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September Things to do

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The Daughters of the American Revolution will meet Sept. 11 in the Hut at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church. Coffee is at 9:30 a.m.; the meeting begins at 10. The guest speaker will be Lt. Col. John Hedley, chairman of Richard's Coffee Shop, a Welcome Home Veterans Living Military Museum in Mooresville established to honor all veterans. More info: 704-756-9876.



Maze opening Sept 12

The 2014 Rural Hill Amazing Maize Maze will begin Friday Sept. 12 and will be open weekends through Nov. 2. The seven acre corn maze features over two miles of interconnecting paths. Admission is \$10 per person, youth ages 5-12 are \$7 per person, and children 4 and under are admitted free of charge. You can also tackle the Maze after the sun goes down as Rural Hill's Family Friendly Flashlight Mazes will be held on Friday and Saturday nights.




'Tawba Walk is Sept 13

The 'Tawba Walk Music & Arts Festival is 2-8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13 in Old Town Cornelius. The community-inspired street festival highlights local talent with 60-plus vendors, eight bands, eight food trucks, local micro-breweries and a kid zone.




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Save the date: All American Dog Show Oct. 4, Bailey Road Park 5pm


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LIVING LARGE:

Sizzle and steak in the Cornelius luxury home market



When your house has a name: This lakefront house on Jetton Road is called Green Gardens. It's listed at just under \$4 million

BY DAVE YOCHUM

A company named Won One has purchased two large lots on Mollypop Lane, in a rustic neighborhood off Belle Isle, which is off John Connor Road. One nice home has already been torn down. Thing is, neighbors say racecar driver Denny Hamlin is building a house with more than 20,000 square feet of space.

A 3,000 square foot house is big. By Cornelius standards, 7,000 to 10,000 square feet is really big. At something more than 20,000 feet, the Hamlin house will be Beverly Hills big.

In spite of all the talk about right-sizing and down-sizing during the recession, really large homes are back in a big way in Cornelius.

Realtors who never signed confidentiality agreements are having to nowadays, as high-dollar executives and entrepreneurs lock in on Cornelius as a place for a statement home on the water, says agent Anita Sabates at Allen Tate.

She and Allen Tate agent Dixie Dean have listed "Green Gardens" on Jetton Road for \$3.995 million. Enormous by most estimations, the house at 16505 Jetton is 7,500 square feet.

But just about a block away, Lori Jackson of Cornelius-based Ivester Jackson Distinctive Properties, has listed 16125 Jetton Road at \$4.95 million. This lakefront manse is 12,500 square feet.

At the junction of John Connor and Belle Isle, Jo and Bill Cain are building a 10,000 square foot house that will cost roughly \$2.5 million to build, not including the property.

It's hard to believe trailer homes were a common sight along Jetton 15 years ago. Indeed, it didn't take too long for Lake Norman to become a destination on a national scale—for people who have multiple homes. "It's pretty clearly now become one of the more elite go-to emerging areas in the Southeast for people looking to get into a more temperate climate. We get

traffic from both the south, north and west," says Lori Jackson's husband, Reed Jackson. "The general reaction is that the area is fairly lush."

And new Broker Lance Carlyle says "old" here means 1995. In the Northeast and Midwest, where it's also infinitely colder, much of the swank housing stock is 50 years old.

Closings in the high-end luxury real estate market at Lake Norman continue to fare well considering the smaller pool of buyers in this price range, say Abigail Jennings, president of Cornelius-based Lake Norman Realty.

"As of the end of June, there were 42 sales over \$1 million, which was on par with last year's closings in this price range. The average sales price for homes over \$1 million also remains the same as 2013 at \$1.6 million. Over \$3 million, you enter the ultra-luxury market, which means copper soaking tubs, amazing outdoor kitchens, secret doors, stucco interior walls, full-tilt theater rooms, barrel ceilings,

an elevator, epic views, docks, walk-in closets the size of apartments and a cavalcade of custom features including six-figure security systems. And, of course, these homes are relatively new.

Four homes priced at more than \$3 million closed last year in Lake Norman; this year there are expected to be more. (One has closed so far this year and four more were under contract at press time.) "Overall, the Lake Norman luxury market is on track for continued success," Jennings said.

The lake has everything to do with this resurgent trend. "If there was no lake here, there would not be Cornelius. Everybody comes for the water," Carlyle says.

Cornelius has the closest "big water" to Charlotte. And with traffic on I-77 what it is, it's an easier drive from here to Charlotte than it is from The Point in Mooresville to Charlotte.

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16125 Jetton Road

Up and down the price scales, Reed Jackson says Cornelius is a "popular choice because of the proximity to the city."

High-end clients—those who can live virtually anywhere—like Cornelius

Because of the waterfront and the bigger-city appeal of Charlotte as opposed to a Wilmington or Greenville or even Raleigh. "If you are flying internationally, you tend to gravitate toward Charlotte, and Lake Norman really becomes a standout," Reed Jackson says.

Agents in the rarified world of \$2 million, \$3 million and \$4 million homes say many of the deals are all cash. But it's not easy operating at this level.

Buyers at this level expect an "intimate familiarity" with all the houses that are in the super-swank range, Reed Jackson says, "so you can make recommendations."

If the buyer is working with a Charlotte agent, and he or she is not familiar with the house, the listing agent is expected to give a private, low-key tour.

But showing a multimillion-dollar listing is just part of an enormous undertaking, especially on the marketing side.

"We of course spend quite a bit on professional photography, we typically do inside shots, we do elevation shots from booms, and we also do drone video on our higher-end houses, so just launching a house pushes a couple of thousand dollars," Reed Jackson says.

