

PKS Fire Department



The department responded to two fire calls in February - an alarm activation and a mutual aid call to Atlantic Beach. There were no injuries or damages.

Lightweight air cylinders have replaced the heavy metal air cylinders previously used on our self-contained breathing apparatus. It is now much easier for firemen to don the SCBAs and maneuver with this piece of equipment on their backs and is an improvement that is greatly appreciated by an aging firefighting force.

Two home fire safety surveys were conducted in February at the request of homeowners. Fire safety information was passed on to the homeowners and some potentially hazardous conditions were corrected. If you would like a safety survey of your home, please contact Fire Chief Donald Melby. Prevention is your best protection from fire.

Two firefighters achieved significant milestones in firefighting training. Norm Beattie completed the requirements to be state certified as Firefighter I. Gene Sagmiller completed the requirements for both Firefighter I and II certification. Gene, who was recognized in December as Firefighter of the Year 2001, has become a Firefighter II faster than anyone previously in the department. Congratulations to both Gene and Norm for their significant achievements. Congratulations also goes out to Dan Ericksen for achievement of 10 years of service with the Pine Knoll Shores Fire Department.

What would you do if you were awakened during the middle of the night by a smoke alarm located in another room in your home? The first thing you should do is gather yourself and calmly proceed with caution. If your bedroom door is closed, with the back of your hand feel the door knob and around the sides and top of the door to see if the door is hot. If it is hot, use a different route to exit your bedroom and the house. You should have a plan for at least two exits from every room in your home. If the door is cool, open it slowly. You may have to slam it shut if smoke or fire come rushing at you and then proceed to your alternate exit. If there is no such problem and the next room or hallway is clear, proceed to the nearest exit from your house. If you must pass through other doors in the process of exiting your house, check each of them for heat before proceeding. After you pass through a door, close the door again to prevent fire or smoke from spreading. There may be some smoke but no fire between you and the exit. Because smoke rises, crouch or crawl close to the floor taking short breaths through your nose. A damp cloth or garment over your mouth and nose will greatly reduce any smoke inhalation. Once you are outside, go to your

Safe Meeting Place so you can account for any other occupants of your home. One member of the family should go to a neighbor's home so the fire can be reported by dialing 911. Do not go back into the burning building under any circumstances. Wait for the fire department to arrive to search for any unaccounted for occupants and to control the fire.

Submitted by: Roger Middlesteadt



PKS Women's Club

Spring is here and the Pine Knoll Shores Women's Club only has 3 more fun and interesting meetings left before the summer break. So mark your calendars for the next meeting on Friday, April 26th at the Town Hall beginning at 9:30 for refreshments with the meeting starting at 10:00 a.m. The program will feature a fashion show by Sharon Austin from the Bogue Banks Country Club. After the meeting the Lunch Bunch will go to New York Deli and anyone interested in joining this group can sign up at the meeting. The club's Beach Book Club will meet at Sue Walsh's home on April 11th at 2:00 to discuss *Eva Moves the Furniture* by Margot Livesay. The Book Bums Book Club will meet April 8th at Mary Ann Shapiro's home and will discuss *A Fine Balance* by Rohenton Mistry. The Third Book Club will meet April 1st at 10:00 a.m. at Becky Lail's home and will discuss *House of Sand & Fog* by Andre Dubus III. The "Cook's Night Out" Group will go to Tortugas at 6:00 p.m. on April 12th. Please call Betty Filan at 726-8894 or Kay Spiegelberg at 247-7970 to make reservations. For information on the PKS Women's Club, call club president Jerri Matthews at 240-2544.

Submitted by: Rita Randall

Correction:

Last month the Aquarium's article stated that as a part of the Aquarium's annual Earth Day Celebration there would be a 5K and 10K run. This has changed and the Boys and Girls Club of Carteret County will be holding their 1st Annual Earth Day Run on April 20, 2002 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Town Hall. This is a 5K run, the entry fee is \$15 in advance or \$20 the day of the race. For entry forms and/or more information contact Rhonda Scibal at 222-3007 or Rhonda Chused at 808-2558. See you at the race - rain or shine!!!