



**Next dinner with the mayor.** Our next dinner with Mayor Jones will be on Friday, October 12, at 5:30 p.m. at The Country Club of the Crystal Coast, 152 Oakleaf Drive in Pine Knoll Shores. All are welcome.

**Beach nourishment project.** Pine Knoll Shores and Atlantic Beach are working with the Carteret County Shore Protection Office toward a project in the winter of 2019-2020. This project would use sand from U.S. Army

Corps of Engineers port dredging work in Morehead City. Present plans are for 750,000 cubic yards of sand to be placed along the entire 4.5-mile frontage of Pine Knoll Shores, at a cost of \$1.6 million to the town. To put this into perspective, the large project of 2001 placed just over one million cubic yards of sand, and cost the town a little over \$9 million (to include interest on the bond which funded the project at that time). The project is dependent on the federal budget that will be released this coming February. The port normally receives funding for dredging each year, but the amount and timing of this are critical for us.

**Sidewalk on the west side of Pine Knoll Boulevard.** The town and the developer who is planning on building homes on the 9.3 acre tract at the intersection of Pine Knoll Boulevard and Highway 58 have agreed to place sidewalks on the west side of Pine Knoll Boulevard. Current plans call for this sidewalk to be 1,900 linear feet, and run from town hall south to the traffic signal. Town ordinance requires the developer to build a sidewalk immediately adjacent to the 9.3 acre lot; however, the town requested that the sidewalk be placed on the west side of the street as this is consistent with our pedestrian master plan. Construction on this sidewalk may begin as soon as the spring of 2019.

**Storm water work on Pine Knoll Boulevard/Live Oak Court.** Concurrent with the construction of the sidewalk mentioned above, the town is exploring the option of improving storm water management in the Pine Knoll Boulevard and Live Oak Court areas. There are two French drain collection systems on the east and west side of Pine Knoll Boulevard, and we are investigating installing a drain line which moves the water from these collection systems into the low-lying wetland to the west. We are exploring the permitting options on this now.

**New flood maps.** The new flood maps that have been discussed here over the last couple of years are scheduled to become effective in July 2019, according to the NC Department of Public Safety. There are no paper maps; the maps are available online at [fris.nc.gov/fris](http://fris.nc.gov/fris). The best way to determine how your property was impacted is to call your insurer and ask them to tell you. Any reputable insurer should know how to negotiate the online maps.

**Oyster farming in Bogue Sound off Pine Knoll Shores.** As many are aware, the first lease application for an oyster farm in Bogue Sound off Pine Knoll Shores has been submitted to the NC Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF). On July 17 we had a very informative public briefing on DMF's oyster shell fish leasing program. While the town supports oyster aquaculture in North Carolina, we have asked DMF if we can have a voice in the application review process, with an objective to ensure that lease areas do not conflict with traditional boating and recreation areas used by our citizens. Please visit [files.secureserver.net/0fK3Bc4qmTAObj](http://files.secureserver.net/0fK3Bc4qmTAObj) to access a copy of the DMF briefing and a map detailing the location of the proposed oyster farm.

**Proper use of the town's garbage/recycling station at Lot C.** Several years ago the town opened up a household garbage/recycling site in Lot C, adjacent to the public safety building. This was done in recognition of the valid complaint on the part of second-home owners that they had no way to place garbage/recycling out when they left for home, and have the empty containers removed from the curb on Monday evening. We later added yard debris to the mix so home gardeners could carry a truck or utility trailer full of debris to the site if they just couldn't wait for the next scheduled pickup. Despite the occasional slam-packed weekend and despite the strong response from Waste Industries that unmanned convenience sites often become disposal sites for everything under the sun, we chose to provide this service to our citizens. We are the only municipality in the county to have a

site like this, and it is a testimony to the type of owners we have that it works as well as it does, occasional hiccups notwithstanding. Unfortunately, we have had more than our normal share of irresponsibility at Lot C this summer. Recently Public Services Director Sonny Cunningham removed a mattress and box spring that had been left at the site (to prevent the impression that Lot C is a general dump area), and last month he stopped a couple trying to load solar panels into the dumpster intended for household garbage.

This area is marked with signage and most know that *this town convenience site is for the plastic bag of garbage that came out of your kitchen, the bag of bottles/cans/recyclables from your home, and the yard debris from your yard. In addition, it is for Pine Knoll Shores residents and property owners, not contractors or folks from other towns.*

While not asking anyone to be an enforcement officer, if you see someone dumping mattresses, solar panels, TVs, washers/dryers, rusted lawn furniture, or just about anything else that a reasonable person should know is not intended for this site, please consider discreetly snapping a photo of a license plate and sending it to me at [manager@townofpks.com](mailto:manager@townofpks.com) with the date, time and a description of the item being tossed. Sometimes a simple phone call stops this activity in its tracks. We don't want to have any confrontations, and we are not asking anyone to approach another person.

**Disposable bags for yard debris.** We sell disposable yard waste bags at the front desk at town hall. Many citizens in town are already using these bags and we would like to encourage more to do so. They are enviro-friendly, easy to work with, and reasonably priced. These bags were purchased tax-free from a local vendor, and we are selling them at cost.

**Sign up for town emails for storm alerts.** We send email alerts during all storm emergencies. This is a good way to keep apprised of all things storm related. Send an email to Town Clerk Sarah Williams at [swilliams@townofpks.com](mailto:swilliams@townofpks.com) to be added to the list.

## Third Annual PKS Fishing Tournament

By Bill Steenland

It's getting closer. The 2018 Pine Knoll Shores Fishing Tournament will be held on Saturday, October 20. The tournament is open to all people living in Pine Knoll Shores, family members, property owners and town employees—so be sure to invite your kids and grandkids to town so they can be a part of this fun event. You can fish from the surf, a pier, a kayak or a boat. There are no age limits, and all are welcome. Of course, anyone 16 or older will need an NC recreational fishing license.

This is an inshore tournament, so the kinds of fish that may be entered are limited to flounder (if the season doesn't close), red drum (must be between 18 and 27 inches in length), speckled trout, gray trout (weakfish), bluefish, sea mullet, and sheepshead.

Again this year we will have a kids tournament for all kids 12 and under. Young fishermen entered in the main tournament will be entered automatically into the kids tournament—two for the price of one. Eligible fish for the kids are spot, lizard fish, oyster toads, croaker and pinfish.

We will have another fun weigh-in at McNeill Park beginning at 4 pm. There will be a leader board, refreshments, fish tales, tee shirts, a lot of hoopla—and a trophy for the largest fish in each species.

The entry fee is \$10 per person, and will benefit the Crystal Coast Hospice House. The rules and other information will be put out before the tournament. Beginning in October, hopeful anglers will be able to register and get a copy of the rules at the public safety building and town hall.

Please mark your calendars now and plan to join your town in the Third Annual Fishing Tournament on October 20. The rain date will be October 27.