

## GO GREEN

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Tuesday Oct. 7 at 7 p.m. at Best Foods Cafeteria in Siler City. The public is welcome to attend the meeting. This meeting will be held the day after Piedmont Biofuels hosts a variety of federal, state, and local officials at their facility to celebrate the official opening of its new biorefinery on Monday, October 6 in Pittsboro.

Piedmont Biofuels is currently producing over one million gallons annually of B-100 (pure biodiesel) made from waste oil, chicken fat and other feedstock. (Biodiesel is no longer just a backyard brew as evidenced by Senator Barack Obama's references to biodiesel during the first Presidential debate.)

What should citizens do? Be vigilant and ensure that partisanship does not stop effective leadership on this issue in Raleigh and Washington. For widespread adoption of solar energy and the further development of North Carolina's developing renewable energy economy it is essential that the federal solar tax credits be extended to eight years for commercial and residential applications. This extension would also double the cap on the residential tax credit to \$4,000 per installation.

Chatham County and North Carolina are uniquely suited to capture a considerable amount of this potential job growth in emerging green industries. We only need the vision and leadership to get there.

Randy Voller is Mayor of Pittsboro.

## BRIAR CHAPEL

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opened in Briar Chapel in August, and a Chatham County Schools middle school that will be able to accommodate 900 students and should open two years from now.

Dianne Reed, executive director of the Chatham County Economic Development Corporation, described Briar Chapel as "crystallized Chatham." She said that Briar Chapel will help the county in myriad ways, particularly the retail and office spaces.

"Nine percent of Chatham's tax base is commercial," she said. "The state average is 17 percent. Fifty-five percent of Chatham citizens work in other counties and 67 cents of every dollar is spent elsewhere."

Other speakers included Hal Lowrance of Progress Energy, which developed a residential energy efficiency program offered at Briar Chapel, and Harrell Rentz, principal of Woods Charter School, who saw his school's enrollment jump by more than 100 when they opened their doors in Briar Chapel.

California-based Newland Communities is the largest privately owned developer of planned

communities in the United States, with nearly 40 communities underway in 14 states.

Briar Chapel faced fierce opposition when it was first proposed. Opponents feared it was so big that it would change the character of the county. After it was voted down, many of the commissioners who voted against it were voted out of office later that year. Opponents cried foul, alleging that Newland influenced the election. Newland denied the allegations.

The board that replaced them approved Briar Chapel, along with every other development that went before it. The pro-development commissioners were subsequently voted out of office.

Barron, who arrived at the same time as the pro-development Board of Commissioners in November 2002, says he wanted to make sure Briar Chapel was a good Chatham citizen, awaiting the passage of the Land Use Plan and following its provisions. Barron instituted green building standards and other green components, including cisterns to reuse rain water.

Julian Sereno is editor and publisher of Chatham County Line.



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