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## Town of Morven NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Town of Morven Board of Town Council will hold a public hearing to receive citizen input regarding submittal of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application to the NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and the North Carolina Department of Commerce. The public hearing will be held on March 23, 2015 at 1:00 p.m., in the Meeting Room at Morven Town Hall, 301 East Main Street, Morven, NC 28119. The public is invited to attend and comment. Written comments addressed to the Morven Town Council /Town of Morven P.O. Box 295, Morven, NC 28119, will be accepted prior to the hearings.

Each year, CDBG provides funding to local governments for hundreds of critically-needed community improvement projects throughout the state to assist with community development projects that serve low and moderate income persons. The purpose of this public hearing is to receive citizen input as to the needs of low and moderate income residents and neighborhoods within the Town.

The Town of Morven will apply for approximately \$1,458,006 in CDBG funding for critically-needed sewer system improvements which include replacement of 8" sewer force main along US 52 and the extension of new gravity sewer main along Southern Ave. The project will also include the repair of existing gravity sewer mains on the East side of town. Moore St., Cox Ave., East Main, North Church St. Depot St. Martin Ave., Dunn St. A "Project Area Map" is available at Town Hall which identifies all proposed activities.

All facilities are handicapped accessible. All interested persons are invited to attend this hearing. Auxiliary aids will be supplied to the disabled if requested five days prior to the public hearing. Person needing special assistance or non-English speaking persons desiring to participate in this hearing should contact the Town Clerk, Shemetra Melton at (704-851-9321) or 1.800.735.0533 (TDD/TTY) for the hearing impaired.

Esta Informacion esta disponible en espanol on en cualquier otro idioma bajo peticion. Por favor, pongase encontacto con (Shemetra Melton) al (704-851-9321) en Town of Morven, P.O. Box 295, Morven, NC 28119. De alojamiento para esta solicitud.

## Partnership for Children Accepting Applications for North Carolina Pre-K

Anson County Partnership for Children is accepting applications for the North Carolina Pre-Kindergarten for the 2015-2016 school year. NC Pre-K is a free high quality kindergarten readiness program that is proven to help four year olds gain basic skills for success in school. Children who are four years of age before August 31, 2015 are eligible to apply for the program.

"NC Pre-K is a wonderful opportunity for children in Anson County to prepare for success in school; however, availability is limited," said Elaine B. Scarborough, Anson County Partnership for Children Executive Director. "Parents who are interested in enrolling their four year old children should apply as soon as possible."

A new research study of the NC Pre-K Program conducted by UNC's Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute reports students enrolled in NC Pre-K show significant growth in language and literacy skills, math skills, general knowledge, and social skills.

The study also shows that children enrolled in the state's Pre-K program continued to make gains even after leaving it. At the end of third grade, children from low-income families who had attended pre-k had higher reading and math scores on the North Carolina end-of-grade (EOG) tests than similar children who had not attended the state's program.

A high priority is placed on serving children who are "at-risk." A child is considered to be "at-risk" if the child's family is at or below 75% of the state median income level or if a developmental delay has been identified. Enrollment is also open to students who have limited English proficiency, disabilities, chronic health conditions, or a parent who is active military service personnel.

NC Pre-K classes operate on a regular school calendar and are of the highest quality. The environment is designed to address emotional and social development, physical health, language development, and cognitive functioning. Teachers are highly qualified and hold a minimum of a BA/BS degree as well as specific early childhood credentials. Through incorporation of indoor and outdoor learning environments, students participate in active learning experiences to foster a lifetime love of education.

Parents interested in learning more about the NC Pre-K program should contact Caroline Goins at 704-694-4036 (Ext 103) or [caroline.goins@windstream.net](mailto:caroline.goins@windstream.net) or visit [www.ansonchildren.org](http://www.ansonchildren.org) for an NC Pre-K application.

