

I Am OK

By Bob Ruggiero

The I Am OK Program is a service provided for the disabled or homebound residents by the Pine Knoll Shores Police Department. Subscribers to this service will be contacted daily by phone or by a visit to ensure their peace-of-mind and safety. This program will continue to ensure a better quality of life for the citizens of Pine Knoll Shores. The I Am OK is a free service to the residents of the town. This service is an expression of concern for those residents that find it difficult to maintain constant reliable contact with family or friends.

This service is available to any resident of Pine Knoll Shores who is homebound, medically disabled, or has special needs, either on a permanent or long-term basis. To subscribe to this service you must fill out an enrollment form. The information on the application will include your address and phone number along with

emergency contact names and phone numbers.

Each morning you will receive a phone call to check on your well being. Calls will be made between 8:00a.m. and 10:00a.m. The exact time of your call could vary slightly depending on the number of residents who request the service.

If your phone is busy or there is no answer the caller will call back two more times. If still no answer the caller will start emergency action. As a member of this service you will be asked to identify key-holders who may assist in an emergency situation. In the event that a key-holder cannot be contacted, the resident must understand that forced entry into the residence may be required. Pine Knoll Shores will not be responsible for any damages caused by a forced entry. If there is damage, the cost of repairs will be borne by the resident.

To stop the service temporarily or permanently, call the Pine Knoll Shores Police Department at 247-2474.

Pine Knoll Shores Police Department

One of the many services available to residents is a Home Security Survey. An officer will come and walk around your home with you and make recommendations on making your home more resistant to criminals. The officer can demonstrate why these recommendations can help secure your home and provide you with some low-cost solutions. The officer will also check for smoke detectors and fire extinguishers; both are items some insurance companies will take into account on your premium, and are very important for your safety.

The officer will also provide you with a Home Inventory form to fill out and keep in a safe place. The inventory will help you provide serial numbers and descriptions of items stolen, and also provide you with a current itemized list for your insurance company of any loss in a hurricane. This list backed up with some photographs can help insure you receive the maximum return from your insurance company.

PKS Police Department
Dispatch 504-4800, Office 247-2474

Community Appearance Committee

By Bob Curry, Chair

The CAC is alive and well thanks to the superb leadership of Lois Jean O'Keefe during my recent illness.

Arbor Day was observed with the planting of 50 Eleagnus bushes over the length of 125 feet as a privacy barrier alongside the boardwalk adjacent to Ocean Glen.

The town was awarded the 4th Tree City USA certificate, indicating our dedication to preservation.

Personal thanks to the many friends who prayed for and remembered me during my prolonged hospital stay.

Budget Hearing

By Dick Reeves

Editors note: at press time, the transcripts of the budget hearing were not available. So this report is based on memory and may or may not be completely accurate and reliable.

Budget hearings were held in the town hall on Tuesday, June 8, at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. This is a report on the 2 p.m. session which was attended by a small number of people with very few questions or comments.

In general, there is good news and bad news on the 2004-2005 Town Budget. The good news is that the accelerating spiral of annual tax increases has been halted for now. The bad news is that no new cuts of any kind have been suggested by the commissioners. So you can expect that town services and personnel will be the same as last year and your tax bill will be roughly

equivalent to last year's.

Specific facts and figures may be found in the Bogue Banks library where several complete copies of the proposed budget are available for review.

Citizen comments included disappointment at no tax cuts, disappointment that no progress has been made in the Water Company impasse and a need for a new ambulance. Moreover, there will be no countywide EMS service in the immediate future.



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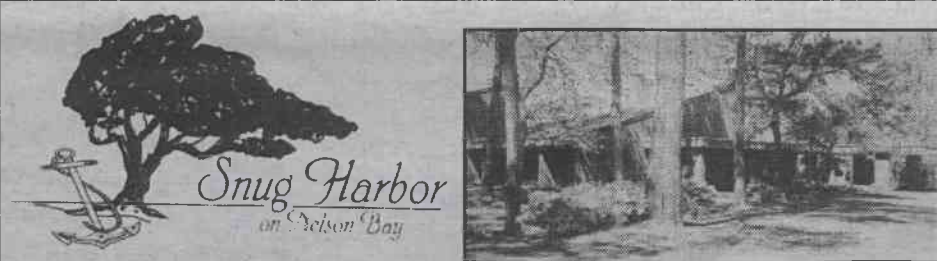
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If your neighbor is a non-resident, please let us know so their copy of the Shoreline can be mailed to them. If the property is a rental, the Shoreline will be delivered to the home as well as be mailed to the property owner. Our goal is for everyone to have a copy available to them. Additional copies will be placed at Bogue Banks Public Library, Bogue Banks Country Club, PKS Town Hall, all condo offices and at hotels and motels.

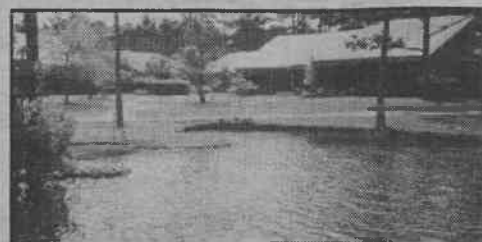


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