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Tate's parting words hold weight

By Brittney Lofthouse

The November meeting of the Macon County Board of Commissioners marked the last meeting for Commissioner James Tate. Tate was appointed to fill a

seat left vacant by Brian McClellan and then was re-elected to serve a total of 11 years representing District 1 on the board of commissioners. After reflecting on his ten-

ure serving the citizens of Macon County, Tate offered advice for incoming commissioners in the form of a "top 10" list. Tate's Top 10 Pieces of Ad-
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Extended sidewalks are in Highlands' future

At the Thursday, Nov. 17 Town Board meeting, the NC 106 sidewalk and the Master Sidewalk Plan were up front and center.

At the September Town Board meeting, Mayor Pat Taylor told the board that an anonymous donor had offered to pay for the construction of a sidewalk on NC 106 from Highlands Plaza to Cobb Road.

With that in mind, Stillwell Engineering was asked to supply a "design and construction cost estimate."

Though commissioners weren't ready to sign off on a complete and comprehensive cost estimate which would in-
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Town Lighting is Saturday!



Light Up the Town is Sat., Nov. 26 from 6-8 p.m. in K-H Founders Park. The program includes live music and carols led by Silly Ridge, a reading of the Christmas story and then Santa arrives atop a firetruck to usher in the lighting of the park and Main Street. - Photo by Jim Lewicki

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Cashiers Collaborative plans for future growth

By Kristin Fox

President Abraham Lincoln once said: "The best way to predict the future is to create it yourself." Like other areas of Western North Carolina, facing growth and change is certain for Cashiers. Rather than growing by default, the Cashiers community has taken steps to control future growth making the choice "to create" or grow by design.

At the recent work session of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners, representatives from Cashiers gave the board an update on the Cashiers Community Collaborative, created upon the recommendation of the Urban Land Institute Advisory Services Panel. Stephanie Edwards, Executive Director, and Glenn Ubertino, President, of the Ca-
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HS Varsity Swim Team starts '22-'23 season with outstanding performances

By Steve Hott

Head Coach HS Swim Teams On Saturday, November 19 the Highlands High School Varsity Swim Team started their 2022-23 season with outstanding performances in a 6 team meet in

Franklin. With only 5 boy swimmers (4 Junior Olympians) and 1 girl swimmer (a Junior Olympian) the Highlands boys finished 2nd and the girls 5th against much larger schools.
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• MAYOR ON DUTY •

The Big Apple or Highlands?

On a plane coming back from a long weekend in New York City, I wrote down my insights from my visit there. As Highlands' Mayor, I always get ideas on how we can operate our town by visiting other cities. New York, arguably the greatest city in the world, is no exception.



Highlands Mayor
Patrick Taylor

The Big Apple gave me several insights for transforming Highlands into a great city. Please endure my thoughts for a moment. After reading this piece you may think a travel ban on this Mayor is in order.

First, Highlands might need to improve the way we pick up trash in the downtown area. Maybe we have too much of a "tidy cat" perspective with all those bear proof street cans and roll carts. Let's do it like New Yorkers and have businesses just pile up the bags of trash on the sidewalks just before evening closings. We could then have a night sanitation crew pickup downtown between 9 pm to midnight. I would insist requiring only black trash bags which would minimize their presence to our tourists staying in hotels and patronizing restaurants.

We also need to consider adopting the

New York traffic, pedestrian, and sidewalk plan. Do we really need traffic lights and crosswalks? Cars have horns and people have loud voices, so like in New York, everyone could kind of work out their own mobility plan. And we need to stop worrying about parking. Let's do like New Yorkers and just park anywhere. It would foster a great towing industry in Highlands!

I also have a solution to the housing and hotel problem. Manhattan is a landlocked island. Highlands is landlocked too, surrounded by that pesky US Forest Service land. Let's do what New York did: go up! That 35-foot building height limitation could be changed. Just add a zero to the 35! Allowing 350-foot-tall buildings in downtown would solve a multitude of problems. We could create parking garages, workforce housing, STR condos and unlimited hotel rooms and restaurants. The only regulation I would want would be no building could be taller than Satulah Mountain. Absolutely, we couldn't compromise the view.

Highlands could add tables to downtown restaurants like New York by adding hut like structures with tables or bars in parking areas fronting the restaurants. For more lighting downtown we could allow those huge video screens that now cover Times Square.

Finally, in emulating New York, Highlands needs more arts venues. Just having the Bascom, the PAC and the Playhouse just isn't enough. We need art galleries everywhere and theaters on almost every corner. Those virtual Saturday opera broadcasts by the PAC could be replaced with our own Highlands Opera Company. We would also need to create the Highlands Philharmonic Orchestra.

We have to start thinking big and bigger! Or do we? On this holiday weekend maybe we should be thankful for Highlands, the way it has been, the way it is now, and the way it will be in the future, a small mountain village with wonderful people, businesses, and community organizations all residing within a unique mountain landscape.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving while being in a great place to live.

• HIC'S VIEW •



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I often tell my clients purchasing or selling real estate is a bit like a roller coaster ride. Along the way there are sharp curves, steep inclines or declines, blood pumping excitement, sometimes fear and often a highly anticipated ending.

Like most real estate professionals, I can tell countless stories of how “exciting” things happen just before closing such as discovering a seller’s drain field is on another person’s property or a plumbing break a few hours before a final walkthrough. Although the plumbing leak wasn’t preventable and no county records existed to show where the drain field was located, as a seller you can avoid some of the ups and downs of the sales process, especially when it comes to the home inspection.

A prelisting home inspection, performed by a licensed home inspector, can identify needed maintenance items as well as any major defects only a professional may uncover. Pressure always builds during the inspection period and it’s best to be aware of any potential “deal breakers” ahead of time. This gives you, the seller, the opportunity to research the best remedy for the defect



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without a looming due diligence date and potentially having a buyer walk away.

A home inspection walk-through your home and property with a keen eye to identify any areas that need attention. Simply cleaning gutters, removing leaf litter from the roof, cleaning or pressure washing decks and walkways, trimming shrubs, having the HVAC checked and serviced, repairing minor plumbing leaks, replacing burned light bulbs and adjusting windows and doors to open and close properly are all minor maintenance items and can help keep the home inspection report to a minimum.