Then there are the ongoing monthly print ads—local, in Charlotte and even internationally. Marketing expenses can run \$500 to \$1,000 a month per house, according to the Jacksons who have affiliated their company with worldwide luxury broker Christie's International Real Estate. Custom bro-

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Hot properties: High-priced homes for sale in Cornelius

ADDRESS	PRICE	SQUARE FOOTAGE	FEATURE	AGENT
16125 Jetton Road	\$4.95 million	12,500	Lakefront	Lori Ivester
16920 Harbor Master Cove.	\$4.399 million	11,100	Lakefront	Lori Ivester
18394 Nantz Road	\$4.2 million	10,400	Lakefront	Melissa Stone and Lesley Hynes
16505 Jetton Road	\$3.995 million	7,500	Lakefront	Anita Sabates and Dixie Dean
17429 Staysail Ct.	\$3.9 million	10,400	Golf course	Deni Niethammer
19125 Peninsula Point	\$3.899 million	10,760	Lakefront	Reed Jackson
20124 Bascom Ridge Drive	\$3.1 million	9,480	Lakefront	Lori/Reed Jackson
16035 Jetton Road	\$2.995 million	5,900	Lakefront	Berry Bean
17130 Freshwater Lane	\$2.899 million	7,715	Lakefront	Sherry Hickman
16607 Flying Jib Road	\$2.799 million	9,120	Lakefront	Reed Jackson
17606 Westward Reach	\$2.749 million	8,450	Lakefront	Dixie Dean

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chures can cost several hundred dollars.

Allen Tate's Dixie Dean says agents at this level often hold parties at these multimillion-dollar listings and invite well-heeled past and former clients to attend and tour the homes. Reed Jackson says it's like holding a "small wedding."

Real estate signs in The Peninsula run \$150 each. A lakefront house also gets a sign on the water, doubling the expense.

Of course, paydays are something to celebrate.

The attributes that make Cornelius a destination for the rich and not quite famous help underpin the entire market.

Explaining that buyers of the multimillion-dollar homes often put their children in public schools, Reed Jackson says Cornelius is simply a desirable place to live, regardless of the neighborhood. "That same level of appeal makes buying a \$200,000 home attractive as well. It's an attractive place to live. You get a very similar kind of sentiment that is middle income and looking for a little bit better lifestyle and they are in search of that.



15521 Jetton Road

Big deal: House on Jetton closes at \$3.97 million

A luxurious 10,300 square foot home at 15521 Jetton has sold for \$3.97 million after being put on the market at \$4.5 million. Listed by the father-son team of Jim and Lance Carlyle at Carlyle Properties, it's the most expensive home sale in a couple of years.

The buyers were represented by Lori Jackson of Ivester-Jackson Distinctive Properties.

Lance Carlyle said the sellers turned down multiple offers, waiting instead

"for the market to come back to them." The lakefront home was built in 2009 by luxury builder Patrick Joseph. Mecklenburg property records indicate the new home, which has a pool and an elevator, sold for \$5.75 million then. Records show the house has a tax value of \$3.8 million.

Carlyle said the most expensive deal in Cornelius two years ago was a home they listed at 16909 Jetton. It sold for \$4.55 million.

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18118 Sunset Cove Lane - \$639,900

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16504 Pelican Point Lane - \$669,000

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THE DUKE

Our very own John Wayne aims to serve

BY DAVE YOCHUM

You might say Jim Duke is already one of the tried and true finance and operations watchdogs on the Cornelius Town Commission. Born and raised in Venice, Ca.—he went to school with actor Beau Bridges—Duke did two tours of duty in Vietnam, in 1966-67 and 1969-70, rising from private to major along the way.

Duke went into government service in 1984.

"I didn't like shooting at people and didn't like blowing things up," he says.

He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross after he flew a big Huey helicopter into a landing zone and rescued eight men.

"I went in and got them out," Duke states. No further explanation offered or required.

Duke's father passed away when he was three years old and he was raised by a single mom in Los Angeles during the golden post World War II era. His mother stayed in the family business: Concession stands on the storied Southern California coastline. When movie stars and wealthy people attended concerts at the Hollywood Bowl, Duke was there, too, selling hot dogs.

In Vietnam the you GI he loved listening to Adrian Cronauer on Good Morning Vietnam. He dug the Beach Boys, "learned how to manage projects...motivate people, provide incentives."

Indeed, when he ran maintenance for Hueys—the kind of helicopter in the iconic picture atop the U.S. embassy just before the fall of Saigon—Duke motivated his team by letting them go to the beach each afternoon when their work was done, not to mention the fact that he blasted rock and roll music in the hangar. "We went from 50 percent [aircraft] availability to 100 percent availability," Duke says. When he reported 100 percent availability to a senior officer five days in a row, a group commander came to see for himself. Duke, whose radio name was Snake, soon got a regular army commission.

He became a budget and finance officer for several federal agencies in Washington, D.C., and served as Senior Budget Examiner and Legislative Analyst for the Office of Management



Favorite Inside the Beltway Story:

"I have so many memories about the cast of characters that made up our government. Many of them were brilliant, many were flawed, but most cared about our country."

— Commissioner Jim Duke

and Budget under Leon Panetta.

A committed Republican who has given \$4,000 to fellow commissioner John Bradford's campaign for a seat in the N.C. House of Representatives, Duke fondly remembers a personal conversation with President Clinton—the world's most famous Democrat—in the White House.

"It was a photo opportunity, the Crime Bill passed, and they brought me in for coffee," he says.

While Duke also downplays his influence on the town commission, he serves on the Lake Norman Chamber of Commerce board of directors, the town's PARC board and the Land Development Code Advisory Committee.

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Duke

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Duke is the former president of the Peninsula Property Owners Association, a big volunteer job he held for six years. He also chaired then-Mayor Jeff Tarte's Charlotte Mecklenburg Utility Advisory Committee, which threw cold water on years of abuse, neglect and regional favoritism at Charlotte Mecklenburg Utilities. In 2012, he raised what was apparently a record, \$8,000 and ran for the Cornelius Town Commission. Duke puts his own money where his mouth was and contributed \$4,000.

He was elected in his first run at public office, and plans to run again for the five-member board in 2015. "I'm just having too much fun to quit now," he says.

"I pledged to be a full-time commissioner and was given responsibilities that require a significant investment of time and energy. For me it's a full-time job with flexible hours, but if you count all the prep time, travel, showing up, and meetings, it is a good 30 hours a week. Thankfully, I have that time to give and enjoy every bit of it," Duke says.

The issues have a lot to do with managing growth and paying for the infrastructure that goes along with growth.

One of his strengths is figuring out how to keep tax rates low by identifying operating efficiencies. "I don't say don't raise taxes, I say keep them low," Duke, 72, says. He has one of the deepest resumes in finance and operations on the town board.