## Heritage Event at BRLC for Volunteers

This is a release from Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center: Volunteers and guests enjoyed homemade vegetable soup, crackers, hot-dogs, homemade bread pudding, honeybun cake, deviled eggs and much more along with beverages Friday evening February 20. This was the beginning of the Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center (BRLC) Heritage Supper. Volunteer Rosa Lee Powell facilitated the heritage



Mary Thomas, Kermit Baker and Deloris Hammond.

event. During the time of exploring our Heritage we began to understand how much we are alike and how each of us are connected. Powell gave each person a question on a slip of paper as an ice breaker. Each one was asked to share something about themselves that happened years ago. Some of the questions were humorous and some were more serious. Volunteers Deloris Hammond, Mary Thomas and Kermit Baker were asked in advance to tell information of their life including their parents and where they were born.

Thomas has served with the BRLC eight years. She talked about her Papa Iran Kiker. Her Papa's family came to this country in the 1700. They came from Germany, England and Ireland. Mary's father Ira Kiker became blind during his childhood. There were three other siblings who were also blind. Mr. Kiker was from a family of 11 children. He married Maude Hudson and they lived in the Burnsville Community across from the Burnsville General Store for many years. They eventually moved onto the Kiker Road in the Burnsville Community where he established Kiker's Store. Mary's father grew and raised all the food that the family ate at that time. She had six siblings in the family. She talked about the work that she did which was picking cotton, feeding the chickens, and helping her father milk the cow. The family always had plenty of milk. Mary's clothes were made from feed sack material as most childrens were if their mother could sew. Both of Mary's parents were very religious, and both taught Sunday School and always took their children to church. She talked about how much her father loved to hunt. One of their favorite foods at that time was opossum whenever her dad went hunting. Mary has given many hours of volunteer service in the Food Pantry area and Kids Café program.

BRLC volunteer Kermit Baker has served approximately two years with the group. He was born in Dalesburg, Kentucky. Kermit's parents names were David and Florice Baker, and they were married in Jackson, Kentucky in 1940. His parents moved to Cincinnati, Ohio in December of 1942 to live with Kermit's father's sister. His mom took on the job of a waitress while in Cincinnati. She later had another son named Edwin, born in April 1943. According to Kermit, his parents were a country couple enjoying the big city life. When his dad got sick with Spinal Meningitis and was admitted to Christ Hospital in Cincinnati it was hard for his family. He died not long after his condition was discovered. After his father died his mother, brother and Kermit took his dad's body by train back to the family home place in Kentucky. Kermit's grandparents met them at the train station on a horse drawn sledge to take them to the family's cemetery for the funeral service. "After my father death my mother left my brother and I with my grandparents. My grandmother was part Cherokee Indian. They were in their late fifties with 11 more children to raise," Kermit said. "We were poor with not much food and no electricity or running water. We went to school, but had to walk 3 miles to get there. My mother remarried in 1953 to a Trailways Bus driver from Charlotte. They eventually moved to Charlotte and my brother and I went to live with them. We attended East Mecklenburg High School. Afterwards I joined the Army in 1959 and did my basic training in Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Then I went to Fort Sam in Houston, Texas and trained to become a medic. Later I was stationed in Paris, France for 3 years."

Volunteer Deloris Hammond works faithfully with BRLC programs - Summer Food Service Program, Kids Café and the Care Koner Program. She shared that she was born July 26, 1948, in the Burnsville Community. She said when she was going to school in Ansonville and Wadesboro she always used the name Deloris Broadway. She did not know that her full name was Mary Deloris Broadway Townsend until after her graduation from high school. When she was only 9 months old her mother left her with her grandparents, Clayton and Katie Broadway who raised her. Her mother had to go away to find work. Deloris shared that her grandmother passed away when she was 14 years old. At that time her grandfather taught her to cook and take on the responsibilities of housekeeping. Her grandfather Clayton also had to help raise her brothers and cousins as well as his children. The chores that she did before and after school included taking care of the house, picking cotton, and milking the cow. Once the cow had been milked the milk had to be placed in a churn until it was ready to be churned to make butter for the family. The cow had to be milked every morning before she went to school. Deloris and her brother and cousins had to walk a mile to catch the school bus daily. She said that it was hard and that she did not want to go back to that time of her life.

Listening to each individual and asking questions help attendees to understand each other a little more. Rosa Lee Powell is planning now for the next Heritage Supper on April 24. If you would like information contact her at 704-272-7192.



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