

The Transit Times



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Our new facility is in the finishing stages of being complete. The move-in date is tentatively scheduled for March 12, 2007.



A look at the drivers lounge area, with a scenic view of the surrounding landscape.



Read the Chapel Hill Transit Times

The Transit Times is a biweekly employee newsletter. Our goal is to bring more information to Chapel Hill Transit employees and other interested readers.

Your comments and information are welcome. To submit information for the newsletter, please contact Kurt Neufang at 968-2755 or

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New Facility Pictures

(Left)

This is of the upstairs reception area in the new facility. The day-lighting feature of the roof design is an energy efficient way to include natural light into the office areas of the building.

(below)

This is the view of the employee parking lot from the second floor conference room window.



Chili Cook-Off Update

The Town of Chapel Hill Employee Appreciation Event has been **rescheduled** for March 2nd, at 12:30 PM. All Transit employees are encouraged to attend if their schedule allows. If anyone would like to participate in the Chili Cook-off or the Talent Show, please contact Kurt Neufang. Entry forms can be picked up in Administration. Those who would like to participate must sign up by February 16th.



NEW MAINTENANCE STAFF

The Maintenance Division is pleased to have three new staff members. They are (from left to right):

Fred Sparrow, originally from Chapel Hill

Timothy Peterson, from the Atlanta area

Cory Ryan, from Denver Colorado.



2007 BLACK HISTORY MONTH EXHIBITION

The Town of Chapel Hill and the Chapel Hill Public Arts Commission invite you to join us for the opening reception of our 2007 Black History Month Exhibition highlighting African American history in Chapel Hill. The reception, with live music by a local choir and refreshments by Mama Dip, will take place on Friday, February 2 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in Chapel Hill Town Hall, 405 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard. This reception is free and open to the public.

The exhibition will be on view from February 2 through March 16, 2007 during the Town Hall's regular business hours; weekdays 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM. We hope you will visit this show featuring the people, churches, businesses and recreation activities that have defined the African American community here in Chapel Hill for many years.



News from the Director

"Tis the season..." As the new guy in town, I am getting to know the meaning of "wintry mix" in North Carolina. Driving in inclement weather can be challenging, frustrating and sometimes treacherous. As a public service, the Town and community expect their transit service to be running no matter how difficult the conditions. I want to personally thank everybody for the extra effort that was made to keep us operational during our recent tough conditions. This is the time we can put our best foot forward - and you all have certainly done that. I realize that we will not compromise safety, and we worked very closely with the Public Works Dept. to ensure that the streets were safe for bus travel.

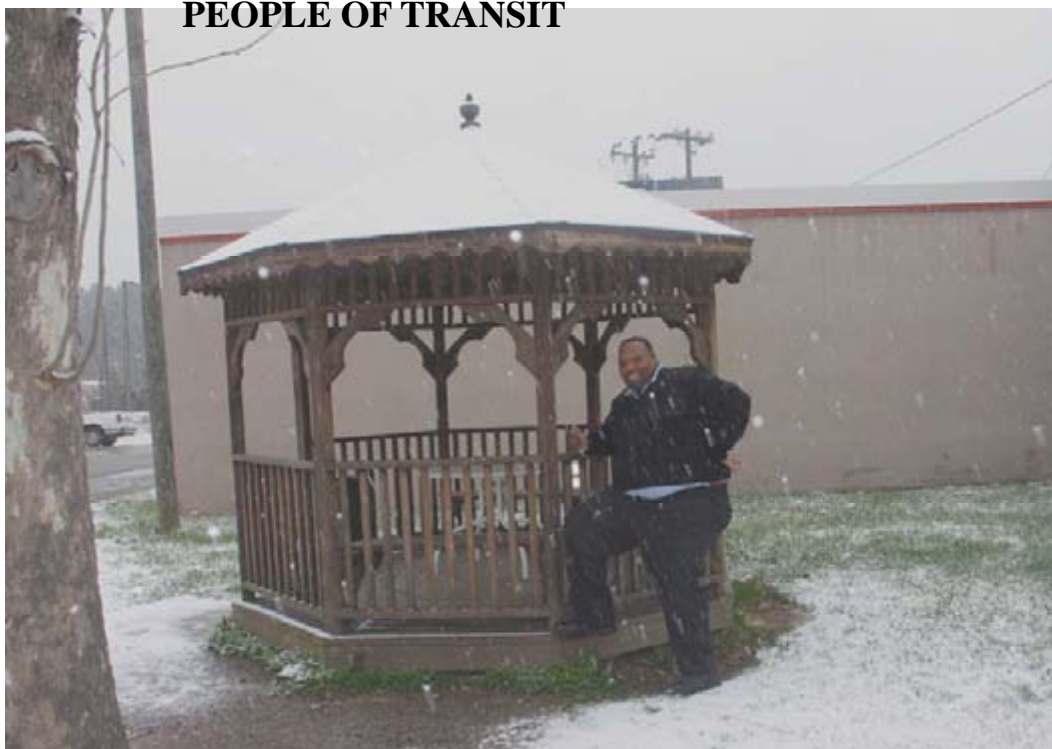
At the quarterly meeting we heard that heat on buses was an issue that needs attention. We heard you. First of all I apologize for not being on this issue sooner. At the meeting, Carl circulated a list for identifying specific buses that needed to have heating issues addressed. 19 buses were noted as having immediate heat problems. It looks like most of the problems are thermostats and blower motor switches. The Maintenance Division staff has expedited delivery of parts and to date, 10 of the 19 buses have been repaired. The remaining ones should be fixed next week. Thanks to all for letting us know which buses needed work, and kudos to the Maintenance staff for their prompt attention.

Have a great week!

Steve



PEOPLE OF TRANSIT



Mr. Doug Brooks seen enjoying some leisure time in the snow.

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Carl's Corner

Heard in the maintenance shop, Carl's "Superbowl" prediction:

Bears 35 Colts 31.



Who should be the true mascot for the University of North Carolina Tar Heels ???



Each candidate is a Winner in their own right



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