Another way to keep the sales process running smoothly is by removing furniture, art and other items of value you don’t intend to sell with the home. Countless negotiations have taken place regarding

items included in an offer-to-purchase that the seller intends to retain. Keep in mind you’re moving, so go ahead and get those items out of the home if possible.

On occasion the actual closing date can present a logistics challenge. During one of my transactions a seller moved to Belize while the other seller remained in the states. Much research uncovered the difficulty with getting US closing documents translated and notarized in Belize. Ultimately, we realized the seller flying back to NC was the best way to keep the closing on schedule. When negotiating an offer to purchase, discussing travel or moving plans with your agent can often alleviate problems and keep crucial dates on track.

Now I can’t guarantee following my advice will prevent any surprises along the way but I can say the surprises are one of the things I love about being a real estate professional. Using my past experience, along with trusted mentors, helps me steady the course for my clients when the roller coaster seems ready to derail!

And last, at this time of Thanksgiving I would like to express my gratitude to all my clients who have put their trust in me to help them purchase or sell their mountain homes and land. I’ve been truly blessed with the most kind and wonderful clients! I’m also very grateful to everyone at Berkshire Hathaway Home Services Meadows Mountain Realty for all their support throughout this year. Most of all I’m grateful to my family and friends for their understanding in dealing with this real estate roller coaster ride I love so much. May you each have a blessed Thanksgiving!

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clude a conceptual design phase and the project design for \$175,000, it did sign off on the Preliminary Engineering Report for \$15,000.

At Thursday night’s meeting Alec Stillwell with Stillwell Engineering presented the report explaining what constructing a sidewalk on the right side of the road traveling north toward Highlands on NC 106 would entail.

He presented two scenarios.

For Project A the majority of the sidewalk would run on the right side of the road (traveling north to Highlands) but where there are environmental concerns – at OEI’s Mitchell’s Lodge property and at

Shelby Place – cross walks would direct people to the left side of the road until they could move back onto the right side again via crosswalks. That would cost \$1,477,290.

However, Stillwell expressed safety concerns about the crosswalk scenario due to the speed and number of vehicles on the road.

“In terms of safety, if the sidewalk is constructed with the crosswalks, [Project A] it’s recommended that the town investigate petitioning NCDOT to reduce the speed limit along the route and possibly incorporate road signage informing motorists of pedestrians present,” he said.

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shiers Area Chamber represented Cashiers with the update to the board. Ubertino also serves as the Chair for the Cashiers Area Community Planning Council and the Cashiers Community Collaborative.

Sponsored by the Cashiers Area Chamber, the ULI Panel began their work in Cashiers in February by conducting in-person interviews and meetings with local residents, business owners and other Cashiers stakeholders. The program brought nationally-recognized professionals to Cashiers for an unbiased, expert analysis of local planning and development opportunities and challenges.

The mission of the ULI Panel is to provide leadership in the responsible use of land and in creating and sustaining thriving communities worldwide. The advisory services program conducts panels on a variety of real estate and land use subjects providing independent objective, candid advice on important land use and real estate issues.

"It was a privilege to meet so many people who care about the health and character of their community," said ULI Panel Chair Ed McMahon. "Going forward, the real question for the Cashiers area is not whether it will grow and change, but how. Progress does not demand degraded surroundings. With high standards and a dedicated citizenry, Cashiers can grow without losing the places and characteristics that people love."

In May 2021, the ULI Advisory Services Panel released their final report on Cashiers. The panel made five major recommendations: (1) Create a long-term conservation plan to permanently protect critical natural areas, steep slopes, green spaces and scenic views; (2) Build a robust network of pathways, trails, and sidewalks to promote walkability within the village core; (3) Work with state and county government to accelerate construction of critical infrastructure, including transportation, broadband, water and sewer; (4) Create an organization focused on bringing in more diverse housing (both for sale and rental) to address critical workforce housing needs; and (5) Work proactively with major landowners to ensure development respects local values and community character in scale, design and architecture.

Following the panel's recommendation, the Cashiers Community Collaborative was created. The primary mission of the collaborative is to build affordable housing and mixed-use development, and its secondary mission is to coordinate the specific infrastructure projects identified by the other organizations. The collaborative is a nonprofit community development corporation created to identify and manage funding options for the purchase and lease of diverse products in an expanded housing market. Building attainable housing and promoting mixed-use development will help to address the critical workforce needs in Cashiers.

The purpose of the collaborative is not to duplicate the efforts of the many not-for-profit and quasi-governmental entities in Cashiers and Jackson County, but rather to build affordable mixed-income and mixed-use projects. The Village Green, the Summit Charter School, the Boys and Girls Club, the library, and other community initiatives

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Books and bookshops and writers, oh my!

What is it about books about bookshops? Or books or both? Does it qualify as an addiction that when I see one, I can't resist bringing it home? Am I drawn to them because I love shopping in small, quirky, indie bookshops? Or is it because there's a quaint village bookshop in my Dickens & Christie mystery series?

Whatever the reason, I must admit

that I'm looking forward to visiting Shakespeare & Company in Highlands because it ticks all my boxes for a place where I can spend hours. And I'm especially looking forward to being there on December 3 after the Christmas parade when I'll be signing my books — and no doubt, finding others I can't resist. Please stop by to say hello and enjoy a bit of holiday cheer.

Now, back to books about bookshops.

Not all of them are engaging, witty, and informative, but these three are.

The Mayfair Bookshop

by Eliza Knight

This is the second book I've read that shifts between the story of Nancy Mitford and that of a modern-day character who is visiting the Heywood Hill bookshop in London where Nancy worked during WWII. The first was *The Bookseller's Secret*.

This time, curator Lucy St. Clair is in search of books for a client's library and is also seeking the answer to a family mystery involving Nancy Mitford.

This book added additional detail to what I'd learned about Mitford's life in the earlier book, and I was fascinated by all of it. The two tales are carefully intertwined and the mystery is satisfactorily resolved. All in all, a delightful read, one I highly recommend.