He says setting "appropriate funding priorities for maximum impact" in Cornelius is a team effort. "I have worked successfully with town staff to put money where it is most needed and used what I have learned from citizen to help set priorities," Duke says, giving himself an "A" in this part of his duties as an at-large town commissioner.

But he brings a Peninsula resident's view of the world to town government, something he is actively trying to broaden. He has asked Mayor Pro Tem Woody Washam, who was born and raised on the east side of town, to coach him on Cornelius history.

"This is an ongoing task and a joy to do. I have met with a significant number of individuals and groups to gain a better understanding of their perspective. I give great credit to Commissioner Washam for helping me get connected. I have leaned a ton

and met a lot of folks, but there is so much more to do," Duke says, giving himself a "B+" on this effort.

Washam says Duke has worked extremely hard at learning the dynamics of our Commissioner roles. "He is in a position to study and thoroughly research town issues and works hard to do the right things for all our citizens," Washam says.

But growth, Duke says, is what's hardest to manage. With new homes come new needs for infrastructure. The new Diverging Diamond Interchange at I-77 and Catawba Avenue is the "keystone" of all road improvements and transportation efforts, he says.

"We need it and we need it faster. Town staff and electeds are pushing as hard as they can to speed up the process so traffic can flow. Businesses and commuters are being hard hit by delays and detours. We must keep pushing for an early completion," Duke says.

Cornelius' biggest challenges, he says, are: Growing town services and amenities; keeping tax rates low; enhancing economic development and growing our business base in a way that preserves our character and supports our community.

"We are a growing town with growing service needs. So far we have successfully kept tax rates low by making tradeoffs, doing things smartly, and relying upon talented staff to find creative ways to fund services. We need to allow growth to fund growth and not just expect our residents to pay more. Thankfully, we have on board and mayor committed to keeping taxes low," Duke says.

Snapshot: Jim Duke

Family: Wife, Carolyn; three adult children, 10 grandchildren

Address: The Peninsula

First car: 1954 Ford, "nosed and decked," which means hood ornament trim was removed and smoothed out for a streamlined look.

Education: Bachelor's from Southern Methodist University, 1973. Master's Degree in Financial Management from Syracuse University.

Hobbies: "I play golf badly, collect antique guns and do the occasional cruise."



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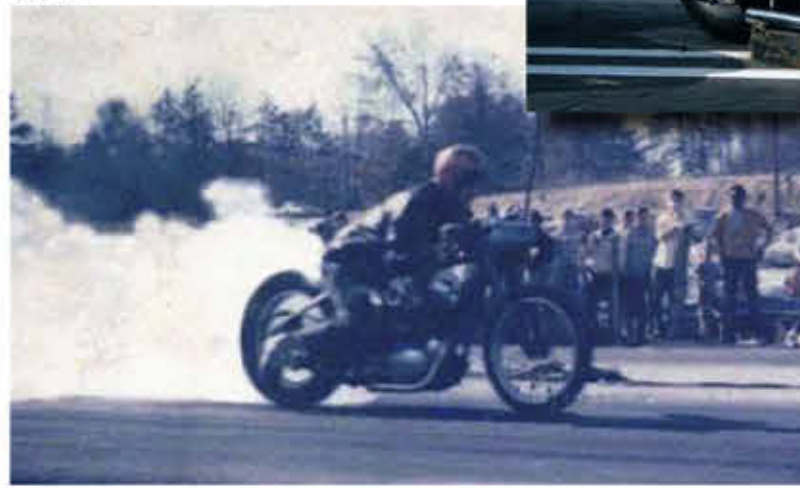
The Freight Train's top speed: More than 180 miles an hour. "It was wild being out in the wind at those speeds," Spittle says. "But the scariest part was getting it stopped."

The 70-year-old Norman Shores Drive resident sold the Freight Train to his old crew chief for \$12,000 in 1986.

"I have tried to buy it back for 25 years but it was not for sale. During that time wealthy racecar collectors have started riding Harleys and that has led to an interest in collecting race bikes," Spittle says. He bought

it back, and, figuratively speaking, he's at home again with a monster machine.

Spittle won't say how much he paid for the motorcycle, but collector bikes can trade in the six figures.



This summer, he and his wife Suzanne Spittle attended the Concours d'Elegance of America in Michigan where the Freight Train drew a large



Before and after: Frank Spittle with the Freight Train now, and back in the 1980s

crowd. The couple is entering it in the Antique Automobile Club of America show in Hershey this fall.

While he never raced motorcycles for a living, he did compete in the Top Fuel class—the highest professional category—as a hobby from 1963 to 1986 when he retired at age 42.

His first motorcycle was a 1957 Triumph.

"I rode it on the street and to the drag strips I raced it on," Spittle says. His 1962 Harley-Davidson Sportster could outrun any car or motorcycle.

But in 1969 he "married the most wonderful girl in the world and sold the drag bike." He didn't race—except other guy's bikes—for six years. The Spittles raised two boys, and built a lakefront home on Norman Shores. Frank followed his

passion for antique and classic cars and founded Specialty Cars Sales in 1973. Business was good and in 1978 he bought a new Kawasaki and raced it for four seasons.

He bought the enormous twin-engine Harley-Davidson from the renowned drag racer Elmer Trett, a good friend.

He raced the twin-engine Harley-Davidson at the Bristol Dragway in Tennessee. His best times on the eighth-mile drag strip was a 5.17 second elapsed time and 147 mph. His best quarter-mile time was 7.9 seconds at 181 mph.

He sold the Freight Train to his crew chief who owned it until last year, when Spittle was finally allowed to buy it back.

Spittle says fuel costs about \$40 a gallon. The Freight Train is really too powerful for street use.

Over the years, Spittle operated his automotive business and developed real estate, including Lake Norman Storage and the Torrence Chapel Estates residential lots, which he sold to Ryland Homes. He has also promoted drag racing reunions and collector car auctions.

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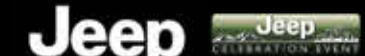
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North Meck Historical Association meets Sept. 9

Aug 19 The public is invited to the first meeting of the newly formed North Branch of the Mecklenburg Historical Association (MHA). The meeting will be held September 9 from 7:00 to 8:30PM at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church 19600 Zion Ave, Cornelius, NC 28031 off Old Statesville Road in Cornelius, NC. (Room 209, use cemetery side entrance ramp.)



