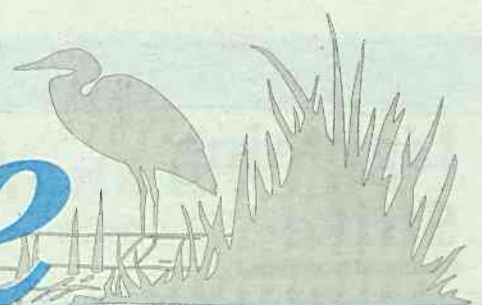


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## Two-Way Mayoral Race in Offing, Six Seek Seat on Town Board

By Bill White

There will be a crowded field of candidates for election to municipal office in Pine Knoll Shores in November, with contests set in the quest for the mayoralty and for two seats to be filled on the five-member board of commissioners.

Mayor Joan Lamson, unopposed in 2005 when she won a second two-year term, this year will face a challenge from Oakleaf Drive resident Ken Jones as she seeks a third term. Currently serving as a member of the town planning board, Jones is a financial advisor who moved to PKS four years ago from Atlanta, Georgia.

A PKS resident since 1994 and a property owner here since 1983, Lamson won her first two-year term in 2003, becoming the first mayor to be directly elected by the voters. Prior to that, under a different form of government, voters chose commissioners who then selected one of

their number to serve as mayor.

Six candidates have filed to run for the two seats on the board of commissioners that will be filled at the Nov. 6 non-partisan municipal election. Included in the group is Bob Danehy, the only incumbent. Danehy is a retired educator who served as a principal and superintendent in Connecticut school districts. He has lived in PKS since 1995 and owned property here since 1991.

The current holder of the second seat, Bill Ashland, did not file to seek reelection. Both Danehy and Ashland joined the board in 2004 after winning in the 2003 voting. Town commissioners are elected for four-year terms. The switch this year from the mayor/council to the council/manager form of government did not change the terms of elected officials.

The others who have filed to run  
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**Lightning Victim** – Gaping holes in the roof testify to the intensity of the fire that raged through the attic of the Curtis house after it was struck by lightning.

## Lightning Strike Sets House Ablaze

By Bill White

The severe thunderstorms that boomed through Carteret County on the morning of July 18 didn't miss Pine Knoll Shores, especially the home of Glenn and Constance Curtis on the corner of Hawthorne Dr. and Mimosa Blvd.

A bolt of lightning struck the back of the house near a gas line sometime before 7 a.m., blasting a hole in the roof and setting it on fire. Curtis said the sound of the strike was incredible and that it just about knocked him and his wife out of bed.

The land line telephone in the house was also knocked out and, while his wife used a cell phone to call 911, he set about corralling their panicked pet cat, Lee Roy. Curtis captured the cat, put it in its carrier,

jumped into the family Jeep in the garage and drove the vehicle and cat out into the street out of harms way.

With everyone safely out of the house, Curtis took a look back into the ground floor of the two-story home. He said he could hear fire crackling in the attic and found the den filled with black smoke. PKS Engine 64, a brand new pumper undergoing its baptism of fire, was first on the scene and reported heavy fire from the roof.

Fire Chief Bill Matthias said the crew entered the garage and gained access to the attic above that portion of the structure, dousing the fire they found there. They also discovered the attic over the house

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**Big Squirt for Little Squirts** – Youngsters attending the Fourth of July celebration at the Country Club of the Crystal Coast took a big interest in fire extinguisher training for citizens offered by the town's fire department as part of a display of vehicles and equipment. The firefighting units were also on hand as a safety precaution in connection with the fireworks display that ended the day-long festivities. More than 600 celebrants were on hand for the birthday bash.

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