fairly tedious process that insects accomplish for us so easily. You may benefit from planting a diversity of flowers around the garden to attract pollinators. Some folks may even benefit from tolerating more of those annoying carpenter bees that collect pollen in their daily activities.

Good luck

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Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2008 09:59:36 -0400 (EDT)
 From: Embarq Customer groucho-at-embarqmail.com
 Subject: General Store Cafe = Noise + We cant feed you right now!

I'm with Scott Priestley on this and I stopped going to the GSC for the same reason. An unwillingness to serve food from 11:00 to 11:30 (a long-standing practice) while they switch over their operation demonstrates a my-way-or-the-highway disdain for the customer. Support for local merchants is a two-way street and so regrettably, my family and I have chosen the highway…Groucho

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Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2008 10:38:50 -0400
 From: "Al Wyllie" alwyllie-at-bellsouth.net
 Subject: Who audits the use of credit cards by Chatham County employees?

News has just broken that one of the county employees in a neighboring county enjoyed 4 trips to Disneyworld and numerous other amenities (to the tune of over \$150,000) using his county issued credit card, with trips actually approved by his manager. Does anyone know how many employees of Chatham County have credit cards issued to them by the county, presumably for county business? Does anyone know who audits the use of these cards, besides the employee's manager?

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Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2008 10:57:35 -0400

From: "Anna Potter" anna-at-chathamcouncil.org

Subject: Yippee! National HIV Testing Day has never been this easy (or this free, or this fast)!

Alright folks, National HIV Testing Day is THIS Friday, June 27th! The Chatham Social Health Council will be offering free, rapid, confidential HIV testing from 9-1 on Friday, along with refreshments, condoms, and other goodies. Anyone who comes in to get tested will get a free t-shirt, and peace of mind that their HIV status is known! No appointment is necessary. Our office is located at 401B N. Ivey Avenue in Siler City, near the hospital. Call with questions: (919) 742-3762.

If you can't make it out on Friday, remember that we have the same free, rapid, confidential HIV testing at Main Street Station near the Hardee's and Piggly Wiggly in Pittsboro EVERY Monday from 9-5. The address of the office is 287 East Street, Suite 221, in the Chatham Counseling Center. No appointment is necessary.

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Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2008 11:26:42 -0400

From: "Kira Dirlik" kdirlik-at-embarqmail.com

Subject: Re: squash bugs?

Tinitap wrote:

Subject: squash bugs?

“Something is making the blooms fall off my squash plants before they can

make a squash. I have not seen any bugs. Any idea what this is and how I can get

it to stop?”

I know folks like to answer questions via e-mail, so when I see a question I (and no doubt others) have, it is a disappointment not to see answers in the Chatlist.

I am having problems with all my squash and all my peppers and my beans, with the blossoms just falling off and no veggies. I daily pick off nasties (Japanese beetles, those tan squishy potato beetles, flea beetles, aphids, black/yellow ladybug types), so I see very little bug damage. My snow peas, early on, were very bountiful. And I saw hordes of bees on my lavender flowers, so the pollinators are around. Any clues? Please answer here, and then you can see if others already made the same suggestion, and answer this question for possibly many folks like me and Tinitap.

Thanks.

Kira

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Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2008 11:36:18 -0400

From: "CCUCC - Cindy Poindexter" info-at-ccucc.net

Subject: Leadership Chatham

The Chatham Chamber of Commerce is now taking applications for their Leadership Chatham Class for 2008-09. This is an excellent program that will further educate you on the makeup of the social, cultural, political and economic makeup of your community. Chatham County, like North Carolina, is growing rapidly, and with growth new opportunities arise and the need for effective leaders becomes imperative. The Leadership Chatham program will help equip you to be one of these leaders. Please contact Cindy at 742-3333 or via email at info-at-ccucc.net if you are interested in becoming a more effective leader in your community.

