



Trinity CONNECTION

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Meet Mayor Fran Andrews

In November, 2005, Trinity voters elected Fran Andrews as their first woman mayor. Mayor Andrews is a long-time resident of the City. She was instrumental in forming the Trinity Historic Preservation Society in 1998 and served as President until 2005. She still oversees operations of the Society's museum. Mayor Andrews helped organize Friends of Trinity, the civic group that manage the Farmers Market and Independence Day celebration, and developed Trinity Community Park. Mayor Andrews' goals for Trinity include encouraging controlled residential growth, expanding the City's industrial base and providing sewer service to all residents as soon as possible. Mayor Andrews' vision for Trinity is a big town look with a small town atmosphere.

Good Neighbors

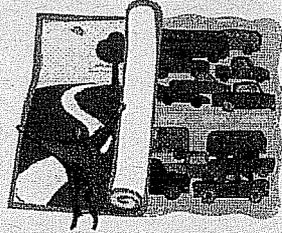
Tall grass, weeds, and piles of trash and debris are violations of City ordinances. Please be a good neighbor and help keep our community clean, safe, and attractive.

Serve your City

Volunteers are needed to stuff envelopes, assist with special events, and do minor repairs at City Hall. Please call 431-2841 to lend a hand.

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Land Development Plan

Public Review & Comment

- Thurs. June 8, 2006
- 7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.
- Trinity Memorial United Methodist Church, 7140 NC Hwy. 62.
- Information: 431-2841

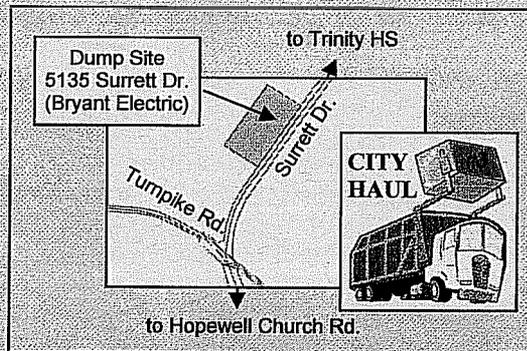
Your ideas and suggestions are important. Come to the meeting and help make this a better plan!

Plan for the Future

The Trinity Land Development Plan Advisory Committee invites you to a citywide meeting to review and comment on the draft plan for development in Trinity.

The committee has worked hard to draft a plan that will guide future growth and development in our City. The group has gathered, mapped, studied, and discussed a wide range of facts and values. It's time to share what they have learned and accomplished with the rest of the community. This meeting provides an opportunity for residents to learn about the proposed plan and to share ideas and suggestions for making it a better plan!

Issues and concerns identified at the meeting will affect where we live, where we work, and the future quality of life for all Trinity residents. The results of this meeting will guide the revision and adoption of the land development plan, and ultimately the management of the City's growth and development.



CITY HAUL makes clean-up easy by bringing the landfill to you. Trinity's popular citywide clean-up is set for early May. Mark your calendar to get rid of all the stuff that's cluttering your home and property by disposing of the junk in City provided dumpsters. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to help keep our community clean and green.

New this time: *Swap Shop* – Items too good to throw away may be dropped off at the site. Things such as furniture, rugs, lamps, dishes, books etc. will be given to anyone who can use them. Anything remaining on Saturday at closing will be donated to a local non-profit organization.

City Haul

What: Household trash, yard waste, wood, and junk.

When: Thurs. – Sat. May 4-6 and May 11-13. 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m. or until the dumpsters are full.

Where: Dumpsters at former Bryant Electric Bldg., 5135 Surrett Dr.

Cost: Free for Trinity residents.

What's not allowed: Tires, appliances, electronics, cans of paint (dried paint cans are OK), batteries, toxic or hazardous materials, commercial disposal.

Information: 431-2841

Pollution Threatens Local Streams and Rivers

Trinity has developed a Stormwater Management Program to comply with federal water quality regulations. The City's program includes activities to raise public awareness on the causes and impacts of stormwater pollution. In the upcoming months Trinity will develop policies and ordinances to support the City's stormwater program.

