

**PKS Police Dept.**

**In Loving Memory of
Mayor C. R. Musgrave
Each day at you side was our reward...**

**Your "buddy" Chief Mary M. Muhlig
and the Pine Knoll Shores Police
Department**

For the safety of all motorists on all of the streets in the town, there is a town ordinance that reads as follows: No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle except in compliance with the directions of a police officer or official traffic control device or signal in any of the following places on any street or roadway in a manner that would obstruct traffic (Town Ordinance 7-4 b 9). This is defined as, leaving any part of your vehicle on the roadway. When any part of the vehicle is on the roadway it causes an obstruction of traffic flow. This could also prevent necessary emergency vehicles from getting to a call promptly. If there was a vehicle crash due to your vehicle parked in the roadway you could be found at fault and made to pay damages.

So to make the town streets safe, please pull your car out of the roadway, Thanks.

**Town Hall will be closed on Monday,
May 27th in observance of Memorial Day**

The Town of Pine Knoll Shores' Web Site www.townofpks.com was implemented July 2001. We would like some feedback. Please give your comments or suggestions by clicking on citizens concerns. Fill out the information and click on submit this request. How often have you used the site and for what reason? Thank you for your assistance.

PKS Fire Department

The department responded to four calls during the month of March. The calls consisted of a structure fire, a brush fire, a vehicle accident, and an alarm activation. The structure fire involved a multistory beachfront home that was nearing completion of construction. The fire was well underway before being reported to the department. Drywall had not yet been installed in the home thus allowing the fire to spread quickly throughout the entire structure. Because of this, the main goal was to insure its containment to avoid its spreading to the two immediately adjacent homes and the maritime forest. This was accomplished. The Atlantic Beach and Salter Path fire departments provided mutual aid which was critical to containment of the fire. One minor injury and a structure fire loss estimated at \$600,000 were sustained.

Last month's article asked you what you would do if a smoke alarm went off while you were sleeping at night and then discussed actions you should take. Two situations in addition to those discussed could occur while you are trying to exit your home. The first situation is that you may find yourself in a room where your exits are blocked by fire or extreme smoke and/or you are located above ground level in your home and cannot exit safely through a window. In this case, your best solution may be to close yourself in the room and wait for the fire department's help. If so, seal all air ducts and cracks around doors with damp cloths, tape, or wet paper to fight smoke penetration into the room. Open a window slightly at the top and bottom for ventilation. Do not open windows wide because fresh oxygen will fan a nearby fire and cause it to spread into the room where you are located. If there is a telephone in the room, call 911 (even if the fire trucks are already on the scene) to report your location in the building. Lastly, signal firefighters with a white cloth out the window or a flashlight at night. Another situation is where your clothes catch fire. If they do, stop immediately and drop to the floor covering your face with your hands. Roll over and over until you extinguish the flames. If you are where you cannot drop and roll, use a blanket, rug, towel, or coat to smother the flames.

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