BLODGETT

The speaker will be Dr. Jan Blodgett of Davidson College who will discuss her project to identify what was covered by Lake Norman and is now "Under the Lake." MHA is in need of volunteers to help guide the new organization dedicated to preserving the history of North Mecklenburg County. Key areas of need are membership, refreshments, archives and special projects. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Sarah Sue Hardinger at sarahsuenc@gmail.com or plan to stay after the meeting. Visit www.meckdec.org for more information on the MHA.

Rotary Club appoints new board

Aug 19 The Rotary Club of North Mecklenburg has appointed a Board of Directors and Committee Chairs for 2014-2015 year.



(pictured 1st row from the left) Denis Bilodeau - Chairman, Service



CMPD failed to respond to lake 911 call

BY MARJORIE DANA

Cornelius Mayor Chuck Travis has sent a curt letter to Charlotte and Mecklenburg County officials in the wake of July 29 boat accident on Lake Norman. Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police (CMPD) failed to respond to a 911 call. "Unfortunately, a death occurred last night on Lake Norman and no response was provided by CMPD," Travis wrote. While it's unclear whether the death may have been preventable had CMPD responded, the CMPD's lack of urgency has been an issue for years. Nighttime is considered especially perilous. At 10:41 p.m. on July 29, the Cornelius Police Department received a 911 call about a boat hitting a dock. The call was transferred to CMPD, as that Department is paid about \$500,000 to \$750,000 each year as part of a contract to patrol Lake Norman in Mecklenburg County. The boater was identified as Howard D. Clem Jr., age 60, of Huntersville. At 10:51 the caller dialed 911 and

Committee, Erika Erlenbach - President Elect, Donna Moffett - President, Sandi Vizner - Chairman, Foundation (pictured 2nd row from the left) Joanne Ellis - Member Care, Marilyn Celenza - Chairman, Membership Committee, Richard Colvin - Sergeant-at-Arms, Joshua Dobi - Fundraising Co-Chair, Patrick Mizzell - Treasurer, David Keith - Past President & District Public Relations, Lauren Furcht - Chairman, Public Relations (Not pictured) Nancy Sweet - Secretary, Kevin, LaFone - Membership, Kevin Mike-worth - Fundraising Co-chair, Tricia Sission - Club Trainer

reached Cornelius P.D. again. CMPD had answered the original call and said they would call her back, but never did. "I need your help to resolve this issue...the lack of urgency to provide improved service is no longer acceptable for the residents of our Town and County," said Travis in his letter. "We need to improve and define the levels of service for Lake Patrol...as in this case, assuring a response to every call." By 10:58, Cornelius Police had reached CMPD and were told CMPD had no record of a call about a boat hitting a dock. Cornelius police and fire department were dispatched. As of 10:59, the individual in question had no pulse. Medic arrived on the scene at 11 p.m. The individual was in cardiac arrest. By 11:07, the individual was deceased. "This has been a major concern for me over the past five years while serving as Commissioner and now Mayor, with no improvement. The time has come for action," said Travis in closing.



Tea is subject of upcoming art exhibit

Aug. 13 The Cornelius Arts Center will host an art exhibit, The Alchemy of Tea, from Sept. 1 through Nov. 1. It

will celebrate tea and its role in rituals and spirituality over the centuries. Art from a range of mediums will be included. The opening for the exhibit will be held at 6:30 pm on Sept. 13 as part of the next Tawba Walk Music and Art Festival.

Vendors sought for All American Dog Show

Aug 12 The 14th annual All American Dog Show will take place on Saturday, Oct. 4 from 5 pm until 8 p.m. at Bailey Road Park Track & Field. Last year's event drew over 100 dogs competing for ribbons and prizes with their owners and families in attendance. Pet-related businesses and organizations are invited to display and sell services and products.



Commissioner John Bradford and Mayor Chuck Travis listen to concerns from CMS representatives

DDI lanes to open in September; school planning under way

Aug 11 School, town and NC DOT officials gathered at Cornelius Town Hall Monday morning to figure out what to do about worsening delays at I-77 when CMS schools open Aug. 25. The bottom line: while there are some steps which may help, real relief won't come until September when more of the lanes approaching and/or going over the bridge will reopen. According to CMS board member Rhonda Lennon, the schools which face the most impact will be Cornelius Elementary School, due to its location

on Catawba Avenue and Bailey Middle School, due to its hours (9:15-4:15) which places traffic in both rush hour periods.

"Parents tend to have their children use buses more in the morning," she said. "While this work is in progress, we will urge parents to also have their children take buses home in the afternoon to reduce the overall number of vehicles on our local streets."

Several other steps will be considered: In response to several inquiries, DOT Division 10 Engineer Louis Mitchell said he would obtain the cost from Blythe Construction for switching more work to nights. "The real problem is the concrete work; it costs three times more to perform those tasks after hours, but we'll get the financial impact and see if this is something we can do to expedite the entire project." Town and DOT officials will consider a temporary ban on left turns for traffic exiting I-77 at Exit 28 during the peak travel times.

When CMS bus drivers begin their practice runs the week of Aug. 18, they will be instructed to use both Catawba Avenue and Westmoreland Road to cross the interstate and determine which works better. If Westmoreland is the preferable route, DOT's Sean Epperson said they would temporarily adjust traffic signals to provide a longer green cycle for buses using that route. In addition, Police Chief Bence Hoyle promised additional support from the Cornelius Police to keep traffic moving.

In response to pleas from business leaders Bill Russell and Gary Knox, the town will redouble its efforts to keep everyone informed about the interchange work, including use of the reverse 911 phone system which has the capability to place calls to all landlines in the town simultaneously.

The original project deadline was December, but DOT's Mitchell says the project is running slightly ahead of schedule, with completion now anticipated for November. However, all lanes should be open in September, which will greatly reduce delays, especially for eastbound traffic on Catawba Avenue. "This is the first DDI project in North Carolina where we are converting an existing bridge so we've had some growing pains. Once it's done

and all the lanes are open, we truly believe our residents will be pleased."

-- Dave Vieser



Delays Worsen at Exit 28

Aug 8 Just when it seemed that the congestion being experienced by motorists in Cornelius crossing I-77 at Exit 28 couldn't get any worse, it did this week when the contractor had to close one of the eastbound lanes, creating further back-ups on West Catawba Avenue.