Trinity is home to the headwaters of the Uwharrie River. The headwaters are the streams and creeks that drain into the uppermost part of the Uwharrie River. The health of these small headwater streams is critical to the overall health of the watershed.

The main source of pollution that ends up in our rivers, lakes and streams comes from people. Our houses, yards, roadways and general lifestyles have a damaging effect on water bodies.

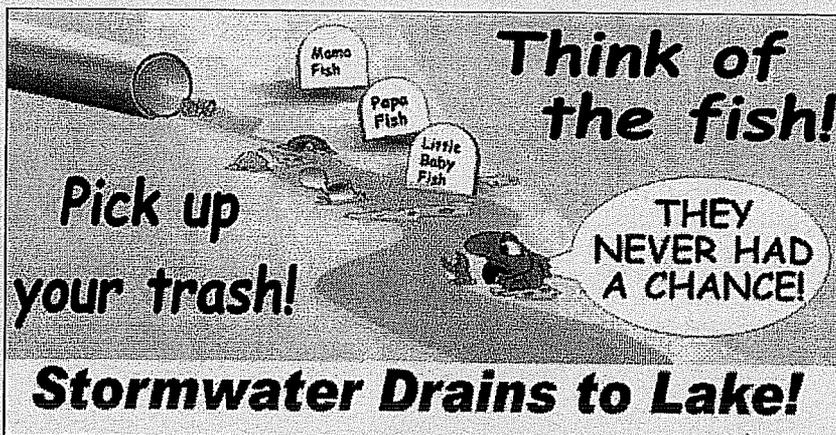
Stormwater Runoff

When rain falls on undeveloped land, most of the water infiltrates the soil and replenishes groundwater supplies. The small amount of water that makes its way to creeks and lakes is filtered and cleaned by vegetation, wetland activity and other natural methods. The natural twists and turns in a creek slow down the flow of water so sediments and pollutants have a chance to settle when the water is trapped by natural organic debris. The water is cleaned through natural processes.

These small streams are critical to

the health of the watershed. This is nature's design to collect and retain natural debris and nutrients picked up by rain. In wooded or undeveloped areas, leaves and plant material will decompose where they fall, as nature intended.

Urban and suburban development hampers the natural cleansing of stormwater. Rooftops, roads, parking lots and other impervious surfaces prevent rain water from infiltrating the soil. Instead, the water rushes over the hard surfaces and deposits leaves and yard debris



Poster Contest Winner

Kellie Jacobs, Woodlawn Middle School, Mebane NC

Here are things you can do around your home and business to keep Trinity streams, rivers, and creeks clean:

- Keep leaves and other debris off of roads and out of gutters and ditches.
- Dispose of yard waste properly.
- Compost leaves; it is an inexpensive and nutrient-rich fertilizer for your vegetable and flower gardens.
- Grasscycle! Leaving grass on the lawn after mowing does not cause thatch! The grass will act as a natural fertilizer.
- Before fertilizing, have the soil tested to determine exactly what is needed for a healthy lawn or garden
- Do not pipe sewage to a ditch or storm sewer. The untreated sewage drains directly to Trinity's streams, river and lakes.
- If you suspect septic system failure, contact the Randolph County Environmental Health Department at 819-3262.

Information on stormwater pollution impacts and water quality can be found at www.stormwatersmart.org.

If you or your organization would like:

Information on stormwater runoff pollution and water quality; to obtain volunteer training; or to schedule a speaker for your event, Please call Stormwater SMART at 336-294-4950; or email psloneker@ptcog.org.

along with dirt, oil, and trash into the storm drainage system and eventually into our water bodies.

Keeping our lawns green also contributes to the problem. Excess fertilizer, pesticides, leaves, and grass clippings are a major source of local water pollution. Nutrients from lawn fertilizer feed algae growth and decaying plant material in lakes and streams rob the water of oxygen.

