

## Police Report

During October, there were 83 calls for service, including 2 vehicle crashes, 13 assist other agencies, 15 assist fire/EMS, 1 domestic, 4 town ordinance violations, 38 welfare checks, 8 alarms and 4 open doors.

Twenty-five citations involving 32 charges were issued for 3 driving while impaired, 9 speeding, 1 driving with a suspended license, 4 seatbelt violations, 2 alcohol violations and 13 all other. Twelve warning tickets were issued.

There were 86 residence checks and 280 business checks.

## Emergency Services

There were 15 EMS calls of which 9 required transport and 3 required paramedic assistance. The average response time was 3:48 minutes.

There were 16 fire calls: 11 activated alarms, 2 structure fires and 2 service calls. The average response time was 3:45 minutes.

There were 373 hours of training logged by members during October. The Crystal Coast Inn was used for mutual training.

Five commercial properties were inspected and 11 violations were cited; 4 were corrected and 8 are pending.

During a power outage, fire alarms go off and each one has to be checked. Erlene Williamson has volunteered to update the Community Radio if the outage happens after business hours.

## Locked Cars Deter Thieves

Police Chief Joey Culpepper is once again calling upon PKS homeowners to make sure they lock their cars when they leave them parked in the driveways of their homes. The renewed warning comes after a rash of thefts from cars reported Halloween night in an Oakleaf Drive neighborhood. A thief or thieves struck in the same neighborhood some three months ago, when six incidents were reported.

Culpepper said all of the vehicles involved in the recent thefts were unlocked, and that in two instances the cars were parked in the garage with the garage door open. Locked doors, the chief said, usually deter thieves because they are loathe to break a window or otherwise damage the vehicle to gain access, preferring to seek out easy, unlocked targets.

The investigation into the thefts is continuing.

## November Commissioners Meeting

By Yvette Bannen

Following the pledge of allegiance, a moment of silence was observed in memory of Kit Fredman who had been a member of the community appearance committee.

During the two public hearings, questions were asked to clarify the ordinances.

Once again, the 933 beach nourishment project and the FEMA project were discussed. It is hoped that these projects will finally happen this winter.

The "East End" project has been renamed the Hester Woods Storm Water Project in honor of Mr. Hester who donated the land.

After discussion, a recreational advisory committee was established and the notices regarding meetings will be published in the usual manner.

The ordinance to require private streets to conform to the same technical requirements as public streets and to incorporate certain DOT specifications for public streets was approved.

The ordinance to amend height restrictions for housing was also approved.

There was a call to have a public hearing in December for an ordinance as passed by the planning board to specify the requirements of landscape plans & permits and to declare harmful drainage practices illegal. There are five areas of concern to consider: drainage, vegetation unduly destroyed, erosion, blocking the vista and whether the height is compatible with the neighborhood.

It was noted that the referendum changing the form of government had a margin of just under 100 votes in favor. After discussion, it was decided that the town itself would conduct the search for a town manager rather than having it professionally done.

Because of the need for future additional personnel and office space, it was voted to hire Burnette Architecture to review and analyze space planning in town hall at \$115/hour with a cap of \$5,000.

A \$250 donation was approved for the Croatan High School band to participate in the town's Christmas parade.

The meeting adjourned to closed session to discuss beach accesses and land acquisition.

## Bike Registry in Offing

PKS police are set to launch a program aimed at making it easier for owners and police to identify and recover lost, strayed or stolen bicycles. Friday, Jan. 5, and Saturday, Jan. 6 have been designated as Bike Registration Days. Police personnel will be available at the Public Safety Building on Salter Path Rd. between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. each day to handle bicycle registrations. Owners will be asked to provide the make, color and serial number of their bikes.

The special bike registration days are primarily designed to call public

attention to the program. Police Chief Joey Culpepper says that following the launch, bike registrations will be handled any time an owner wants to drop by the Public Safety Building during regular business hours. He also says that the bicycle registry will not be limited to PKS residents, and that any Bogue Banks bike owner will be welcome to put their bicycles on the list.

The chief emphasizes that "bikes" in this case do not include motorcycles. The registry is confined to the foot-powered kind.

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