

The Shoreline

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Tacks in the Road

By Mayor John Brodman

My two-cents worth

By now most of us have already seen all the retrospective reviews of 2020, projections and forecasts for 2021, the too-many-to-count lists of winners and losers, ins and outs, and ways the pandemic may continue to affect our lives going forward in the years ahead. The work/life balance is getting a lot of attention lately, with many wondering if they are living at work or working from home. Most of us were more than happy to exit last year and leave 2020 behind us. That is until 2021 came along—what an inauspicious beginning to the New Year. Chaos, particularly of the political kind in our nation's capital, seems more likely than not to continue in what may be a new, business-as-usual mode of operation. Fasten your seat belts; it looks like we're in for a rough ride.

Regarding the pandemic, we are entering the New Year with plans to continue all precautions as the virus is still with us. It is now clear that a surge of new cases is underway after the holidays. Town staff has returned to a remote schedule, but there will be one or two staff members in town hall every day. All others are available by telephone or email (see the town-wide email from January 12). We are tracking the availability of vaccines for our essential front-line employees and the most vulnerable segments of our population. Our police, fire and EMS personnel are in the process of getting vaccinations as I am writing this and, hopefully, most of them will have received at least the first shot by the time you read this. At the time of this writing, we are in phase 1b of the vaccine rollout, which covers everyone 65 and older. For an appointment call the Carteret County Health Department at 252-728-8550, option 2; or register online at carteretcountync.gov/vaccine. The citizens I know of who have already received their first doses haven't encountered any problems. Nevertheless, as the recent decision to lower age for eligibility from 75 to 65 shows, the vaccination rollout is a moving target and schedules may change, so while we will strive to keep you informed, it's wise to pay attention to the news.

We are still holding official town meetings and working with the public virtually, remotely, and as safely as possible. Compliments of the CARES Act, we are installing new cameras and audio/visual equipment in the town boardroom to improve the quality of our webinars and communications. We are tracking the

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Carteret County Empty Bowls
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Great Backyard Bird Count
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K4TW Update

By Jean McDanal

Despite having to cancel two of our Kayak for the Warriors events in 2020, we were still able to secure \$50,000 for Hope For The Warriors. Thanks to everyone who participated in the golf tournament, bought raffle tickets, purchased hole sponsorships or donated. On Monday, December 21, Michelle Rademacher from Hope For The Warriors was presented with our check from the event proceeds.

Founded aboard Camp Lejeune, Hope For The Warriors is a national nonprofit that assists veterans, service members and military families with a variety of programming, including clinical health and wellness, sports and recreation, and transition services.

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Pine Knoll Shores presented \$50,000 in proceeds from Kayak for the Warriors to Hope For The Warriors. Counterclockwise from left: Michelle Rademacher, Jean McDanal, Linda Pearson, Kathy Blowers, Donna Fountain, Mayor John Brodman and Mike Di Lauro.

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