Failing septic systems are also a significant threat to streams and rivers. High levels of nitrogen, phosphorous and coliform bacteria may leach into both groundwater supplies and area surface waters. These pollutants kill fish and destroy natural habitat.

Improving Water Quality

Preventing water pollution is simple: Keep damaging pollutants out of the

streets, gutters, and ditches. Stormwater that flows through storm drainage systems, including ditches, is not treated at wastewater treatment plants. It drains *directly* into our lakes and streams. In Trinity, public officials are addressing the problem of failing septic systems by educating residents about the threat to watershed health, and by the installation of a municipal sewer system.

Paula Sloneker

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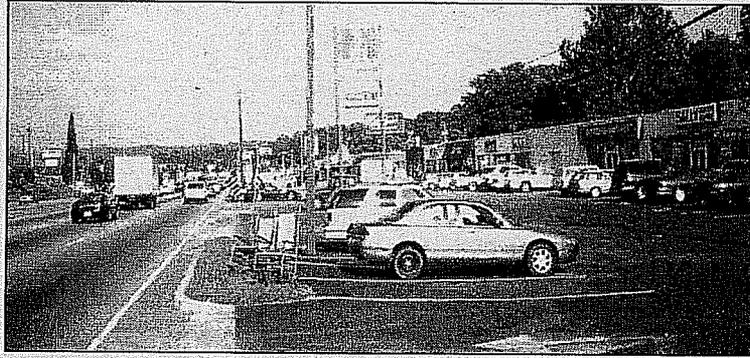
Bobby Campbell

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Residents seeking appointment to an advisory board must file an application with the City. Applications are available at City Hall or may be downloaded from the City's web site www.trinity-nc.gov.



IN SEARCH OF IDENTITY

Land use decisions made today will determine what Trinity looks like tomorrow. How do we want Trinity to grow?

Either of these photos could illustrate what NC Highway 62 might look like in the future.

Basis for growth

In November, 2004, Trinity voters agreed to allow the City to borrow up to \$15 million to pay for sewer service expansion. The availability of public water and sewer was expected to spur development. Indeed, rezoning requests have followed sewer line construction. Potential annexation requests may be on the horizon as well. The response by City officials to these requests will profoundly influence Trinity's future.

Is growth necessary?

Growth is needed to help pay for constructing the City's sewer system. As fuel prices rise, construction costs are skyrocketing. The \$15 million that was expected to pay for the sewer system will not go as far today. New residents who connect to the City's sewer line are needed to help pay the cost of extending lines to current residents.

Growth is also needed to encourage commercial development. At a community meeting last December, City residents shared ideas for making Trinity a more livable community. Chief among the suggestions was increased shopping opportunities. However, large scale commercial develop-

Decisions on growth and development will affect the appearance, quality of life, identity, and ultimately the character of Trinity. Making these decisions will not be easy because they will impact people we know, our friends and neighbors. This is the nature of political action in small towns. The responsibility vested in our City Council for making these decisions—actions which will so visibly affect the City—is awesome.

ment is unlikely because the City's current residential density will not support significant commercial growth.

Managing growth

City officials are preparing for Trinity's potential transformation. The City Council has adopted zoning, subdivision, watershed protection, and flood control ordinances to address certain aspects of development. A Council-appointed advisory committee is developing a land use plan to assist City officials in making decisions about the amount, type, location, and pattern of development. City staff has prepared a storm-water management program to protect water quality, which has been approved by state and federal agencies.

The physical environment of a city reflects the identity, values and pride of its people. City residents may help determine Trinity's future by attending a community meeting on June 8 to review the draft land development plan (see page 1 for details.) By working together to guide Trinity's development, we will embody the values of the City of Vision.