The Lost for Words Bookshop

by Stephanie Butland

Another book set in a bookshop? Of course, I loved it. Yes, I reveled in the books mentioned, but I was also fascinated by the main characters — Loveday, Nathan, and Archie. Loveday, whose story it is, has



Kathy Manos Penn

worked in the Lost for Words bookshop for six years. It is a refuge, a hideaway, and her world is books—so much so that she has the first lines of novels she loves tattooed on her skin. The tale of how she slowly emerges from her shell drew me in. The why behind her personality, her need not to engage with others, is slowly revealed. Ultimately it is a story of love and loss, not only in the romantic sense but in the family sense. I predict you'll find yourself rooting

for Loveday, Nathan, and Archie as I did. I tried to savor the book, but instead, I stayed up late several nights because I couldn't put it down.

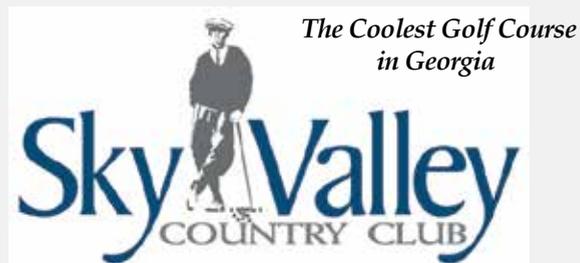
The Bar Harbor Retirement Home for Famous Writers (and Their Muses)

by Terri-Lynne DeFino

I loved this book for its tale of writers, the writing process, and more! I expected it to be a cozy mystery, perhaps along the lines of the "Thursday Murder Club." Silly for me to think one retirement home would be like another. A cozy mystery it is not! If you don't care for sex and cursing, this is not the book for you, but if you want a view into writers' lives, you'll be fascinated. It's a "... whimsical, moving novel about a retirement home for literary legends who spar, conjure up new stories, and almost magically change the lives of the people around them." As an author, I treasured insights into the writing process. When one writer comments, "You made him Polish?" and hears back, "It just happened. Surprised the hell out of me too," I laughed aloud. It confirmed for me that I'm not the only one who doesn't always know where my work is headed. Things DO just spring to mind. It's a beautifully written story that has stayed with me even as I've moved on to other books. I highly recommend it.

Now, I must turn my attention to writing my next book. I wonder what surprises my characters will have in store for me as the story unfolds.

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• HOSPITAL NEWS •

Gratitude for community, providers, and HCA Healthcare

As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday this year after spending the last few holiday seasons in isolation or fear due to the COVID-19 pandemic, I am grateful to experience the renewal of a few simple pleasures — sharing a meal with family and friends, being engaged with the outside world in a different way, and facing the holidays and the world vaccinated and boosted against the virus.

When I consider what I'm especially thankful for with regard to Highlands-Cashiers Hospital (HCH) and Eckerd Living Center (ELC), the first word that comes to mind is "investment." We are very fortunate to be in a position of strength thanks to being part of HCA Healthcare, and looking toward a bright future, thanks to your support.

As a hospital and nursing home, we, in turn, invest in the many areas that enhance our place as the premier healthcare provider in the region. We can provide the best care to the community when our staff is highly trained and deeply committed to our patients and their families, when our facility is state-of-the-art, and when we're deeply engaged with our community.

The most important investment is in our people. I've noted this in the past, but it bears repeating that HCH can be outfitted with the best of everything, but without caring, dedicated, and highly engaged providers and staff, we're merely a building. We have an incredible culture that has driven our hospital to the top of HCA for service and quality, and our nursing home to a 5-Star status. That being said, it is well known that healthcare workers struggled during the pandemic, with many choosing to retire or leave for other professions in a national phenomenon that has become known as the "great resignation." We have felt this as well. To this end, we have made significant investments in our people.

Recently, Mission Health invested tens of millions of dollars in pay increases to address pay issues driven by the market changes and inflation. This was much needed and appreciated by our staff. I'm also happy to share about our Nurse Aide Training Program, where students receive paid training



**Tom Neal CEO, CNO
Highlands-Cashiers
Hospital**

to complete their Nurse's Aide credential or Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA). A CNA is a very rewarding job and a great first step in the healthcare profession. Mission Health and HCA have also made significant investments in local nursing schools to support expansion of their programs, support of MAHEC to educate our next generation of doctors, or the exciting announcement of HCA opening Galen School of Nursing, WNC's newest nursing school. It's encouraging to

be able to provide opportunities like this to the community, and that HCH and our patients ultimately benefit so much from these programs today and for generations to come.

Other examples of investments include capital improvements. If you have been on our campus, it wouldn't be surprising to see construction teams at work making facility improvements, like upgrades to our electrical power system, air handler and boiler replacements, and elevator modernization. We have also purchased new equipment to assure our community receives care with the most up-to-date medical technology, from 3D mammography to major surgical suite renovations and updates. These investments assure our providers can care for patients efficiently, safely, and compassionately.

I am especially thankful to have reopened our surgical services this year after being closed for more than 10 years. This accomplishment was a result of significant human and financial investments.

A team supported by HCA experts spent months planning and assuring our surgery suites were equipped to provide the best care possible and comply with the multitude of regulatory standards.

We purchased new instruments for performing laparoscopic surgery, new anesthesia units, and enhanced medication dispensing to highlight some of the new equipment purchased. However, this is all meaningless without surgeons.

Our new general surgeon is Dr. Zach Phillips, who is enabling HCH to offer general surgery, and colonoscopies started be-

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Thanksgiving was declared a national Holiday by President Abraham Lincoln in 1863 during the American Civil War. He proclaimed it to be a day of "Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who

dwelted in the Heavens."

Of course, the first Thanksgiving was celebrated by the pilgrims after their first harvest in the New World in 1621. It was attended by 90 Native Americans and 53 Pilgrims. It was a day of prayer and thanking God.

Some notable Thanksgiving quotations:

"When I started counting my blessings, my whole life turned around"

– Willy Nelson

"Be thankful for what you have, you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never have enough."

"The greatest source of happiness is the ability to be grateful at all times"

– Zig Ziglar

In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning



Kenny Youmans

you
– *First Thessalonians 5-18:*

And a poem for fun.

"I like the taste of turkey
Anytime throughout the
year

But it never seems to
taste as good

As when Thanksgiving
is here.