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Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2008 12:08:03 -0400

From: "Mark Stinson" stinmar1-at-connectnc.net

Subject: My opinions on gas n oil

I have always steered away from off the wall conspiracy theories and wild speculations but I have entertained this thought . I know that there is a patent for a carburetor on file at the US patent office that converts water to hydroxy gas . This carburetor successfully powered a car around a community near a lake with several passengers for a Sunday afternoon drive . This car ran fine with no problems at all . It wasn't a special experimental hybrid it was a Model A ford in the mid 1930s . The auto industry at that time didn't embrace this idea due to oil money invested in that industry . The Japanese company Genpac has recently successfully shown its prototype smart car that runs on ,, you guessed it ,, water . The Genpac car is on You tube so go check out the video . Its no scam ,, its real and the oil companies know their days are numbered . In the past people that developed non oil fuel systems either got rich quick and developed memory loss or dead really quick . The oils companies problem with free fuel was always containable so we would be forced to depend on oil to travel . Then came a wonderful tool to prevent inventors from getting dead after developing new fuel systems ,, its called the internet . When the price of oil started its outrageous climb into space many started digging into old wives tales about gas saving devices to see if anything worked . The amazing thing is when people started finding out certain things worked they shared it with the world on the internet teaching others like me how to do this . People like me then took the basic working idea and started to improve on it . Japanese car makers aren't financially connected with oil companies . That's why their cars are so fuel efficient . The new OBD2 computer systems make any type of fuel improvement almost impossible . The cars are designed by nature to get a fixed mpg . This is by design I'm sure so the oil companies will always be in business .

In the process of learning how to squeeze more mpg from my gas I learned some things about gas . If you are old enough to remember the explosive nature of gas from the pre 1980s you will understand that gas vapors aren't as explosive as they one were . Years ago you could pour a small amount of gas on something and light a match 3 feet away and the vapor would ignite the fire . Now you have to literally throw it on the gas to get ignition . California mandated a cleaner burning fuel and jumped the oil companies to comply . Simply put they added certain esters to displace gas molecules so the fuel would burn more completely .. They can do this very ,very inexpensively but they wont do it for a reason . When gas vaporizes more efficiently you get a more complete burn lowering emissions and making more power using less fuel . If they improved the quality of gas everyone's cars would get better mileage and they wouldn't sell as much gas . I am personally convinced its all about money . If people could use water to fuel their transportation ,, oil companies would go broke ,, car engines would last far longer reducing the need to replace the vehicle , resulting in less sales at the dealerships . The need for oil related repairs would drop ,, vehicles would become cheap to keep . It would be very difficult to get road taxes on cars that didn't pay that tax at the gas pump on every fill up . I would bet you good money there are lobbyist in Washington trying to keep the new bio diesel and hybrid car technologies buried under paperwork so the oil companies can keep on screwing us .

I know it all sounds like one big conspiracy ,, I really don't believe in such things but its like my dad said ,, if it walks like a

duck ;) Fortunately there are thousands of people like me now sharing their experimentation in the internet . We as a group have decided to experiment and see what works and disregard all the mainline taught reasons why you cant run a car on water and why a car cant get 100 mpg . The governor of the great state of California Arnold Schwarzenegger is no fool . He spoke with another pioneer in the fuel mileage trend Johnathan Goodwin and was so impressed he had his personal vehicle changed from gas to a biodiesel hybrid with a Duramax diesel engine . Johnathan Goodwin was featured on ABC nightly news with Charles Gibson recently for doubling , tripling and even quadrupling the mileage of vehicles . He uses current technology and old proven ideas that work to do this . This will be a revolution not against a government but against big oil money . Its not like fighting a war against someone you see as a threat with a gun but a war against people that are trying to protect their enormous profits . Big oil money runs deep in politics so don't expect any help from our government in this . Its up to us to stand our ground and become educated so we can free ourselves and our country from the oil addiction . Our addiction to oil makes us depend on oil like a crack addict depends on crack for their next fix . They cant see living without the crack and we cant see living without oil ,, but I'm telling you I know its possible .

I'm done with my opinions on oil now. I'm going back to sit on my stool and continue to put my new vapor charger fuel intermix cell together . It will covert gas to a vaporous mixture enhanced with pure oxygen and hydrogen form my HHO fuel cell . We will see what kind of mileage is possible with the old hot rod truck then . I may fail ,, but I have already doubled my trucks mileage from 8.5 to 17 plus and I still feel there is vast room for improvement . Goodnite Mark

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 Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2008 12:10:52 -0400
 From: dreamhomes-at-nc.rr.com
 Subject: Re: Chatham Chatlist #3160

Response to Cramer:

I think you are generally misunderstanding the commission fees and I know I probably won't change your opinion. Commissions are always negotiable and there is no set fee. The reason the fees are 2% in England is because you can barely find a property for less than a half million.