— Ann Bailie, City Manager



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"City of Vision"

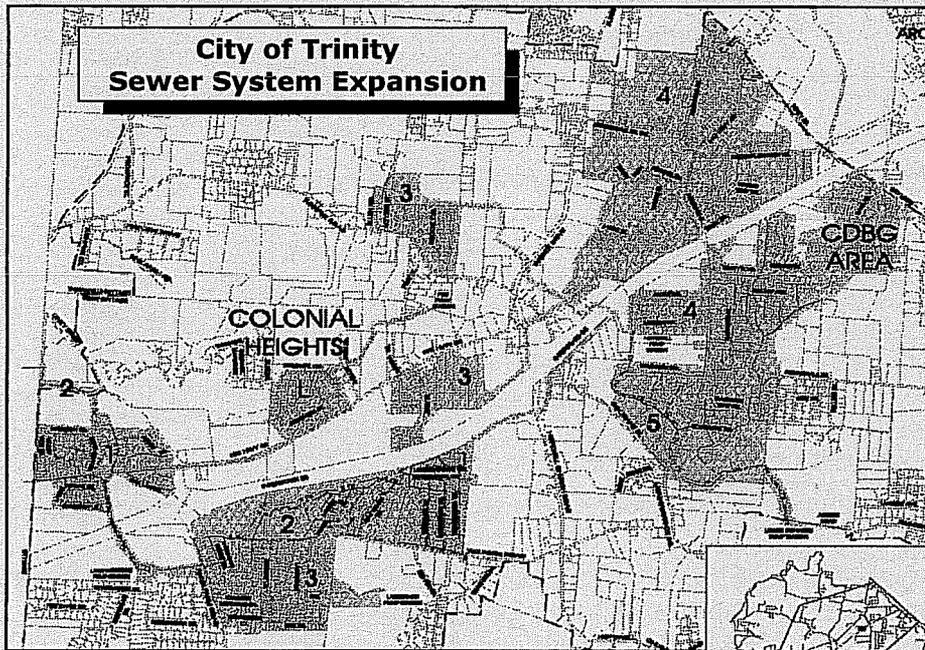
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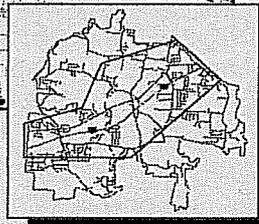
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Expected Completion Dates

Colonial Heights: June 2006	Phase 2: July 2007
Phase 1 Extension: May 2006 (S. of Sherwood Forest Dr. Ext.)	Phase 3: Dec. 2008
CDBG area: Jan. 2007	Phase 4: Fall 2010
	Phase 5: Fall 2011



Area of detail

Public Notice

- **General Hardee Event** — May 19–21, 2006. The Albertson House, 4924 Meadowbrook Rd., will be the site of this annual Civil War reenactment and living history event. Gen. Hardee, while on full retreat from Gen. Sherman, camped with 20,000 men and 7,000 horses at Trinity College when word arrived of Johnston's surrender. Info: 434-2610 or 312-4869.
- **Farmers Market** — Trinity Farmers Market will be held at Braxton Craven School starting June 3rd. Produce and crafts. Vendor space is \$5/week. Info: 475-3062 or 431-3749.
- **Independence Day Parade** — Trinity's first-ever parade on July 1, 2006 will kick off a day of fun and festivities. Parade begins at 8:30 a.m. at Rockford Road and ends at Trinity School Road. Entry forms will be available at Trinity City Hall and published in the Archdale-Trinity News. Monetary prizes given to the top three entries. Info: 431-9456.

City Council

Regular meetings are held third Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Trinity Memorial United Methodist Church, 7140 NCHwy. 62. Pre-agenda meetings are held second Tuesdays of each month at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall.

City Meetings Schedule

Planning & Zoning Board

Meets fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Board serves as Board of Adjustment.

Utilities Committee

Meets first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

**Meetings are open to the public
Residents are invited and encouraged to attend**

City Council agendas are available by e-mail in advance of meetings. To receive meeting agendas, message cityhall-trinity@triad.rr.com and ask to be put on the agenda list. They are also posted at www.trinity-nc.gov.