According to Assistant Town Manager Andrew Grant, Blythe Construction was working on the center median island this week. "As a result, they had to close one of the eastbound West Catawba Ave. lanes between Liverpool Pkwy. and the bridge." The result was eastbound traffic stopped as far back as the Knox Road intersection.

In addition, NCDOT was having some signal coordination issues according to Grant, which contributed to the backups. "The DOT has been onsite this week in to resolve the signal issues" Grant said. "In addition, the town continues to work with NCDOT and Blythe to see what can be done to accelerate the project, in addition to opening more travel lanes to accommodate more traffic volume."

One piece of good news for Cornelius motorists: the new signal at Westmoreland Road and West Catawba is now operating properly, with new detector loops installed and the pedestrian walk signs activated. This should help handle the extra volume diverted from the Exit 28 overpass.

Officials are still hoping for essential completion by November, and hoping it might be sooner.

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7/10/14 \$365,000 Michelle Lewis to Donald R. Brown Living Trust, 18519 Vineyard Point Ln.
7/10/14 \$285,000 Rose Rodney to Lawrence & Judith Resnick, 7853 Village Harbor Dr.
7/10/14 \$280,000 Thomas & Antoinette Lawrence to Lileja Straith, 20208 Middletown Rd. #69

7/11/14 \$550,000 Andrew & Michele Cyr to John & Lin Petrocelli, 21433 Crown Lake Dr.
7/11/14 \$192,500 Maureen Rose to David & Sherry LaRue, 9335 Glenashley Dr.
7/11/14 \$151,000 Wiley Properties LLC to David & Nicole Monacell, 16824 Fidler Ln.
7/11/14 \$167,000 Wells Fargo Bank to Corey LaJoie, 19030 Natalie Michelle Ln.
7/11/14 \$329,500 MI Homes to Ruth Miller, 22103 Market St.
7/11/14 \$189,000 Lucas & Lucyna Woldan to Joseph & Alexandra Pizza, 19519 Denae Lynn Dr.
7/14/14 \$521,500 Classica Homes to John & Kerrin Chapman, 9117 Robbins Preserve Rd.
7/14/14 \$240,000 Russell & Heather

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7608 Dunsmuir Ct., \$481,000



9117 Robbins Preserve Rd., \$521,500

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7/16/14 \$230,000 John & Dawn Beltrami to John & Clara Pilkington, 10010 Westmoreland Rd.
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7/18/14 \$135,000 Mary & Wayne Sotile to Frances Walston, 19938 Crew Cottage Ct.
7/18/14 \$131,000 Zachary & Sherri Klipowicz to Soho Grand Properties, Lot 125 Caldwell Station

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7/25/14 \$207,000 Geoffrey & Lori Bodine to ColFin AH-North Caroline I LLC, 17216 Chablis Ct.
7/25/14 \$1,650,000 Tom Stevenson Building Co. to Daniel & Dawn Zukowski, 20505 Queensdale Dr.
7/25/14 \$237,000 Markus Muller to Ronald MacGreagor, 19069 Natalie Michelle Ln.
7/25/14 \$161,000 John Hine Jr. to

Grady Ingle, 11108 Aprilia Ln.
7/25/14 \$208,500 NVR to Qian Wang, 20026 Lamplighters Way
7/25/14 \$520,000 Matt & Stacy Borland to James Dryer, 21428 Rio Oro Dr.
7/25/14 \$236,500 NVR to Douglas Persson, 20102 Lamplighters Way
7/25/14 \$152,500 William & Pauline Spitzer to Maria & Robert Lapp, 18832 Nautical Dr. #42
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Magnificent Waterfront Estate in Peninsula

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Cornelius Waterfront Estate

Waterfront estate perfectly situated to incorporate main channel views from all living areas & bedrooms. Chef's kitchen w/ 2 islands, granite, Viking Professional range & custom maple cabinetry. Luxury and privacy throughout the 6 bedrooms, library, media room, theater, secret room, and separate guest house. Gated entry, 3 car garage, porte cochere. MLS#3022006 Agent: Sherry Hickman

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Peninsula Waterfront

Outstanding views - from the expansive owners' retreat w/ its panoramic waterside terrace to the lakefront pool & spa. A grand entrance leads to the great room, formal dining room, & gourmet kitchen w/ its waterside breakfast area. The lower level has a billiards room, practice putting area, wet bar, guest suite, & outdoor dining area. Upper level features a second master suite w/ private terrace & two bedrooms. Private dock. MLS#2199778 Agents: Tracy Davis / Reed Jackson

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Unrivaled Peninsula location perfectly situated between the picturesque 9th fairway & shores of Lake Norman. Enjoy expansive water views & natural lighting from this open floor plan. 3 car garage, master bedroom on main, updated kitchen & baths, walk up attic storage, private pier & boardwalk. MLS#3022220 Agent: Lori Ivester Jackson

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Elegant hard coat stucco home on the golf course w/ OUTSTANDING lake & golf course views! Master suite w/ hardwood floors, updated master bathroom w/ steam shower & a guest suite w/ full bath all on the main level. Arched doorways, screened porch, & circular driveway on a cul-de-sac lot. MLS#3015943 Agent: Lori Ivester Jackson

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Cornelius Waterfront

Updated home w/ great casual chic flair. Large Kitchen, 2 master suites, elevator, flagstone terrace & screened porch, pool & spa. Guest apmt over garage w/ Kitchen, private brm/ba & terrace. MLS#2207654 Agents: Reed Jackson / Lori Ivester Jackson

\$ 2,249,900



The Peninsula Waterfront

Private pool w/ spa, outdoor kitchen, covered dock & lift. Two-story great room. Kitchen w/ Viking gas range, double ovens & keeping room w/ fireplace. Guest suite, billiards room & recreation room w/ fireplace. MLS# 3024840 Agent: Lori Ivester Jackson

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The Peninsula Waterfront

Extra-wide sandy beach & pier w/boat lift. 2 large screened porches. Library/billiards w/ fireplace, gas logs & arched bookcase. Second master suite upstairs, 3 large terraces. Media/bar w/ utility garage/workshop. MLS#2173481 Agent: Lori Ivester Jackson