Could it be it's cooked
with all the trimmings

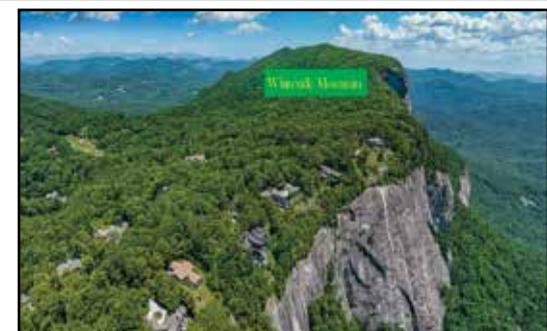
That are cooked with it
to eat?

But I think it's eating at Grandma's
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That makes it such a treat.

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ing performed in September. We also will be welcoming Dr. Mark Moriarty, who will be providing orthopedic surgery in the near future.

I'm particularly happy that we've been able to welcome several accomplished providers to the Plateau, including Physi-

cian Assistant Allyson Litchfield, PA-C and Dr. Kate Shattenkirk who are providing primary care services in Cashiers, and Dr. Kristy Fincher, primary care physician at Blue Ridge Health Highlands. Access to great primary care providers is one of the most important resources in the healthcare system.

I also want to give thanks to one of our greatest assets: community members who entrust us with caring for themselves and their families, and every HCH and ELC team member who makes our patients' hospital experiences exceptional. It bears repeating that I arrived as the pandemic started and spent most of my first days here isolated and behind a mask. I came to know many of you during the vaccine initiative last year. I could not have been more impressed with the support our community put forward to create a volunteer group that became a role model for community vaccination. Many of these volunteers have stepped up to continue to support the hospital or support the community in other volunteer efforts. I thank all of you for the support of our hospital and nursing home. We would not be here if it were not for your

• See HOSPITAL page 27

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Pictured from left are Sophomore Finneaus Garner, Freshmen Paolo McRae, and Aniah McKin, Head Coach Steve Hott, Freshmen Conner Hughes and Tate Wilson.

The fearsome foursome of Junior Olympian boys Sophomore Finneaus Garner, and freshmen Aniah McKim, Conner Hughes, and Paolo McCrae won the 200-medley relay, the 200 freestyle relay and the 400 freestyle relay qualifying in each one for regionals in February at their 1st try. Franklin finished 2nd in each race.

Garner won the 50 free, and McKim finished 2nd in the 100 breaststroke, both qualifying in their 4th event for regionals, the maximum number allowed per person to enter.

Junior Olympian Tate Wilson won the 500 yard freestyle (more than a 1/4 mile swim) and finished 3rd in the 50 free.

Hughes and McRae finished 2nd and 3rd in the 100 free. These 4 were all consideration regional times.

Out of 11 boys events, Highlands entered only 6 events because of the small team size and won 4. The girls team could only enter 2 and won 1 of those.

Also swimming well for Highlands in the 50 and 100 freestyle was freshman Jesus Mendoza-Tentle in his first-ever swim meet.

The other 5 teams were: Franklin High School, Smoky Mountain High School, Tri-County Early College, Murphy High School, and Andrews.

The next meet for the team is December 10 in Murphy, NC.

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Newly renovated and updated, this house is in a quiet neighborhood no more than 12 minutes from downtown Highlands and very close to National Forest land. With a great open living/dining and kitchen area on the main level and two bedrooms on the upper level and two on the lower level this is a great home for a large family or a rental. A large covered deck and fireplace, perfect for outdoor entertaining and another deck overlooks a small creek which can be turned into a pond. Offered at \$750,000. mls #101154



The only currently available unit at VZTop, this is a wonderful opportunity to be able to purchase this fully renovated 2 bedroom, 2 bath move in condition townhouse style VZTop condo. This unit is located adjacent to the common areas for privacy and convenience to the park and croquet lawn. Open Greatroom with high ceilings, fireplace, custom kitchen and a porch to enjoy the outside. Lovely view and waiting for you! Offered at \$599,000. mls #101153



Located only 4 blocks from Main Street, this 2 bedroom, 1 bath cottage is compact but will be an entry into Highlands. low maintenance and lock and leave. Well maintained. Offered at \$429,000. mls #100532



Highlands Cove at Old Edwards Club This lovely condo features easy access directly Off of Highlands Cove Drive and is close to the clubhouse, swimming, tennis courts, and Golf course. Three bedrooms, three baths, all on the main level, Coffered High ceilings, move in condition. Lovely decks and porches to enjoy the cool summer air. Furnishings are negotiable. Offered at \$1,150,000. mls #101007



2 Bedroom 2 bath with loft. Located on Buck Creek Road. Main level living with additional loft area. Stone, wood burning fireplace in the living room. Private setting with just over 3 acres of land. Additional workshop. Offered at \$450,000. mls #100577



Great view in town from this 3BD 3/12 BA home newly renovated. Open kitchen/living/dining room with gas fireplace, covered front porch with stone wood burning fireplace, and powder room. Main level suite has a full bath, walk-in closet and private deck. Downstairs has two suites, one with a separate kitchenette. Covered parking space. Priced to sell at \$999,000. mls #98526



Close to town with fenced yard and single garage. Two bedrooms, two bath cottage, with extra room, for office, den or extra sleeping. Kitchen has new tile floor all appliances and large laundry room. Whole house has been freshly painted inside, with dining room, living room, two nice bedrooms and two full baths. Covered front porch and open back deck. Fenced in back yard along with single garage, All for only \$649,000. mls #99025



Located on Laurel Street in downtown Highlands. Conveniently located within walking distance to everything! This great property has a 3BR/2BA doublewide manufactured home in good condition with a large level backyard. Eat-in kitchen open to the spacious family room. Master bedroom has full bath and walk-in closet. Located adjacent to the Performing Arts Center. A great investment property. Live in the home or rent it out. A great opportunity awaits!! Call your Realtor today. Offered at \$450,000. mls #100737



2br/3bath cottage renovation. This tastefully decorated home is being sold mostly furnished. The main level has all wood floors and vaulted beadboard ceilings, 2 fireplaces and a whole house generator. The large fully outfitted deck looks over a pretty moss yard. Enjoy the babbling creek. Nicely finished bonus area downstairs with a bath and sitting room has a private entry from outside. The house has a STR history both as a whole house and as separate units. Offered for \$545,000. MLS# 100962



