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Showplace West site plan progresses

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HIGH POINT — The potential buyer of one of the largest vacant buildings in High Point said his redevelopment plan for the downtown property is drawing closer to reality.

Shaun Belle, managing principal of CMC Development Group in New York, said in an interview that two large potential tenants are interested in occupying parts of “The Hive on Main Street,” a proposed mixed-use project at 101 S. Main St. in the building formerly known as Showplace West.

“I think we’re in pretty good shape, and in the next couple of months, we really expect to have the work started,” Belle said.

He declined to go into specifics, but said the prospects entail residential and commercial uses.

“The folks we’re speaking to



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The prospective buyer of the vacant Showplace West building in downtown High Point said he expects to start work within the next couple months on a mixed-use redevelopment plan for the site.

now would actually take a large chunk of the property and kind of really meet our ‘live, work, play’ expectations and tie into everything else that’s happening

downtown,” he said. “We’re having some very in-depth conversations, and we’re working and designing their space.”

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Bust last week set record for weapons seized

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HIGH POINT — The arrest last week of a man in northwest High Point set a record for the seizure of weapons in a single bust in the city, police say.

Last Thursday afternoon, High Point Police Department officers raided a residence in the 1500 block of Glenn Meade Drive near the intersection of Johnson Street and Skeet Club Road. They seized a trove of firearms and a host of narcotics while arresting Alexander T. Kuzmanoff, 26, of High Point.

Detectives found 31 firearms, including hunting rifles, handguns, pistols and shotguns, as well as various calibers of ammunition and body armor vests.

Narcotics seized

include marijuana, psychedelic mushrooms, heroin, Ecstasy and Percocet, but it wasn’t the largest drug seizure recorded in High Point, police say.

Kuzmanoff is facing eight charges. He remained in custody Wednesday in the Guilford County Jail in High Point, according to the Guilford County Sheriff’s Office. Bond was set at \$500,000 secured last week.



Alexander Kuzmanoff

Police say that the raid on the house reflects the importance of a message that law enforcement promotes to residents of a neighborhood — if you see something, say something. Neighbors had made numerous complaints through Crime Stoppers of High Point about suspicious activities at the house.

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TEAMING UP FOR CHARITY



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Students at High Point Christian Academy form a human chain as they fill a pickup truck with baby diapers they collected to donate to New Life Family Outreach, a nonprofit organization providing education, counseling, mentoring, practical support and prayer for those experiencing challenges related to pregnancy. Students in the school’s National Honor Society, Beta Club and math classes led the fundraiser. In addition to collecting more than 13,700 diapers, the students donated baby wipes, shampoo, socks, blankets, bibs and more to the organization.



Mary Douglas Hayworth, left, and Morgan Hartman, students at High Point Christian Academy, roll a cart filled with baby wipes out to the sidewalk as they prepare to transport the items to the New Life Family Outreach organization Tuesday. The school donated approximately \$7,500 worth of baby-related items to help the nonprofit organization.

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Alston says budget gap unlikely

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GUILFORD COUNTY — The chairman of the Guilford County Board of Commissioners is offering reassurances about the county’s fiscal position after staff released information on a possible \$8 million budget gap at the board’s recent annual retreat.

Democratic Chairman Skip Alston told The High Point Enterprise that the \$8 million gap projection is a worst-case scenario and isn’t likely to materialize as commissioners craft a 2023-24 fiscal year budget that needs to be in place by July 1.

The projection was based on a property tax collection rate of 98%, but Alston said the collection rate is expected to be closer to nearly 100%.

“That would probably equate to right at about that \$8 million,” Alston said. “That’s always the case — they always plan low but know that it’s going to come in a little bit more. I’ve been through 26 budgets as a commissioner, and this isn’t unusual at all.”

Alston said the commissioners won’t be placed in a position of raising taxes or reducing services for the upcoming fiscal year.

During the retreat, county budget staff said base revenues are expected to increase 1.7% while estimated expenses increase 2.7%. The current Guilford County fiscal year budget is \$784 million.

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