\$ 1,545,000



The Peninsula Waterfront

Elegant brick home. 3 car garage, built-in hot tub on deck, unfinished walk-in attic. Private pier w/ sitting area, partial covered deck, storage under deck, stainless steel appliance & granite in kitchen. New Roof. MLS#2200899 Agent: Lori Ivester Jackson

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The Peninsula Waterfront

Two story great room & a chef's gourmet kitchen. Hardwood floors, plantation shutters. Master Suite & 4 BR. Lake level has 2nd living quarters w/ bar/kitchen, great room. MLS#3018255 Agents: Reed Jackson / Lori Ivester Jackson

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The Peninsula

Brick home w/ 3 car garage. Kitchen w/ cherry cabinets, granite counters & stainless appliances. Hardwood floor in workout room, main bedroom & dressing room. Full sound system throughout. MLS#2202763 Agent: Lori Ivester Jackson

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The Peninsula

4 BR, full brick home! All formal, plus office & bonus room. Kitchen has granite, tile backsplash, large island w/ Dacor cooktop, stainless appliances. Hardwood floor in workout room, main bedroom & dressing room. Full sound system throughout. MLS#2209409 Agents: Lori Ivester Jackson / Reed Jackson

\$ 729,000



The Peninsula

Peninsula waterview home on cul-de-sac. Large two story foyer flows into bright great room w/ fireplace. Kitchen island w/ prep sink, granite, beautiful cabinetry, butler's pantry/bar. Rich hardwoods on main level. MLS#3024732 Agent: Lori Ivester Jackson

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7/31/14 \$355,500 MI Homes of Charlotte to James & Eileen Brady, 21703 Chapel Way

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8/8/14 \$275,000 Christine Howland & Reynold Daphess to Scott & Charity Ellis, 21630 Rio Oro Dr.

8/12/14 \$172,000 Robert & Holly Keller to Joseph Trunkett, 11605 Truan Ln.

8/12/14 \$185,500 K&E Real Estate Investments to American Residential Leasing Co., 19234 Coachmans Trace

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8/14/14 \$380,000 Philip & Debra Yang to Kevin Hatley & Troy Jr. & Judy Hatley, 7605 Vista View Dr.

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7/10/14 \$720,000 Catherine & Kenneth Burns to Troy & Penny Maxwell, 18737 Floyd Ct.

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7/28/14 \$327,500 Peter & Elena Wagner to Michael & Jill Campbell, 17415 Summers Walk Blvd.

7/30/14 \$418,500 Devlin & Donna Reynolds to Aldo DaSilva & Patricia Cordeiro, 207 Lingle Dr.

8/1/14 \$645,000 Kevin & Stephanie Cleary to Ross & Melissa Atherton, 13701 Robert Walker Dr.

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Around Town

Lake Norman Chamber and Economic Development unveil logos

The Lake Norman Chamber of Commerce and Lake Norman Economic Development unveiled new logos in August.

"The new, contemporary look modernizes and energizes our mark, and, at the same time, reflects the great history and tradition of Lake Norman," said Ryan McDaniels, Lake Norman Economic Development Executive Director.

"The Chamber is excited to collaborate on a common brand with our EDC as we work to serve as a catalyst for business growth, working with our partner creating primary job creation in the Lake Norman region," stated Bill Russell, the chamber's president and CEO.



The new logos were designed by Granite Sky, a marketing and design firm in Huntersville.

Point of Grace special events

Keyboardist Alex Mauldin will perform Friday Sept. 19 at Point of Grace Church on North Main Street. Mauldin scores for films and theater, as well as composes and orchestrates. The public is invited to the concert which starts at 8 p.m. at the church, 20700 N. Main St.

The church is also holding a "Saturday Seminar" Sept. 13 called "Church vs. World. Is Believing constricting or freeing?" The public



is encouraged to attend and debate. The event begins at 9 a.m. and includes a free breakfast.

Eight Annual Concert Series launches this month at Mt. Zion United Methodist

The eighth annual Cornelius Concert Series at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church launches Sunday, Sept. 7 with a performance by Ed Kilbourne, a folk-theologian, acoustic guitarist and singer.

Kilbourne's performance starts at 6 p.m. in the Family Life Center. He will also perform at the Sunday morning worship services.

Pepper Choplin, a full-time composer, conductor and humorist, will perform at 7 p.m. Sept. 20 with the Mt. Zion choir. His published work includes more than anthems



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Senior News

Making the most of your trip now that you're older

Now that we're just a little bit older, some of us are quite spry, others have begun to have a few health issues, and still others are struggling with various restrictions. When faced with a trip which includes a hotel stay, questions arise about our comfort, convenience, and safety since we're not at home in our comfortable environment. Fortunately, I have an hotelier in my family, my son Dave, and went straight to him for advice.

According to Dave, who works for a hotel in Boston, all you have to do is ask and you'd be surprised at all the help you can get. Hotels are in the business to assist and help in any way that they can, but they can't help you if they don't know what your needs are. His advice is to call ahead, request to speak with the front desk manager, and tell him or her

what your specific challenges and needs are. That way the manager will know what to offer you and how to meet those needs.

Do you need a shower chair? If you are concerned about fumbling with the high-tech alarm clock, request a wake-up call. If you are hearing challenged, they have door bells so you can hear if someone comes to the door. Low vision, they even have flashing lights to alert you that there is someone at the door. Why, there are elevated toilet seats, grab bars, and wheel chair accessible doorways, not to mention an actual wheelchair to borrow. There are ramps and service lifts for your safety for when you have to unload your vehicle. There seems to be no end of the accommodations that can be made for you. The key, however, is to call ahead.

If you engage the management in conversation about your visit and why you are staying at their hotel, you might find yourself on the receiving end of some special attention. If you're in town for



Ask ahead of time if there are additional fees

your daughter's college graduation, there may be college oriented treats waiting for you. If you're in town for your son's wedding, who knows what may be in store for you. When my husband and I traveled to Paris for our 40th anniversary, we were greeted with champagne, roses, cheese, fruit and hors d'oeuvre in our room all because of speaking ahead to the management.

"Hotels are in the business of meeting and exceeding the expectations of every guest and for every stay regardless of your age. So, just ask."

It's best to deal directly with the hotel when making a reservation and not Orbitz or Expedia. They are only booking tools and there are no guarantees. Go to the hotel's website and you'll get more information as well as the best discounted rate. Remember, AARP or AAA are not necessarily the best discounts.