This lovely home is move in condition. Only 4 years old and fully renovated last year into cutting edge design condition. 3BD/3BA Big Chill appliances, new cabinetry, and quartz tops. Greatroom has doors that connect to an outdoor Carolina Room with an artisan stone fireplace. Master on the main level, with a huge bath. 2 guest suites upstairs, plus an office nook. Carport, low maintenance, well landscaped yard. Offered at \$1,995,000. mls #101172



Great Family home has flat grassy spaces and lovely outdoor entertaining areas. View of Shortoff mountain from the historic outdoor fireplace. 3-4 Bedrooms, 3 baths, office, 2-car garage and carport. Move in condition. Offered at \$1,174,000. mls #97458



Located very close to town is this 2BD 2BA home with cathedral ceilings in living room and additional sunroom. There is a large open deck that faces 10 acres of protected common area. This is a great starter home waiting for you to decorate with your own finishes and tastes. Offered at \$675,000. mls #98663



Cute cottage with curb appeal on corner of Billy Cabin and Hicks Road. This 2BR/2BA vacation rental has deeded Mirror Lake access across Hicks Road. Includes town water, sewer and garbage pickup. Recently renovated. Full unfinished basement plumbed for 3rd bath. Sold furnished with few exceptions. Single car garage and paved circular driveway. Completely fenced backyard. Offered at \$995,000. mls #101169



This home is over 100 years old and is ready to be brought back to the condition it deserves. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath plus an office. close to town and great location, walk to great food. nice usable yard. Offered at \$1,300,000. mls #100745

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are successful examples of a spirit and willingness to invest in the community.

“We look forward to working with community stakeholders in the future to ensure we address inevitable growth with proactive strategies that, as the ULI Panel advises, ‘ensures the qualities that have made Cashiers special will not be diminished,’” said Ubertino.

In June, the first Cashier Community Collaborative organizational meeting was held with representation of the Cashiers Area Community Planning Council, Chamber Board, Cashiers Historical Society, Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust, Develop Cashiers Responsibly and Vision Cashiers. Priorities were established so that financial and other assistance from local, state and federal governments and other funding sources will be solicited in a unified manner to avoid biased competition. Additional stakeholders and supporters will be invited to participate in the initiative as plan details develop.

“Our purpose of this group is to be unified in our efforts particularly as it relates to funding and community projects,” said Edwards. “We agreed early on the plans should be well coordinated as we move forward. We hope to eliminate competing or confusing priorities especially when coming before the board.

The collaborative will provide periodic updates publicly via email, media outlets and presented at monthly Cashiers planning council meeting typically held on the fourth Monday at 5:00 p.m. at the Albert Carlton Cashiers Community Library. For more information, see Jackson County Planning Department jacksonnc.org.

A digital version of the ULI Advisory Services Panel – Cashiers NC publication is available at www.CashiersAreaChamber.com.

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• ESL classes are held at the Presbyterian Church in Highlands from 5:30-6:30pm. No registration required – just show up and participate. Questions? Visit www.maconncliteracy.org, call 828-526 – 0863 or email info@maconncliteracy.org

Second Mondays

• The local chapter of PEO, an off-campus sorority founded in the 1800s that provides grants and loans to women with financial need who want to return to

school or further their education meets at 10 a.m. More meeting places call president Paula McDonald at 706-372-3004

1st Tuesdays

• Indivisible Highlands from 5-6:30 pm at the Hudson Library.

2nd Tuesdays

• Highlands Writers Group meets on alternate Tuesday afternoons at 3pm. Writers still uncomfortable with in-person gatherings may participate via Zoom meetings held on the second or third Tuesday of each month at 3pm. Members receive weekly notification regarding when and how the group will assemble. For more information contact Bud Katz at either 828-526-3190 or at budandlynn@me.com

Tuesdays

• Strength Training 8:15-9:15am. Aim for strong, lean muscles using light weights, body weight, and high repetition to shape and tone.

Mon-Fri

• Water Aerobics 18 years plus 10-11am. Contact the Recreation Department at 828-526-3556 for more information.

• Pickle Ball inside and outside. 10am-1pm, everyone is welcome so come out and enjoy a game of Pickle Ball.

Mon., Tues., Thurs.

• The Food Pantry behind the Methodist Church on Spring Street is open from 10a to 6p.

Mon. & Wed.

• New Mobility Class with Anna Norton It's all about movement. 5:30-6:30pm and Wednesday 6:45-7:45. For more information, call Anna 267-825-0716.

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Saturdays in December

• Santa in the Park in Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park. Santa will appear in the park each Saturday to hear wishes from children of all ages. He will also periodically stop by to retrieve letters placed in a special mailbox in the park.

2nd Saturdays

• The Western North Carolina Woodturners Club meets in Highlands at The Bascom at 10 a.m. March thru November.

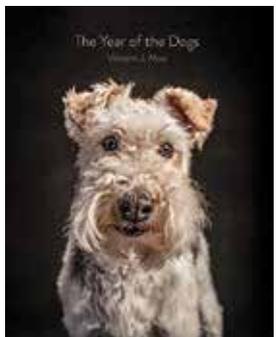
3rd Saturdays

• The American Legion Post 370 meets at the First Methodist Church at 315 Main Street in their Community Room/909 Chapel. We serve breakfast at 9am and hold our monthly meeting at 10am. We invite ALL Veterans to attend. Contact Ed McCloskey, Commander for any information @828-787-1660.

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• At The Bascom on the Terrance, Holiday Arts & Crafts Show 10 am – 4 pm.

Fri.-Sat., Nov. 25-26

• Christmas on The Village Green in Cashiers. Cashiers Mistletoe Market, features artisan vendors with a unique assortment of handcrafted Christmas gifts and decorations 10a-5p. Friday and Saturday. Santa will be hearing wishes from 2-5p on Friday in the Lewis Hall. Appointment slots for Santa visits are available on The Village Green website and a \$5 per child donation is suggested at the door. Christmas Tree lighting ceremony 3:20-6:30p on Friday at the Gazebo near the crossroads.

Fri. & Sat., Nov. 25-26

• The 2022 Cashiers Festival of Trees at Summit Charter School will open on Friday, at the Summit Center at 370 Mitten Lane, Cashiers, NC, 28717. The festive fundraiser – accessible both in-person and virtually – will run through. Doors are open 10a to 5p. when a nonprofit decorates a tree or wreath, 80% of the item's sale will go back to the participating organization, creating a collaborative initiative to benefit fellow charities.

