

Util. hook-up OK'd

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CROWN POINT, Aug. 22 – The Board of Public Works gave its approval to the Crown Point Church of God to hook up to the city sewer and water system, but not without restrictions.

The church, on the west side of Cedar Lake Road across from Feather Rock subdivision, was given a time frame of one year to run sewer and water lines between 700 and 800 feet from its property to city lines.

Since the church is not within the city limits, it will have to pay a 25 percent premium for service.

City Attorney Rich Wolter reminded the board that there is also a recapture agreement that must be paid to Jim Hawk, the original developer, for hooking into the lines in Feather Rock.

The church also had to agree not to remonstrate against any future annexation of its property by the city.

In other business, the board approved a no-parking zone on the south side of South Street from Lake Street to Cardinal Drive. This will create safer bus routes to the new Wheeler Middle School, officials said.

Also, probationary police officers Ryan Olson and Tommie Widener were promoted to patrolmen second class. Each has completed the necessary one year of service.

Chief Keith Hefner also received permission to set up a Citizens Police Academy. The academy is intended to inform people that live or work in the city about how the Police Department works.

Hefner said classes will be limited to about 20 students and will involve as many officers as possible. Classes will be held in the Civic Center or the Fire Department's training room. Funding for the academy is available and no overtime will be used, Hefner said.

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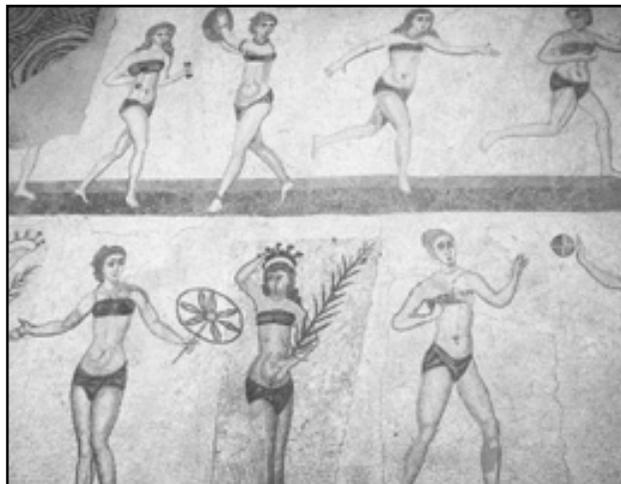


The art of mosaic tile

Though some historians find it hard to exactly say when mosaic tiles were first introduced, most agree mosaics started over 3,000 years ago.

According to *wordnet.princeton.edu*, mosaic is "art consisting of a design made of small pieces of colored stone or glass." The Greeks and Romans used mosaics to decorate their interiors and the exterior around many public buildings and homes. Even though these creations were implied to be decorative, they were also a preferred method of art because of their durability.

In fact, numerous ancient mosaics exist today. One of my favorite mosaics is one that dates back over 1,700 years to the ancient Roman period, in Piazza Armerina, Sicily. This popular mosaic has been notoriously labeled the "Bikini Girls." The mosaic depicts 10 female athletes in bikinis, throwing a ball, lifting weights, running, and throwing a discus.



Contrary to popular belief, the two French men who invented what Americans have come to know as the modern day bikini in 1946 were really just recycling what the ancient Romans introduced thousands of years ago. The French think they invented everything cultural.

Recently on a trip to Turkey, my family and I visited the ancient ruin of Ephesus. The origins of the City of Ephesus started roughly between 3,500 to 4,000 years ago. Once it was one of the most populated cities in the world with approximately 250,000 inhabitants.



These tiles are incredibly tiny. Some pieces are as small as one-quarter of an inch.

It would be impossible to create mosaic masterpieces of that caliber by today's standards. The labor alone for an approximate area of a 25-by-25-foot room be well over \$100,000.

In a recent summer arts and crafts class sponsored by

the St. John Parks and The Steeple Gallery, students created their own mosaics. It was an exciting accomplishment for the 5-8 year olds. Even a few of the parents tried their hands in Mosaics.

Décor Tile, Inc., located at 10319 Wicker Ave. in St. John, provided the colorful array of ceramic tile including red, yellow, blue, green, grey, white, and black, along with the grout and backing board. Diana Miller, who currently owns Décor Tile, was delighted to assist with the class in any way she could. The entire Décor staff, including husbands, sisters, nieces, and nephews, became involved.

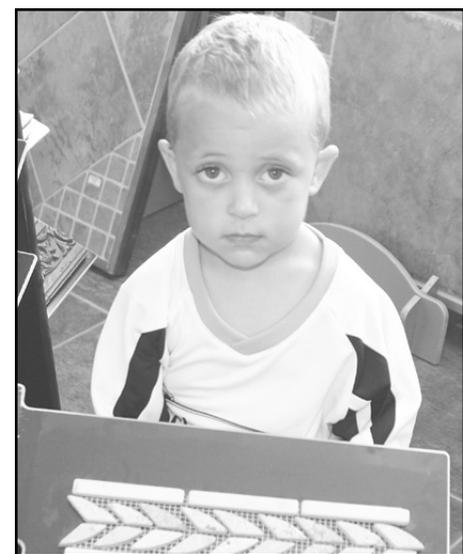


Though most of us won't go to Rome for a family vacation, a visit to Décor Tile, Inc., in St. John may be enough to inspire one to consider mosaics.

Diana Miller stocks samples of hand painted relief tiles, back splashes, and glass and mosaic medallions, as well as new Roman micro-mini mosaic tile reproductions. Pictured with the mosaic featuring sailboats is Ben, her four-year-old nephew.

Are you looking for a way to inspire a bathroom, or entryway? Call 365-1500 or email decortileinc@sbcglobal.net.

Contact Sam at The Steeple Gallery at 365-1014 or at samowner@sbcglobal.net.



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