

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

Although no longer required, Town license plates are still available for those wishing to have one.

The plates will not necessarily prove residence in Pine Knoll Shores and the revenue they produce only sustains their continuance. The cost is \$3.00 and they are useable as long as they are in good condition.

There will be specially marked plates, on loan, for the Active Firemen [when a member discontinues their service, the plate must be returned for re-issue to a replacement Member].

With the issuance of these new plates, it is requested that all previously issued Fireman plates be discontinued. Also, if you are not currently active, please do not display Fireman plates on your vehicle.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

CHIEF E. CRAWFORD

PINE KNOLL SHORES GARDEN CLUB

For more than fifteen years, the PKS Garden Club has sponsored "Luminaria" in our Town, a beautiful Christmas Eve custom of lighting the streets of a neighborhood with candlelight. The lighted candles symbolize the bonfires the shepherds built to light their way to the manger in Bethlehem on the first Christmas Eve. This year the Garden Club is suggesting ways that all may participate.

In past years candles have been placed along streets, driveways, canal bulkheading and boat basins. Those people who plan to be away during Christmas may want to donate kits so that candles may be placed around Hall Haven and Brock Basin boat docking areas to be lighted in memory of deceased town residents.

Candle kits containing twelve candles and bags, with instructions, at \$5.00 each, may be ordered by calling members Mary Hudak at 247-2168; Mary Heim at 247-6381; or Lois Jean O'Keefe at 247-4100.

Candles are to be lighted at 5 p.m. Christmas Eve and everyone is invited to tour the town that evening to view familiar sights by candlelight. In the event of heavy wind or rain, the project will be held over until Christmas night. Decision to postpone will be made by Mary Hudak, 247-2168.

Garden Club members wish to thank townspeople for their continuing support and to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a joyful New Year.

LENORA ROBERSON

In mid-November, a potential tragedy was narrowly averted by the persistent dedication of our local postal mail carrier, Nancy Stroud. While making her rounds, Nancy noticed that deliveries at the mailbox of one of our senior lady residents had not been picked up for several days. There was no response when she rang the doorbell, but she observed that the lights and television were turned on. Nancy notified Police Chief Ed Crawford, who entered the house and found the lady unconscious on the bathroom floor. The PKS Rescue Squad transported her to the hospital where a week later she was in stable condition on the road to recovery.

The Town sent a letter to the Postmaster commending Nancy Stroud for her conscientious sensitivity for the welfare of the people of Pine Knoll Shores.

Nancy asked us to tell our townsfolk how they can help her to continue to provide better service and also look out for the welfare of our senior