

The major news item from our Commissioners this month is that the budget, following the public hearing on May 17, was adopted. The Commissioners (and the taxpayers) are pleased that "No increase from \$.20 per \$100 valuation in Town taxes is anticipated."

Mary Catherine Smith, Commissioner of Finances, represented Pine Knoll Shores at a Civil Defense Meeting in New Bern on May 23. In advance of the hurricane season she lists for us the emergency stations for our town. More information will be available later, but meanwhile, keep this list available for future use.

#### Civil Defense Base Stations and Equipment

1. Town Hall (our main civil defense station) - CB radio; wiring for generator; police radio
2. Craig Willis home on Mimosa Blvd. - ham radio
3. A.C. Davis home on Carob Court - basement equipped for emergency generator
4. Bill Macdonald home on Ash Court - radio and generator
5. Bill Ford home on Salter Path on beach just east of Mimosa Ocean Park
6. Robert Bloomer home on Locust Court
7. Louise Jolitz home on Oakleaf - first aid station
8. Kerney Smith home on Oakleaf at Holly - basement equipped for emergency
9. Ray Scoggins home on Pinewood
10. Natalie Hiltz, registered nurse, home on Salter Path at Willow - radio

Natalie and Fred Hiltz are already trained Emergency Medical Technicians. Natalie has a scanner so that she can keep in touch with emergencies in PKS. The town is purchasing a bag mask and gauges so that oxygen can be administered if needed. These will be kept at the Hiltz home along with other emergency equipment so that Natalie could help until the Rescue Squad arrives.

And speaking of rescue squad, fourteen Pine Knoll Shores residents are taking the course at Carteret Tech for Emergency Medical Technicians. It isn't easy, but those who are taking it are learning a great deal and having lots of practical training. It is taught by members of Carteret County rescue squads and Ann Gibbs, R.N., who speak from personal experience. The course will be offered again in September just in case you missed it this time and would like to take it then

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Sports note: That 12 foot long, 503 pound blue marlin you heard about (did you?) was caught by Bill Hewett, Pine Knoll Townes, off The Isabel, with fellow fishermen SHADEE JONES, KEN KNIGHT, DICK HANSFIELD, and WALT WILKERSON, PKS, as excited witnesses to the feat. Ken reports that the sight of that magnificent silver blue creature rising, all glittery, out of the shimmering sea is seared in their memories for keeps.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT finale: Bill Martin and Linda Sledge won the final match over Nimi Martin and Bill Robbins.

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#### RIP CURRENT ALERT!

The Institute of Oceanography suggests, in a bulletin we found in an Alabama gulf resort, life saving advice on how to escape the undertow. Regular bobbers in our own waters may consider these tips a review and will certainly want to share their knowledge with guests who plan to plunge into the sea around here.

A RIP CURRENT is a strong, narrow current flowing out to sea, perpendicular to the shore, and carrying back to sea the water brought in by waves and longshore currents. It's part of a generally circular pattern of water movement off most long, gently sloping beaches. It makes a break in the long parallel lines in the pattern of sea surface between the beach and the area where the waves are breaking offshore. It seems to be a cross pattern line, running perpendicular to the beach, sometimes forming small, choppy waves or a foam line, or even, if there's suspended sediment in the water, a long, brownish band of darker water. **LOOK FOR THOSE SIGNS BEFORE GOING INTO THE WATER, THEN -- if you'r in a rip current, you'll feel the bottom is moving fast toward the shore, and you'll notice you are farther out to sea than you expected to be, or that the area where the waves are breaking seems to be approaching swiftly. DON'T START SWIMMING DESPERATELY TO SHORE! This could be fatal. Swim parallel to the beach and you'll soon be safe, since the rip current is rarely more than 10 or 20 feet wide. OR relax and**