• At the Highlands Performing Arts Center, Masters of Soul at 7:30p. For more information call 828-526-9047.

Sat., Nov. 26

• Public OPEN HOUSE at The Sanctuary on 1st noon to

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• Light Up the Park from 6 to 8 p.m. in Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park. Gather in the park to enjoy treats and a program that includes live music and carols led by Silly Ridge, a display of children's artwork and a reading of the Christmas story. Then, Santa arrives atop a firetruck to usher in the lighting of the park and Main St. Ice skating and photo-op fun.

Fri., Dec. 2

• At the Highlands Performing Arts Center, Great Art on Screen. Venice: Infinitely Avant Garde at 5:30p. For info call 828-526-9047.

Sat., Dec. 3

• Highlands Christmas Parade from 10:30 a.m. to Noon along Main St. Marching bands, llamas and camels, creative floats and – of course – Santa Claus as part of this longtime tradition. .

• At Shakespeare & Co in Village Square on Oak and 5th streets, meet author of the The Dickens & Christie Cozy Mystery Series Kathy Penn after the parade from 12:30-3:30p.

• Christmas Carol Sing at Highlands First Presbyterian Church at 2pm on Saturday, after the Highlands Christmas Parade. Stell Huie will be the song leader with Angie Jenkins at the piano. If you enjoy singing familiar Christmas Carols, you will definitely want to make this a part of your Christmas tradition. The church is located at the corner of Main and Fifth Streets. Handicapped accessible entrances are located on 5th and Church streets.

Sat., Dec. 10

• At the Highlands Performing Arts Center Live via Satellite Met Opera The Hours at 1p. For more information call 828-526-9047.

Dec. 16-31

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Sat., Dec. 17

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vice for the new board of Macon County Commissioners is:

1) Civil Discourse – Always have open, respectful conversations;

2) Sleep on it – Never make a rash decision – WWJD bracelet – if you can't go to sleep at night, you made the wrong decision;

3) Finances – We have proven that it is very feasible to be fiscally responsible and still have a very low tax rate – continue to keep our county financially strong, continue to keep a healthy fund balance, continue to abide by basic conservative financial principles, which in turn will reward us all greatly with an outstanding credit rating and respect.

4) Education – Continue to provide our kids the facilities and tools needed to be successful;

5) County Services – ensure that our county provides services in a friendly and efficient manner, and provide the support and staff to make it happen;

6) Safety - Keep our county safe by supporting our Sheriff's Dept and Emergency Responders with the tools they need and the pay they deserve;

7) Government – Keep an open mind, an open door and always respond. Whether you agree with someone or not, offer them the opportunity to be heard in a respectful manner;

8) Heritage and Natural Resources – Do all that you can to protect the natural beauty and history of our home so that our future generations can continue to enjoy it the way we have;

9) Drama – keep the county out of the spotlight! We are simply here to provide basic services and NOT be a distraction to our everyday lives. Do not let local government become confrontational and divide our community;

10) Please take care of our County Manager and his staff. We are known as a Gem capital, but the true jewels of our county are the people that live and work here. Polish them, look after them, take care of them, be proud of them.

Tate's advice comes at an unprecedented time for the Macon County Board of Commissioners. For the first time in the county's history, the board will be comprised of all Republicans.

In addition to being controlled by one political party, the board will also include individuals who are considerably new to

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serving in an elected capacity.

Danny Antoine and John Shearl will be fresh to the county's political scene, with their election to the board marking their first elected positions in the county. They will be joining Josh Young, who is still in his first-term on the board.

While the board will be losing Tate's 11 years of experience and Ronnie Beale's 16 years of experience on the board as Beale lost his re-election bid, the three newest members will have some experience to rely on in Commissioner Paul Higdon and Gary Shields, who have both served on the board for multiple terms.

Tate's departure from the board brings another first to the county commission as marks the first time in the county's history that the District 1 seat — commonly referred to as the Highlands District — is held by someone who does not reside specifically in Highlands.

John Shearl, who was elected to the District 1 seat has lifelong ties to the Highlands area, but resides in Elijah, which is within District 1, however outside of the Highlands town limits.

The new members of the Macon County Board of Commissioners will be sworn into office in December.

• BIZ/ORG NEWS •



Pictured are Past Rotary President Tom Graham and Jimmy Tate.

The Rotary Club of Highlands was proud to have retiring Macon County Commission Chairman Jimmy Tate as the speaker last Tuesday.

Tate and his family have a history that goes back six generations in the Goldmine Community of Highlands.

A graduate of University of Georgia in Landscape Architecture, Tate believes the best thing he got out of the UGA was meeting his wife, Allison. J

Tate started Tate Landscaping in 2002. He served 11 years on the Macon

County Commission, eight of those years as Chairman which is the longest period of chairmanship of anyone in Macon County.

Tate shared many of his accomplishments, way too many to list here, but suffice to say the importance of what he did on the Commission and as Chairman will be felt for years to come!

Tate's service to Highlands and all of Macon County is highly documented, and his absence on the commission will surely be felt.