If a realtor accepted a 2% commission for a \$150,000 listing, here is how that would work out; the total commission on the sale would be \$3,000 dollars, which would most likely get split four ways between the listing agent, listing company, selling agent and selling company. Each party who is invested in time, out of pocket expenses and liability/accountability would get a little over \$700. In addition, there are other expenses that realtors pay to stay in business such as monthly access fees to the Multilist Service, errors and omissions insurance, office expenses, vehicle insurance, gas and auto maintenance, association dues, continuing education,..... The average realtor in the triangle is earning \$25 to \$30,000. We only get paid if your home sells or if you buy a home. The public can run you around for weeks and decide not to buy, not to sell, or to just fire you for no reason with no compensation owed. Most realtors are hard working, honest people who care about their clients and become trusted advisors and advocates for them. There is no way to summarize how much we do, and how often we do not get paid for what we do, but I hope this message will serve to at least let you consider that there is another side to the real estate industry. If you are trying to sell your home on your own, I think you will quickly learn that there is much more to it than placing a sign in the yard.

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 Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2008 12:14:27 EDT
 From: JoyPub-at-aol.com
 Subject: Kathy Oddenino at Unity Books & Stuff on July 6

Hi everyone-

On Sunday, July 6th, Kathy Oddenino will be at Unity Books & Stuff in downtown Pittsboro from 2-4pm for a "Question & Answer" time. Her Spiritual Philosophy teaching focus this year is "Hidden Memories," so she will talk about how we live our hidden memories every day, and answer questions.

Join us in this great local store for a dialogue time with author and teacher Kathy Oddenino. Bring your questions about "past lives," dreams, relationships, life and death. Take home one of Kathy's 8 books for a special price, after she signs your copy!

Every thought, word, and action we live shows us who we are as energy beings. Our interactions with others show us the infinite energy fields we experience when we open our mind to thinking with love. We will create a more peaceful, healthy, happy life and world when we "know thyself."

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Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2008 19:21:29 +0000
From: kimsaver-at-bellsouth.net
Subject: Unknown

Hi! I am going to be opening a business and wanted to know what was the best phone service and internet service to use in Pittsboro. Can anyone give me suggestions?

Thanks

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Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2008 15:43:48 -0400
From: "Sam Groce" sam.groce-at-chathamnc.org
Subject: Horse Slobbers

In response to the question about Horse Slobbers, the fungus that can cause slobbers in horses is *Rhizoctonia leguminicola*. It produces the mycotoxin slaframine which causes slobbering from the horse's mouth. This is known as Slaframine poisoning or "slobbers". Although Slaframine poisoning is caused by *Rhizoctonia leguminicola*, the slobbering can also be caused by other factors. If the clover was sprayed and killed a month ago I would look more toward another factor causing it rather than the fungus. This slobbering could be caused by mechanical or chemical irritations. The mechanical irritation comes from plants that have small barbs or sharp spines. When the horse eats the plant the barbs will irritate the mouth and can sometimes even be left behind stuck in the inside of the mouth. Some plants that can cause this type of irritation that are common to our area include foxtail barley, little barley, foxtail millet, hedge mustard, shepherds purse, pigweed and horse nettle. Buttercups, Pennsylvania smartweed or marigolds can cause a chemical irritation. Also since you recently moved here there is going to be a period of adjustment for your horses from one region to another. If the slobbering continues at the same rate or increases I would suggest contacting your veterinarian for professional help in this situation. It should be noted that most literature does not list this malady as a lethal problem. For additional information please feel free to contact the Chatham County Center of North Carolina Cooperative Extension.

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Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2008 17:44:05 -0400

From: ncuforeports-at-aol.com

Subject: Has anyone seen anything strange in the sky in Chatham County

Hello fellow Chathamites:

I am looking to gather information about several Photographed unidentified flying objects that have been reported in Chatham County in the last two months. If you have seen or know of someone who has witnessed anything unusual in the skies, DAY or night. Please send me the details. You can remain anonymous. Photo's accepted.

