

Morehead City Mayor Resides in Historic Home

The historic Wade-Jones House is located at 707 Fisher Street in Morehead City. It is on the north side of the railroad tracks in the settlement originally founded as Shepard's Point. The locals later named the area "Conch's Point" after the incorporation of Morehead City. The present owners, Jerry and Ruth Jones, bought this home in 1981.

It is difficult to determine exactly when the house was constructed. Research has the house dating back to at least 1911. However Jerry's grandmother, Elva Mae Jones, acknowledged that her parents, Walter D. and Susan Mary Jones, rented the property in 1904. A picture of Jerry's father, Walter, is presently displayed in their dining room.

The house has a long history as evidenced by the records of its many owners. Linwood and Betty Wade purchased the house from Elijah P. and Etta Wade in 1928. Linwood had borrowed money to install a new roof and could not repay the loan, therefore forcing foreclosure in 1934. Dan D. and Rosa Bell purchased the house from "Realty Purchase Corporation" in 1940, sold it to S.A. and Elizabeth Chalk in 1941 who then sold it to Marvin and Estella Hughes in 1942. The

house received major renovations and expansion of the second floor in the 1940's. The Hughes' deeded it to their son Sammy and his wife Mary in 1968, and they then sold it to Gerald A. and Carolyn Jones in 1978.

Gerald and Carolyn renovated the house for commercial use and operated "Tammy's Daycare" in it until they sold it to their son Jerry and wife Ruth in 1981.

As in anything worthwhile, Jerry and Ruth have performed many renovations, upgrades and restorations to the first story of this bungalow-style wood frame home over the years. They have been careful not to jeopardize the historic charisma of the home while adding modern conveniences. Walking through the home one will notice different eras of renovations and restorations, indications of years past. From the early 1900's decor and furniture in the dining room and formal parlor, to the 1940's bead board paneling on the upstairs walls and ceilings, to the modern kitchen and living room.

Jerry is the mayor of Morehead City and a local businessman who owns and operates a construction and roofing company while Ruth is a registered nurse.

Pine Knoll Shores Democrat Party Precinct Meeting Update

The Pine Knoll Shores Democrat Party met on Tuesday evening February 22 and elected a new slate of officers. Many thanks go to John Russell who presided over the precinct for a number of years and also led this meeting. The newly elected officers are:

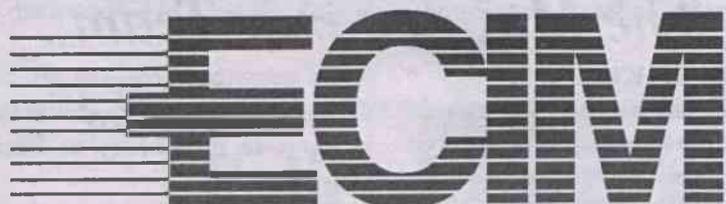
- John Clarke, Chairman
- Margaret Pennybacker, Vice Chair
- Anne Clarke, Secretary
- Art Langdon, Treasurer

Moreover, the precinct meeting was attended by 19 persons from the PKS community and represented the largest turnout in Carteret County. Our attendance was discussed during the countywide Democrat Party Meeting on the first of March earning lots of kudos from the officers.

Some important dates to remember:

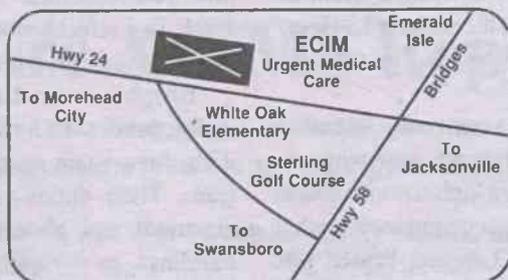
- First Tuesday of each month: Carteret County Democrat Party Meeting at Beaufort Court House
- The April 11 meeting of our precinct has been cancelled due to travel schedules by several officers. The next two meetings will be on Monday evening May 9 and June 18 at 7 p.m. All meetings are held at Pine Knoll Shores Town Hall. We welcome everyone to participate and join our meetings.
- Democrat Women meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Sanitary Seafood
- AARP meets third Mondays at Ramada (call hotel for details)
- April 9 (Saturday) at 10 a.m.—Carteret County Democrat Party Convention, which will be attended by Jerry Meek. Please arrive by 10 a.m. at the Beaufort Courthouse to hear his address.

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