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NOVEMBER 26



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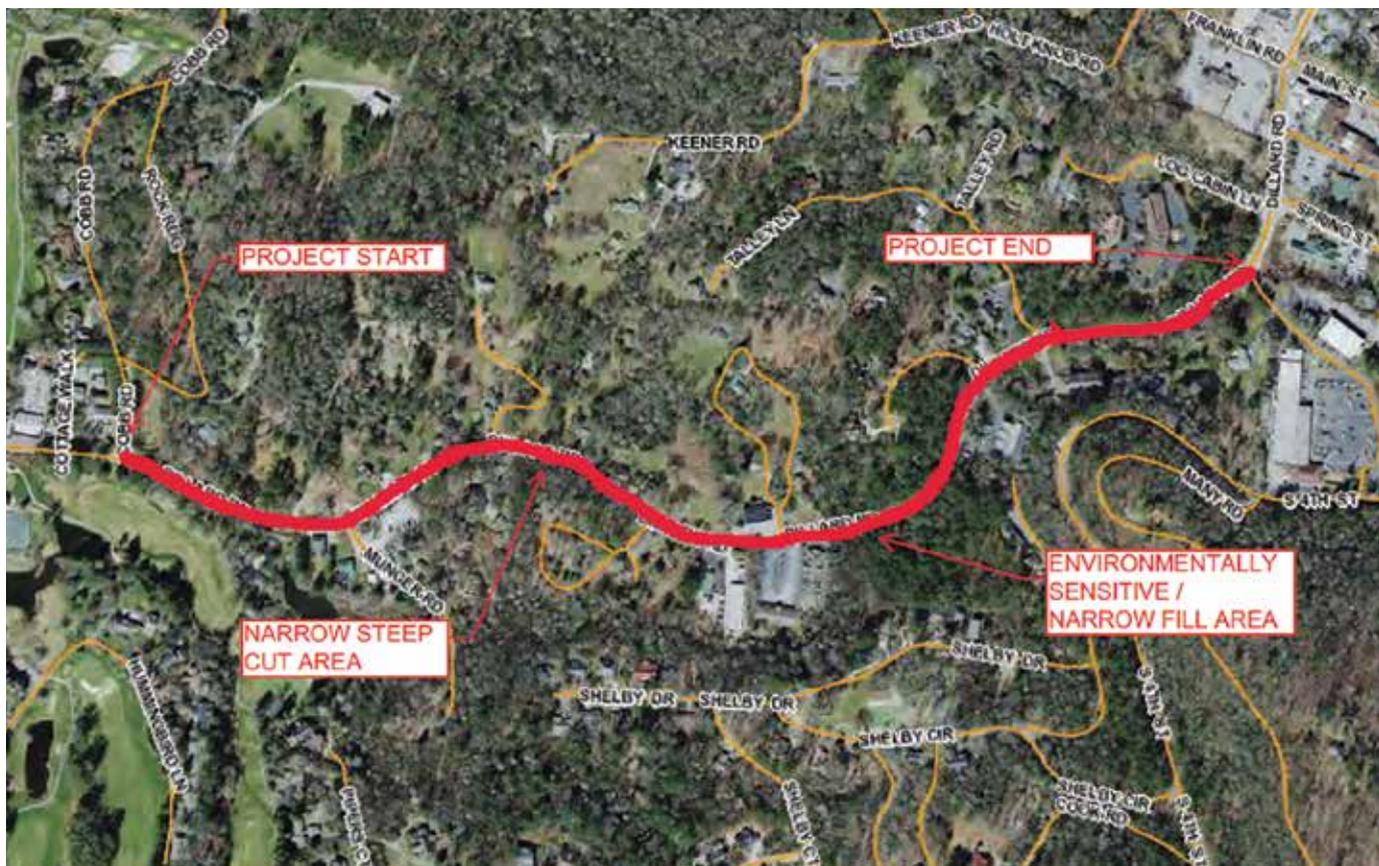
Project B would keep the entire sidewalk on the right side of the road (traveling north) and include two "greenway" walks through the environmentally sensitive areas. This would mean expansive and expensive bridge work wouldn't be needed nor would permission from the Dept. of Water Quality.

He said the "greenway" scenario would also be safer at those points as a sidewalk along those areas would be very close to NC 106, again citing speeding vehicles. That would cost \$1,524,290.

"It is possible that an assessment establishing the extent of wetlands/streams in the project area performed by an environmental consultant may conclude that all impacts fall under the Minor Impact category of environmental permitting," he said.

In addition, Stillwell said with the "greenway" options only a maximum of 150 feet of piping of Munger Creek would be needed and less than an acre would be affected so time-consuming oversight from

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• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

Have fun, but don't forget to give Thanks



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Our Thanksgiving holiday is a great day to call loved ones together for feasting and sharing time together as we catch up on what is going on in everyone's busy life. On this day we have permission to overeat, to relax and even watch football. But we also can't ignore the theme of the day: giving thanks.

Gratitude is a great medicine for our weary spirits. When we give thanks, we lift our heads from what dominates our attention to reflect on what is good and beautiful. Our spirits are lifted as we recognize what is going well in our lives, what is nurturing our lives, what is inspiring.

Gratitude opens our eyes to God's abundance. Once we see God's abundance, we are inspired to generosity, giving to others so that they can know God's goodness in their lives.

A quote from Amy Collette says, Gratitude is a powerful catalyst for happiness. It's the spark that lights a fire of joy in your soul.

On Thanksgiving Day many of us will sing the hymn, Now Thank we all our God.

This hymn has a powerful story behind it. The hymn was written by Pastor Martin Rinkhart who was a Lutheran pastor in Germany in the early 1600's during the 30 Years War. His city, Eilenberg, was a walled city, so thousands sought refuge there from the horrors of war. The resultant overcrowding caused both hunger and disease.

In 1637 three of the four pastors in town either died of plague or left, leaving Rinkhart alone to minister to this whole city. Church records show that, during the plague, Rinkhart sometimes buried 40-50 people per day. His wife also died of the plague. Rinkhart himself fell ill, but somehow, he survived. In the middle of all this death and grief, he composed the words to the hymn, Now Thank We All our God. This hymn is not a pitiful lament, as we might expect, but a joyous hymn of praise and thanksgiving.

As we face struggles, plagues and wars in our own lives, this hymn can be our prayer too as we life our hearts to God with Thanksgiving.

Now Thank We All Our God
1 Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way

• See SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING page 27

Proverbs 3:5

• PLACES TO WORSHIP •

John 3:16

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• POLICE & FIRE REPORTS •

Highlands Police entries from Nov. 10. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a summons/citation, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor or those of public officials have been used.

Nov. 10

• At 12:30 p.m., officers received a report of high pressure sales tactics promising a product to work and then not working as described and then the retailer didn't respond to the customer when called.

Nov. 15

• At 12:15 p.m., officers responded to a 2-vehicle accident on NC 28 at W. Church Street.

• At 2 p.m., officers received a report of someone duplicating \$4,500 worth of checks and depositing ten into another account.

The Highlands Fire & Rescue log from Nov. 15.

Nov. 15

• At 8:30 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a location on Half Mile Drive.

Nov. 16

• At 2:10 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Leonard Road.

• At 2:44 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a location on Church Street.

Nov. 17

• At 7:16 p.m., the dept. responded to a call of an illegal burn on Paul Walden Road.