You can check MUFON, NICA, ? NUFORC, UFOSEEK and many more for information on these sightings.

Sincerely,

"Looking Up" in Siler City

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Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2008 19:21:02 -0400

From: "Heads Up!" headsuptp-at-embarqmail.com

Subject: Burrito Bash - July 15th for Heads Up! & Carnivore Preservation Trust

Join us for a Burrito Bash at the General Store Café on Tuesday, July 15, 2008 from 6 to 9 pm. Listen to the mellow sounds of Regina Hexaphone and browse our silent auction or win a door prize while enjoying GSC's famous burritos. All proceeds got to support the Heads Up! Therapeutic Riding Program and the Carnivore Preservation Trust.

Heads Up! provides equine-assisted therapeutic services to individuals with disabilities in central North Carolina. Our services include hippotherapy, therapeutic riding, riding lessons and mentoring to children and adults with special needs in an inclusive setting when possible. Clients that benefit from our services may have medical conditions that include Cerebral Palsy, Cerebral Vascular Accident (stroke), Down Syndrome, Multiple Sclerosis, Traumatic Brain Injury, Learning or Language Disabilities and Developmental

Delay.

CPT is a wildlife sanctuary, providing homes to big cats in need of rescue and educating the public about what threatens these animals in the wild, in the pet trade, and in the entertainment industry. CPT has over 80 animals, including tigers, caracals, ocelots and more on 55 acres just east of Pittsboro. CPT provides public education through guided tours, field trips, birthday parties, and community presentations, as well as numerous opportunities for individual and group volunteering.

Please join us for an evening of music, fun, and food to support these two agencies. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. Tickets available at New Horizons Trading Company or through Heads Up! – 542-6207 or Carnivore Preservation Trust – 542-4684.

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Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2008 23:13:39 -0400
From: Darryl dwally-at-embarqmail.com
Subject: Chatham Chatlist-General Store

My earlier post regarding sound problem at General Store has received a response by Kevin Furini. I'm encouraged that the situation is taken seriously and will be addressed. Mr. Furini exhibits what good business is all about, and with that kind of management the General Store will flourish.

Yea!
Darryl

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Date: Thu, 26 Jun 2008 00:26:23 -0400
From: "Debbie Roos" Debbie.Roos-at-chathamnc.org
Subject: RE: Local bee pollen

Sara, I have forwarded your request to the Chatham County Beekeepers'

listserv but I should say that past queries for pollen have not yielded much. Most of the local beekeepers are not harvesting their pollen, or at least not enough to share. I'll let you know if anyone has any.

Debbie

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Date: Mon, 23 Jun 2008 23:25:37 -0400
From: "Sara Kane" sarakane5-at-gmail.com
Subject: Local bee pollen

Does anyone know of a source for local bee pollen? It may be of value to people with seasonal allergies, especially those who are relatively new to this area.

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Date: Thu, 26 Jun 2008 00:45:30 -0400
From: "Debbie Roos" Debbie.Roos-at-chathamnc.org
Subject: squash bugs?

This could be due to inadequate pollination. If the female flower is not pollinated (in this case by bees) then no fruit develop and the flower will drop off. Inadequate pollination can be due to insufficient populations of pollinators, or poor conditions for pollinator activity (excessive heat or rain, etc.). Squash is pollinated by both honey bees and native bees. Are you seeing any bees on the plants?

It is normal for male flowers to fall off after they shed their pollen but I assume you are describing the female flowers if you are not getting any fruit over a period of time.

If you suspect you don't have enough bees in your area to pollinate your crops then you can take steps to increase bee populations. You can become a beekeeper and/or plant foraging habitat for bees to attract them to your garden area. You can learn all about this at our Pollinator Week Celebration this Saturday from 10:00 am-2:00 pm at Chatham Mills. Please refer to my earlier postings for the complete details. We also invite you to join our beekeepers' association!

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date: Tue, 24 Jun 2008 15:16:27 EDT
From: Tinitap-at-aol.com
Subject: squash bugs?

Something is making the blooms fall off my squash plants before they can
make a squash. I have not seen any bugs. Any idea what this is and how I
can get
it to stop?