Also, ask ahead of time if there are additional fees, such as breakfast, internet access or parking.

Do you have dietary restrictions or special needs such as Gluten Free or low salt? Speak to the chef and he may be able to create a special menu just for you.

If you want to continue your fitness routine while on the road, most hotels have a fitness center or pool. You can always ask the concierge who should have maps of area jogging/walking trails, local attractions and may even have agreements with area fitness centers. Forgot your workout clothes? Not all hotels have this amenity, but Westin Hotels have a "gear lending" service for a daily fee. You can rent sneakers, shorts, socks and a t-shirt all of which have been thoroughly cleaned and ready for your use. And some hotels offer fitness classes.

Dave's final piece of advice: "Hotels are in the business of meeting and exceeding the expectations of every guest and for every stay regardless of your age. So, just ask."

Joanne Ahern is the director of North Mecklenburg Senior Center Inc., a United Way Agency. You can reach her at 704-875-1270.

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CORNELIUSCooks

Heidi Hansen shares recipe for a show-stopping dessert

"Just deserts" might come to mind when you ponder Heidi Hansen's culinary skills, but that phrase really has to do with payback and poetic justice and not the two-s word "desserts." Since we're in charge of Cornelius Cooks, we straight-out asked Ms. Hansen for her recipe for Danish Kiksekage. And it is a justifiably excellent dessert.

The mother of two girls and a boy—Hanna is 14 and goes to North Meck High, Katherine, 13, and Michael, 11, go to Bailey Middle—Heidi runs a boutique human resources business out of her home in Willow Pond. She's also a popular growth coach and consultant, as well a school volunteer.

"As a family, we take part in the International Night at Bailey Middle School each year where we proudly

represent Denmark. I must say that I do not cook much Danish food—I tend to stay with sweets," she says.

Born and raised in Denmark, Heidi's parents allowed her to travel to the United States alone at age 15. She stayed with one of her father's business associates in Boston, and she was hooked on the U.S.

"I'm a good old-fashioned immigrant, I truly believe in the American dream. If you set a goal you can reach it," she says, sounding like a commercial for Uncle Sam. The family loves to paddle board, camp and hike. Heidi likes to mountain bike at Davidson Farms, as well.

Back to desserts. Heidi says Danish Kiksekage is one of her favorite Danish desserts. And it's a show-stopper.



Heidi Hansen: Danish treat

"My mother used to make this dessert for different occasions: Sunday teas, birthdays and dinner parties," she says.

As a young girl, she would sit on the kitchen counter and watch as her mother cooked and baked. Later on, she took an active part in helping bake and setting the formal dinner table when her parents were entertaining.

"Entertaining has always been something I enjoyed, and today, it's wonderful to see that my girls get excited and take pride in entertaining as well," Heidi says.

"I truly enjoy seeing the smiles and hearing the wows as my guests and family eat my desserts. This dessert is creamy, chocolaty and very rich! It's like a piece of heaven. Trust me on this one, it is delicious!"

HEIDI HANSEN'S DANISH KIKSEKAGE

Ingredients

8 oz. semi-sweet chocolate (227 grams)

1 1/3 cup heavy whipping cream (10 oz. or 295 ml)

3/4 cup confectioners' sugar (3 oz. or 85 grams)

7 tbsp. butter (3.5 oz. or 100 grams)

7 oz. butter biscuits (ex. Leibniz)

Pint of raspberries

1/4 cup dark chocolate


Directions

Line a 9 x 5 in. loaf pan with parchment paper by placing one big piece of paper across bottom and long sides and cut two smaller pieces of paper for the ends of the pan.

Chop chocolate into small pieces and place in a bowl. Set the bowl aside.

Pour whipping cream and confectioners' sugar in to a small cooking pot, stirring occasionally bring to a simmer on the stove. Slowly pour the hot cream mixture over the chopped chocolate in the bowl. Stir the mixture until the chocolate is melted, and the mixture is shiny and smooth. Let cool for 5 minutes on the counter.

Cut butter into small pieces and add to chocolate mix, stir until completely melted. Place mixture in refrigerator for 15 minutes to cool.



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Focus on Business Turning Pointe turns one

BY MARJORIE DANA

A well-behaved schnoodle named Zoe may be the first thing you see upon entering Cornelius's Turning Pointe Music & Dance Center on Liverpool Parkway, but don't be fooled by the center's beloved furry mascot: Serious artistic education is happening within.

Turning Pointe celebrated its one-year anniversary on Aug. 16 with a day of free classes and demonstrations of things like choreography and lyra, an aerial art the center hopes to offer.

During the first year open, about 100 students of all ages studied dance and music there, at classes ranging from pre-professional ballet on pointe to pilates for adults. Dance classes are offered recreationally for those not interested in the professional route.

Center owner and artistic director Jennifer Phelps has over 20 years of performance experience herself, in dance, music, and acting, including opera. Phelps has a B.A. in Music and Performance from Ithaca College Conservatory in New York. She was ballet mistress for 10 years at POPS Performing Arts Academy. Phelps considers herself "retired hard" from performing, meaning she does not plan to return to performance. Her role now, she said, is to engage her students. She also considers herself "very picky" when hiring other teachers. The studio's other teachers have all performed professionally or have degrees in the subjects they teach.

Phelps believes dance has become accessible and has been revived in the US by the dance-themed television shows that have been popular in recent years. It has gained cultural relevance and excitement.

"We're influenced by our media, that's just the truth," she said.

"I think TV has been a plus and a negative... 'So You Think You Can Dance,' 'Dancing with the Stars'— those shows have allowed us to see different styles of dancing. On the minus side, they make it look easy. I think ballet has an uphill battle but it has lasted forever. Because ballet is so hard for the American body, contemporary has taken off. It's like Pandora's box, that style. I can pull from anywhere."

Phelps herself started dancing ballet around age five to rebuild strength after



Performance of 'Hansel and Gretel'

breaking a femur in a car accident. Her cast stretched from her ribs down her legs, one to the ankle and the other to above the knee. The experience resulted in one of her legs being shorter than the other, giving her a greater understanding of biomechanics and a respect for different bodies that have contributed to her teaching.