Nov. 18

• At 8:39 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Morewood Circle.

• At 11:08 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a location on Main Street.

• At 11:19 a.m., the dept., was first-responders to a location on the Cashiers Road.

• At 12:39 p.m., the dept., responded to a fire alarm at a location on W. Church Street.

• At 1:33 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a location on the Franklin Road.

• At 3:18 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Summit Trail.

Nov. 19

• At 11:21 a.m., the dept. responded to a call of a miscellaneous fire on Wilson Gap Road.

• At 11:52 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Rich Gap Road.

Nov. 20

• At 9:11 a.m., the dept. responded to a Co2 alarm at a residence on Old Walhalla Road.

Nov. 21

• At 1:21 a.m., the dept. responded to a Co2 alarm at a residence on Galax Court.

• At 8:26 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Webb Baty Road.

• At 12:37 p.m., the dept. investigated the source of smoke in the Buck Creek area.

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support. I also want to extend an acknowledgement of the generosity that led to the creation of our beautiful hospital in such a pristine location. We wouldn't be here if it wasn't for you: Thank you!

In closing, I want to give thanks to all of the incredible people meeting the healthcare needs on the Plateau. From our doctors, nurses and clinical professionals, CNAs, to everyone who serves in our food services and environmental services departments, as well as those who fill administrative roles, who all have the same goal: I say Thank You. Your daily sacrifices make a difference in our quest to be the healthcare provider of choice for the residents of the Plateau.

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and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
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whom heaven and earth adore;
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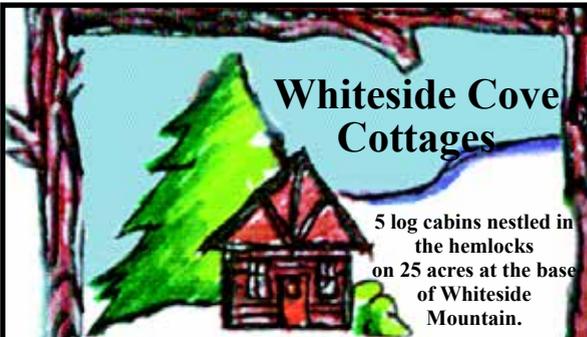
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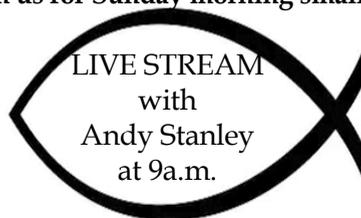
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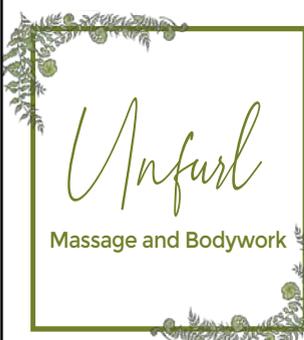
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Dept. of Water Quality (DWQ) wouldn't be needed – which could add six months to a year to the project timeline.

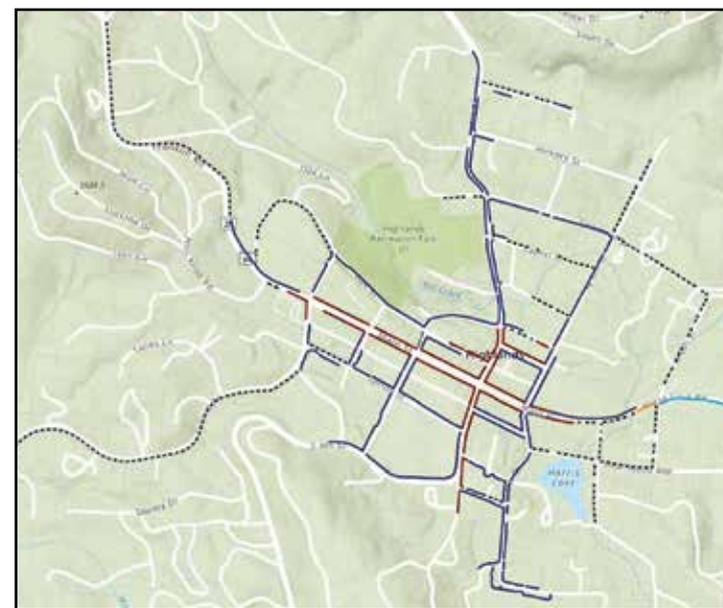
Stillwell said that the installation of the proposed sidewalk would be beneficial to both business and residential users in the area for access to and from town and could even offer access to recreational purposes via the greenway.

“To highlight a few benefits [of Project B], first, safety concerns can be alleviated by avoiding the sidewalk being in such close proximity to Dillard Road in order to contain it within the NC-DOT right-of-way in those areas [Shelby Place and OEI's Mitchells Lodge property] and secondly, less environmental impacts may be achieved by following optional greenway routes,” he said.

He recommended that the town reach out to property owners along the route, particularly the environmentally sensitive areas along Monger Creek for the optional greenway.

Commissioners voted unanimously to reach out to the Shelby Place entity and to Old Edwards Hospitality Group to see if they would be OK with the greenway “sidewalk” being on their property.

If the town gets the go ahead, with the anonymous donation, the possibility of NC DOT grant funding and the town chip-



The expanded Master Sidewalk Plan.

ping in, the project is a possibility.

Town Engineer Lamar Nix also presented an updated Master Sidewalk Plan that would extend pedestrian travel throughout the town, and down NC 106, if funding doesn't become available for that project.

There are several extensions on the plan which would all entail the standard concrete sidewalk with curb and gutter.

Those responsible for subdivision development within the new extended Master Sidewalk Plan would be required to foot the bill for the mandatory sidewalk along their property. Otherwise,

extensions would be the responsibility of the town.

New sidewalk extensions include: a sidewalk down NC 106 (if funding doesn't become available); the rest of Oak Street from 1st to US 64 west (Main Street); along US 64 west from The Bascom Bridge to Mirror Lake Road; the rest of Spring Street; Smallwood Ave. to 6th Street; 6th Street from Smallwood to Chestnut; and N. 5th from Chestnut to past Hickory Street.

Commissioners voted unanimously to accept the new Master Sidewalk Plan.

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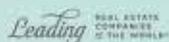


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