



The Shoreline



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The Shoreline... A Brief History

The first edition of the Town's newsletter was published before there was a town. That first issue was circulated in May, 1973, and it was entitled simply Pine Knoll Shores. Its founders, writers, reporters and editors were Mary Doll and Betty Hammon. The first paragraph of that first edition read:

"Let's face it - Pine Knoll Shores is coming of age. The beautiful lots are almost all sold to beautiful people. There are more than 100 families living, playing, gardening, boating, enjoying each other in the area, and soon the guardian wing of the Roosevelts will be lifted in order that we can have an opportunity to try our own wings.

So --- how about a Pine Knoll Shores Newsletter (you send names and ideas to the "editors" who confess below to putting this first creation together), something functional, spreading tidbits around the shores, giving residents and non-residents a chance to fill us all in on what's happening to them, how they feel about life down here, and just generally bringing the whole group together through the old steady medium - the press."

The very next issue, however, was called "Pine Knoll Shore-Line" and the editors wrote: "How about that? The above name for our newsletter was suggested by Helen and Robert Stout, PKS lot owners who live in Bloomington, Indiana." This name continued as long as Mmes. Doll, and Hammon issued the paper. Thereafter, the name became merely "The Shoreline".

In the beginning, the paper was financed by contributions made by those who very much appreciated receiving it. In the September, 1973 issue, the editors estimated that " - - it is costing approximately \$2.00 per year per copy to send out the "Shoreline". By June, 1974, the paper was charging subscribers \$2.50 per year for 12 issues, and this at a time when the monthly postage on each copy was no less than 10 cents. As with many things in PKS, volunteers were part of the reason that the paper was so inexpensive. See the March, 1975 edition which states:

"When the Shoreline has been to "Press", it comes to us in a big pile of sheets; collating (a wonderful word to say arranging the pile of sheets into 230 copies of a newsletter) must be done, the whole bunch has to be folded and scotch-taped together, addressed and stamped. At this moment, our staff suddenly grows from two editors and a supreme stencil artist, Nell Crumley, to a chattering group around a table in someone's house. Among the rallyers to this cause are Cres Yaeck, Marj Johnson, Mary Shaw and Newell Haller, who also fill in as reporters from time to time, and Elizabeth Ames, Thelma Vaughn, Barbara Griffith, Margaret Wilcox, Olga Hedrick, Gert Warner, Mabel Hemphill and Louise Aponyok. They all seem not to mind the chore and we do have kind of a good time yapping away as we lick and stick."

Nevertheless, by March, 1976, Shoreline faced diffi

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The Shoreline Is Back

By Dick Reeves

We're back, like Lazarus, with what we hope will be a bigger and better vehicle that provides us with the facts, figures and insight to govern ourselves with knowledge, wisdom, charity and foresight.

Way back in the dark ages of May 1973, two visionary ladies, Mary Doll and Betty Hammon, started the Shoreline. (See accompanying article.) Where it goes from here is up to you, the citizens of Pine Knoll Shores. We've provided what you asked for. It will be successful or not in direct proportion to your interest and participation.

To be successful, we need you, dear reader, to participate. Tell us what you think, what you want, what you like, what you don't like. Pine Knoll Shores is blessed with the most intelligent, diversified, talented, and interesting people you'll find anywhere. So don't keep your talents and passions hidden. Share them. Write a column. Share a computer secret learned the hard way. Send us a drawing, painting, poem or cartoon. Or something of universal interest and value you found on

the Internet, in a newspaper or magazine. Send us testimonials on our town employees and volunteers or comments where someone or something falls short.

This is your own forum by, for, and of the people of PKS. We're not afraid of lively debates on a broad array of subjects of interest to our residents. Who needs a pat on the back?

We are an aging community and the most popular activity and conversation among us is visits to physicians, hospitals and clinics. Our police, fire and emergency services offer some wonderful services to look in on and protect our aging selves and property. These are outlined in other articles in this issue. Be aware of them, tell your friends and neighbors, and be sure to take advantage of these great employees and volunteers.

Eleanor Roosevelt said, "Great minds discuss ideas. Average minds discuss events. Small minds discuss people." We have room for all three, although we reserve the right to edit anything illegal, immoral, fattening or libelous. The rules of good taste apply and unsigned material will not be considered, although we will withhold your name upon request. Let us hear from you.

Aquarium News

By Sherry White

Expansion of the Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores finally began in January. The majority of demolition is complete and reopening is set for spring 2006. Because of demolition and heavy machinery, the entire Aquarium property, including its nature trails, is off limits to visitors, bikers, joggers and walkers.

Though the nature trails are largely untouched by construction, they are inaccessible until the Aquarium reopens in spring 2006.

Though the Aquarium's interior walls have been removed, the building's overall structure remains intact to form the nucleus of the new Aquarium. Ultimately, the Aquarium will increase from 29,000 square feet to 93,000 square feet.

During the two-year construction, the Aquarium is operating temporary offices in Atlantic Station Shopping Center, Atlantic Beach. The offices are located next to Concepts Jewelry and designated by blue banners.

At the Pine Knoll Shores site, the construction crew has made good progress in clearing and grading the Aquarium property to make room for the expanded footprint and a larger parking area. The most recent task has been the installation of auger-cast piles. Most

of the 317 concrete piles are in the vicinity of the new ocean tank in the new part of the building, where they will support the weight of 306,000 gallons of water and the building structure. The piles measure 14 inches in diameter and extend 35 feet into the ground. They are capped with additional concrete to form the foundation of the tank.

The new parking area on the south side of the existing parking lots will bring the total number of



parking spaces to more than 230. This new lot was carefully placed to avoid wetland areas and to preserve as many large trees as possible. As a result, a large "island" of trees divides the parking area. Wooden retaining walls have been constructed where the ancient dune ridges will meet the paved area.

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Deadline for August issue is Monday, July 12th. Deadline for September issue is Monday, August 9th. Articles always welcome!