"I'm looking to build the creative arts versus competing," said Phelps. Turning Pointe's teaching philosophy puts choreography and learning rote routines second, and development of technique and artistry first.

Another thing that sets her studio apart is the emphasis on conservative costumes. Phelps created many of the costumes for the recent performance of "Hansel and Gretel" at the Charles Mack Citizen Center in Mooresville, to prevent them from being too revealing. The costumes that she did not design, she embellished to make less revealing.

Open placement auditions for pre-professional dance students to join Turning Pointe's new dance company were held this summer. More will be held later in the year. Students who are interested in auditioning can begin taking classes to prepare at any time.

Phelps said she does not know yet what the dance company will perform first, because it depends on what kind of talent joins the company.

"I like playing. I'm not going to do 'The Nutcracker' probably," she said, "...I like the ones that are a little off-center, avant-garde."

Class pricing varies based on whether a student takes classes recreationally or at the pre-professional level. At the pre-professional level, prices vary by level, which determines how many classes a student is required to take each week.

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7/18/14 LKN Hero LLC, Greg Hero, 20304 Middletown Rd.

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7/22/14 Fitness With Heather LLC, Heather Watkins, 19018 Serenity Point Ln.

7/22/14 Fresh Chef Inc., Bradley J. Blumer, 20601 Torrence Chapel Rd., Unit 14

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7/29/14 Full Stream Recycling LLC, Cynthia Payne, 10602 B. Bailey Rd.

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7/31/14 Cherry Road Developers LLC, Macon Thomas Carroll, 19109 W. Catawba Ave., Ste. 200

7/31/14 Haycart Inc., Wesley H. Lev, 17511 Robbins Ridge Rd.

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8/5/14 Bunn Solar Two LLC, Olee Joel Olsen Jr., 17115 Kenton Dr., Ste. 206

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7/21/14 Rowling Properties LLC, Susan Rowling, 18427 Dembridge Dr.

7/24/14 Tuscarora Ranch II LLC,

Richard J. Kline, 230 South Main St.

7/28/14 Creative Insight Psychotherapy PLLC, Michelle A. Coomes, 709 Northeast Dr., Ste. 20

7/28/14 Midnight Holdings LLC, Eric Schiefen, 319 Davidson Gateway Dr.

7/29/14 Lawrence Group Properties LLC, Craig Lewis, 108 S. Main St., Ste. B

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Your comments and opinions



Tree still missed

"I know this is kind of late, but I am still wondering why the huge tree across the street from Jetton Park was cut down. I was so disappointed! I hope there is a really good reason."

—via anonymous SoundOff contact link on www.corneliustoday.com

► Assistant Town Manager Andrew Grant responds: "The tree was on Mecklenburg County property, in front of the mountain bike trails. Per Mecklenburg County Parks & Rec, a storm damaged the tree. The information we received is that when their staff investigated it, they found that the tree was also diseased beyond saving, and made the decision to take it down for safety reasons."

Mystery sculpture

"Does anyone remember that awesome color-changing sculpture they had at Town Hall that was going to China or something?? Can we PLEASE get this guy to do something for our bridge?? It would look AWESOME. I think he was a local or something which would be even cooler!!"

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► Town Manager Anthony Roberts says the sculpture, by Cornelius artist Jon Hair, was called "Lucky 8." It was sent to Beijing for the 2008 Olympics."



Need A Light

"I just passed another bad accident at the corner of Torrence Chapel Road and Knox Road requiring four fire trucks and four police cars. The road is most dangerous to traffic turning left from Knox Road onto Torrence Chapel Road. You have a curve one way which makes it hard to see approaching traffic to the left and a higher elevation to the right. My question is when are we going to get a light there? How many people have to be injured or killed before this happens?"

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Doll houses

"Gotta love these new town homes that are going up over at The Legacy. They won't let you see one beforehand because they are occupied but they fail to tell you that regular size furniture (couches and love seats) will not fit through the door! Everything I own is beat up now. Who on earth would design them to where you can't even get average size furniture inside?!!"

—via soundoffcornelius@gmail.com



New business: Favorite non-fiction

"I love reading about new businesses coming into downtown Cornelius, such as the Old Town Public House. As a former Plaza Midwood resident, I think we can use more of that in our 'bedroom' community!"

—via soundoffcornelius@gmail.com

Don't trust anything over 25

"I moved to Huntersville three years ago and then Cornelius a year ago after totally giving up hope on there ever being a Red Line. 11 months living in Cornelius is about 11 too many for me. I highly recommend folks steer clear of ever moving north of Huntersville (exit 25).

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Greasing Town Hall

"They fixed the squeaky front door at Town Hall!"

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45 mph too high on Bethel Church

"How about turning Bethel Church Road to a town road and repaving it and lowering the speed limit to 35, if they can do for Jetton Road, they can do it for Bethel Church!!!!!"

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Time to move

"I have the perfect solution to the Exit 28 DDI and I77 toll lane problems: I'm moving to Dilworth, hooray!"

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No turn on red might work

ON RED "A simple fix to ease some of the pain on

West Catawba at Exit 28 would be installing a "No Turn On Red" policy for traffic coming north on Liverpool Parkway."

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Letters to the Editor



Re: Cornelius a wine region unto itself (August edition)

I love how you shed light onto the wine community in Cornelius. There really are some great places locally to experience the passion for wine! I also loved the cover!

Jayne Lemke
Lake Norman Winery

Re: Dee Gilroy: A passionate warrior in her own right (August edition)

I really enjoyed reading the August Issue of Cornelius Today. It is wonderful to learn about the well-established wine community in Cornelius. As a subscriber to Wine Enthusiast Magazine for many years, I had no idea that we have our very own Lake Norman Wine Enthusiasts club run by Sandy AcAlpine. This is just the exciting type of initiative that we all need to learn about. My husband and I are also very strong supporters of The Wine Cellar and Alton's Kitchen.

Also, I had no idea that Carla Hord was such a fantastic cook! I am really excited about using her lasagna recipe. I met Carla years ago when we both volunteered for a Father/Daughter dance at Cornelius Elementary. She is a beautiful



person both inside and out!

Finally, I really want to thank you for shedding light on my own passion to support and honor our wounded soldiers. I am working on creating a fundraising event and showing the Hornet's Nest documentary here in Cornelius.

Diane "Dee" Gilroy
Torrence chapel Road

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