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Improving Quality of Life for Our Community



Hello Neighbors and Friends -

I hope this newsletter finds you safe and well. Thank you for continuing to be good neighbors to one another, and for doing your part as we work to get on the other side of COVID. Your efforts are much appreciated. As a mental healthcare provider in my other work, I was able to get my third

COVID vaccine recently. I had no difficulty and am happy to speak to anyone about my vaccine experiences. For those needing information about COVID vaccinations, the NC Department of Health and Human Services can provide you with comprehensive details at www.covid19.ncdhhs.gov.



Town Council Meeting News

September 14th - [Agenda](#) and [YouTube Video](#).

This was a relatively short meeting. We set public hearing dates for our September 28th Council meeting, and then had an opportunity to meet our recently hired Housing Programs Manager, Mr. C.J. Valenzuela. Mr. Valenzuela will work with our Housing Advisory Board (to be created soon) to further develop policy and funding recommendations to the Mayor and Council related to affordable housing in Apex.

And finally, we approved some UDO (Unified Development Ordinance) amendments to include provisions for the creation of The Housing Advisory Board. Other amendments dealt with the provision of electric vehicle charging spaces, and building aesthetics related to revised architectural standards.

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We began this meeting with an [Indigenous Peoples Day Proclamation](#) and then presentation of the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA's) Award of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to our Finance Department (Finance Officer Mr. Vance Holloman and Accounting Manager Suzanne Parmentier accepted this award).

To earn this certificate of achievement, the Town of Apex had to complete a 49 page checklist and substantially conform to the Program's strenuous criteria, which goes well beyond the minimum requirements of generally accepted accounting principles (and have its financial report reviewed by three independent reviewers). There are approximately 90,000 governmental units in the United State and less than 5% obtain this standard of excellence in financial reporting. For the 27th consecutive year, the Town's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report met the standards to receive this prestigious award. Congratulations Finance Department!

In regard to the public hearings associated with residential and commercial development, 2 of the 3 projects were approved by Council. The [Chapel Ridge Towns PUD](#), a proposed project of townhomes on approximately 22 acres along Olive Chapel Road was denied. Even though a number of conditions were offered (tree replanting, solar conduits, energy efficient lighting, contributions to affordable housing, first floor bedrooms), Mayor Pro Tem Dozier and Council Member Gantt wanted to see a more comprehensive and unique project that would include adjacent property at Chapel Ridge as well. Council Member Mahaffey was concerned about school capacity impact.

In another public hearing, a [gas/convenience store](#) was approved at 3600 Old US 1 Highway. Council agreed that the surrounding community could benefit from the services of this business.

And finally, the [Legacy PUD](#) was approved, which will be apartments along US 64 Hwy West. An appealing part of this 61

acre project is the offering to the Wake County Public School System the option to buy approximately 30 acres for a new elementary school. The school system will have up to 2 years to do their evaluation of the property to determine if they would like to purchase it for school usage. The developer also offered \$200,000.00 to the Town's affordable housing fund and \$10,000.00 to a nonprofit whose mission is tree preservation. I am pleased to see developers working with us and the school system to help address our school capacity needs.

Other Information, Community Events, and Outreach

Thank you to our local American Legion Post 124 for organizing our September 11th downtown event where we paid tribute to those who lost their lives on this day in 2001.



On September 24th, I enjoyed a virtual meeting with Jacquie Ayala, the new Director of Advocacy for Habitat of Humanity of Wake County. We had a good discussion on affordable housing issues.

Council and Staff had a great visit with our Justice Heights neighbors at West Street Park on September 27th. This was part of a community meet and greet series that we are beginning as outreach to our residents. Town Manager Crosby and Police Chief Armstrong were part of this event as well.

And finally, Council was given a tour on September 29th of our new Senior Center that will be opening soon. They are waiting for a few more details to get finished as we await the Certificate of Occupancy to be granted. This will be a fabulous addition to our community!



Photo Credit: Town of Apex





In closing, best wishes to you all in the coming month. Thank you for your persistence in helping our community be the best that it can be. Feel free to stay in touch if I can offer assistance to you.

Take care - Cheryl

[Our Vision](#)

- A community unified in the stewardship of our small town charm, natural environment, and a future where all succeed.

[Our Mission](#)

- Provide exceptional public service that cultivates opportunity for the individual and community to live, thrive, and reach their peak.

[Strategic Goals](#)

- High Performing Government
- Healthy & Engaged Community
- Environment Leadership & Responsible Development
- Economic Vitality
- Safe Community with Reliable Infrastructure

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