

KRAMER'S O A monthly Report R by Town Manager N Brian Kramer E on events R in town.

Public Beach Access – We have opened one of our required new public beach access sites. It is in the western end of town. We will likely have another one in that section opened in January or February. We still intend to have a town hall meeting prior to our presentation to the corps of engineers.

Rumble Strips – We are placing rumble strips on stretches of Oakleaf and Mimosa where there have been complaints of speeding.

Changes in Water Billing – We are going to change our water billing procedures by

going to an every-other-month format. This will start in the spring of 2009 as outlined below:

- March 2009 will be your last monthly bill.
- There will be no bill mailed out in April 2009.
- In May 2009 you will receive your first bi-monthly bill.
- You will be billed every other month thereafter (July '09, Sept '09, Nov '09, etc.).

Yard Debris Cleanup – This issue of *The Shoreline* has information relating to yard debris pickup. Please make sure you have it packaged properly for pickup.

Dinner with the Town Manager – On Thursday January 15 at 5:30pm, I will have dinner at the Clamdigger Inn. I welcome any citizens who would like to join me to talk about any issues of the day here in town. I will bring one of my department heads. Participants will purchase their own meals.

Emergency Services

During November, there were 34 calls for service. Emergency medical services had 15 calls and 11 patients were transported, 7 of whom required paramedic assistance.

The fire department had 19 calls for service: 3 were general service calls; 3 were activated alarms, 1 was a brush fire and 12 were mutual aid calls.

Police Report

During November, there were 42 calls for service including: 2 assist other agencies, 8 assist fire/EMS, 3 town ordinance violations, 31 safety checks, 10 alarms and 2 unlocked doors.

Twenty-nine citations involving 35 charges were issued: 22 speeding, 2 driving with a suspended license and 11 other; ninety-eight warning tickets were issued. Surprisingly, there were no drug or alcohol violations.

There were 78 residence checks and 259 business checks.

One house was broken into on the east side of town. The speeding situation on Oakleaf from the Club to 58 has improved; however, now the speeding is from Brock Basin to the Mimosa Bridge.

Rumble strips were mentioned as an alternative to speed bumps because they are cheaper. Mayor Lamson asked whether the cost would be covered under the Powell Bill. The finance officer will do the research.

Winter Adventure Camp Offered at Aquarium

Turn your fourth or fifth grader's January break into an unforgettable adventure at a day camp at the North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores. The Coastal Explorers for children in grades four and five runs January 19 through 21, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. daily. Campers meet members of the aquarium dive team, help aquarists with animal care and experience close encounters with sea turtles, alligators, snakes and other aquatic animals during exclusive behind-the-scenes action. Other hands-on activities include discovery labs and crafts. Outdoors, participants explore the surrounding maritime forest, marsh and Bogue Sound.

Advance registration is required, and space is limited. The camps cost \$100 per child with a 10 percent discount for aquarium members. For more information or to register, call 247-4003 or visit www.ncaquariums.com.

In Memoriam
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Dr. Howard
Newton Carper Jr.

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