

## Adopt Budget

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Making the position full-time, he said, would prevent such occurrences. Moreover, he added, the person presently serving on a part-time basis and who would become full-time as of July 1 is an articulate and talented employee who has been performing excellently and helps out in many other ways, including as an assistant to the mayor and assisting in writing proposals and applications. The post is held by Anne Blackwell. Ashland again voted with Hunter and Danehy with La Brie, creating a tie in the absence of Commissioner Mary Kanyha.

In casting her tie-breaking votes, Mayor Lamson noted that the costs in connection with *The Shoreline* and the full-time position can be covered because a tight rein is being kept on overall operating expenses, with a three percent reduction realized last year and an additional three percent decrease anticipated this year. She also stressed the need for additional help at Town Hall and what she felt is the importance of communicating with residents through *The Shoreline*. She maintained that any

ineffective method of distributing the newsletter would have a deleterious effect on the willingness of advertisers to support the publication, support that she hopes will grow since the town receives a percentage of advertising revenue.

The commissioners also voted unanimously to approve a conditional use ordinance designed to give town officials as much control as possible over community development. Mayor Lamson noted that the community is at the point in time where a lot of redevelopment could be anticipated and that the ordinance would put the Planning Board and Board of Commissioners in a better position to specify conditions for proposed developments.

The Board also approved an agreement with Robert Youngblood to cover the cost of gathering and removing debris following storms. Youngblood held a similar agreement with the town last year and the new agreement is being entered into at no increase in costs, which are calculated on an hourly basis.

## Pine Knoll Association

*By Marge Green*

The Pine Knoll Association held their regular monthly meeting on June 13, 2005 in Town Hall at 9:30 a.m.

We received some thoughtful input from a citizen who attended the meeting regarding our canal. He was very concerned with the damage done to the canal as a result of the recent heavy rain storms. The ground behind the bulkheads became saturated with water. This produced an increase in pressure on some bulkheads, resulting in "blow outs". If immediate repairs are not made, the dirt or silt behind the fractured bulkhead enters the canal. While it might not always be possible for a permanent repair to be made immediately, a temporary fix can be made to stop the leaching of soil into the canal. This influx of soil not only has a detrimental effect on the water depth in the immediate area of the "blow out"

but also tends to cause problems further down stream. It seems reasonable that a temporary fix could be accomplished within 48 hours.

It has been suggested that we install a "port-a-potty" for Ocean Beach Park for the summer months. There are several items to consider before the Board can approve it, such as cost, location, liability and permits required.

There are several instances where two original lots have been legally declared one lot on County Records. Our records have been corrected to conform to the County's.

It was brought to our attention, after the meeting, that visitors should consider having their Pine Knoll Shores telephone number on their dog's tag. Recently a dog was injured on the beach and there was no local telephone number to call to alert the owner of the dog's plight.

## Election Time Coming

Ever think of running for public office? The opportunity to do so is presenting itself right now in Pine Knoll Shores.

As of July 1, the Carteret County Board of Elections was prepared to accept filings from candidates to run in the PKS municipal election on Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Scheduled to be filled are four positions, that of mayor and three members of the Board of Commissioners. The seats are presently held by Mayor Joan Lamson and Commissioners Mary

Kanyha, Jim Hunter and Larry La Brie.

Anyone interested in vying for one of these seats can obtain information on filing procedures from the elections board, which has its offices at 1510 Live Oak St., Beaufort. The telephone number is 728-8460.

Prospective candidates may also wish to talk to present members of the governing body who, we feel confident, would be willing to discuss their experiences and the requirements of the offices.

## Acclaimed Author To Speak

*By Kathy Foy*

Julia Reed, author of *Queen of the Turtle Derby and Other Southern Phenomena* will be coming to Bogue Banks on July 14.

Ms. Reed grew up in Greenville, Mississippi, and currently divides her time between New Orleans and New York. She is a writer at *Vogue*, *The New York Times Magazine* and a contributing editor at *Newsweek*. She was recently honored by the Pirate's Alley Faulkner Society, as featured in the May-June edition of *Southern Accent Magazine*.

*Queen of the Turtle Derby and other Southern Phenomena* is a wonderful blend of straightforward humor and literary sophistication.

To quote *Vogue*... "rambunctiously charming essay collection... as refreshing and bracing as a mint julep."

Julia Reed will be speaking at a luncheon and book signing at the Coral Bay Club in Atlantic Beach at 12 noon on July 14. Tickets are \$25.00 and can be obtained at Caroline's Collectables on Arendell Street in Morehead City. Tickets may also be obtained by calling Kathy Foy at 726-5019.

Proceeds from the luncheon will benefit the Carteret County Domestic Violence Program.

## Replica of H.M.S. Bounty

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Above the three masts that tower into the sky are the topmasts and staysails that help make her a thrilling sight. Her total height from the deck to top of the mainmast is 103 feet.

Tours on board the *Bounty* are self-guided with crew assistance and she is one of the few ships that allow you to step below, where the crew lives and works. You may step into the sailors' cabins and see where Marlon Brando once stood, along with other famous stars. The tour begins on the weather deck, where you are greeted by a crewmember and introduced to the ship, her working parts, and history. The tour continues down the main companionway below to the "tween" deck, where you are self-guided with signage that elaborates on the ship's life, both past and present. During the summer months, the *Bounty* offers a six-week sail-away program for youth ranging from 12 to 16 years old. This program promotes all aspects of the ship, with casual classes teaching sail theory, celestial navigation, Marlinspike seamanship and maritime history. *Bounty* also provides sail-training voyages for youth and adults as part of a leadership-learning program that promotes square-rigged sailing. Passages are always available between the *Bounty's* ports of call, and can be reserved by calling (866) 467-2686, or visit [www.tallshipbounty.org](http://www.tallshipbounty.org).

The America's Sail 2006 extravaganza begins in May, 2006 in Fortaleza, Brazil. It includes a stopover in the Dominican Republic and will conclude with a July 4 weekend festival on Carteret County's Crystal Coast. The event will include tours of Class A and B tall ships, a Class B sailing race from Atlantic Beach to Cape Lookout, parades from around the world, and award ceremonies, culminating in the most elaborate fireworks display the area has ever witnessed. Pepsi America's Sail 2006 and the *Bounty* visit are hosted by the N.C. Maritime Museum in historic Beaufort-By-The-Sea. For more information visit [www.nctallships.com](http://www.nctallships.com) or call 252-728-7471.

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