

The Shoreline



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Energy Drive Still a Plus Despite Cold Weather Setback

By Bill White

After three months of gratifying declines in usage, consumption of electric power in Pine Knoll Shores spiked in November. Carteret-Craven Electric Cooperative (CCEC), which serves PKS, reported that an average of 117,514 kilowatt hours per day were used in the November timeframe this year as opposed to 105,750 kilowatt hours per day in the same period last year, an increase of 11,764 kilowatt hours per day or 11.12 percent.

The culprit was the weather, with CCEC reporting that this November was 25 percent colder than the corresponding period last year, keeping heat pumps

running a lot longer.

While disappointing, spikes in usage, town officials point out, have to be expected when the weather turns abnormally hot or cold. Nevertheless, the town leaders, who are spearheading a campaign to reduce electrical consumption in the community as a means of helping the nation achieve energy independence, noted

that PKS remains ahead of the game in its conservation campaign. The three months of reductions in usage since year-to-year

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Tip of the Month

Warm savings. Keep your thermostat at 68 degrees. For every degree above or below this setting, your heating bill could change 3 to 5 percent. Clean or replace heating system filters once a month or as needed.

Beware, Turkey Crossing!



Why did the turkey cross the road? To escape a holiday roasting pan? To get in some off-season beach time? We may not know why, but we do know this wild turkey proceeded carefully. Public Services Director Ernie Rudolph, who took the photo, swears the bird looked both ways and waited until no cars were in sight before crossing. He says he first saw it on Oakleaf Drive and got his camera ready, stalking the turkey until he finally got a good shot. Knowing that turkeys are not great fliers, he wonders how they are crossing Bogue Sound to get here.



Parading Pooches – Shoreline contributor and recreation committee member Jill Cross had a doggone good idea when she set out to populate a Christmas Parade float with pets of the canine variety, hopefully lap size. The result, captured here by the camera, was a howling success, the crowd matching the four-legged participants yap for yap. See parade story and photo layout on page 9.

Street Address Rules Clarified

By Bill White

Town officials have been crunching numbers for several months in a concerted effort to bring about a practical solution to the problem of properly identifying single-family residences so they can be easily located by emergency personnel answering an alarm. The situation revolves around displaying house numbers in front of every residence in such a way that anyone approaching the property from the street has no doubt as to what the address of that property is.

A town ordinance mandating that house numbers be displayed on the home itself has long been in force. But in a densely vegetated community like Pine Knoll

Shores the house, much less the address on the wall next to the door, is often not visible from the street. Several times over the past few years public safety officials, concerned that precious seconds and minutes could be lost in an emergency because a property could not be identified immediately, have urged homeowners to take steps to make sure house numbers were in the right place and could be seen under all conditions. At one point an example of a post bearing reflective house numbers was produced and prominently published in *The Shoreline* as a suggested course of action.

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