

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

Here are a few of the things going on at Town Hall.

**Veterans' Park and the PKS Pedestrian Planning Grant** – There are articles on both of these topics in this issue. I would like to point out that both of these initiatives are absolute non-events if not for the work of our volunteers. The members of the Recreational Advisory Committee pulled the park up from its bootstraps after last years financial issue hit us. And the volunteers working toward the creation of a quality Pedestrian Plan for PKS are, in the words of our DOT liaison officer, about the most impressive group she has seen.

**Budget Activity-** We will discuss the budget at the May 28 Board of Commissioners meeting. It is at Town Hall at 10 a.m.. I am available at 247-4353, ext. 16 and at [manager@townofpks.com](mailto:manager@townofpks.com) to discuss what we are looking at for the next fiscal year (July 1, 2009- June 30, 2010).

**Water Company updates-**

- Billing- We have started every-other-month billing. You will not receive a bill in April. In May, expect a bill covering two months of usage

- Annual Drinking Water Quality Report- In May we will mail this out to all customers.

- Brock Basin Well- We will be doing some repairs at this well in the next few weeks.

**Beach Access Repair-** We have replaced deteriorated wood on the walkways, railings, stairs and benches at Memorial Park and at our eastern-most access near Oakleaf Drive. Plumbing repairs have been made in the restroom at the Iron Steamer Access.

**Town Manager availability for summer Home Owner Association meetings-** I am prepared to attend any meetings that home owner groups are having this summer.

**Monofilament collection-** A couple from town has approached me about placing monofilament collection rods on the beach. More to follow.

**Beach Clean up day-** The Pine Knoll Shores Board of Commissioners and Recreation Advisory Committee are supporting "Clean Beaches Week" July 1-7, 2009 by posting signs and placing additional trash receptacles at all Pine Knoll Shores public beach accesses. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July is the biggest beach holiday in America. Unfortunately, it is also the

dirtyest, so please take action and join members of the Recreation Advisory Committee and other volunteers on Monday, July 6, 9 a.m. at the Iron Steamer public beach access (this is a location change from my all-hands e-mail of April 6) to help clean up unsightly and dangerous litter left behind from the holiday weekend. Plastic items and cigarette butts are the most common items found on the beach. Cigarette butts are not biodegradable and are mistaken for food items by birds and turtles. Balloons can have a similar fate and plastics just last too long in the environment.

**Yard Waste Collection –  
Reminder**

*By Ernie Rudolph, Director of Public Services*

To better serve residents, the Pine Knoll Shores Department of Public Services will begin collecting yard waste two times in each month, beginning in April. Yard waste will be collected on the second **Tuesday** and the **last Tuesday** of each month. This schedule will remain in effect throughout the entire year.

The guidelines for yard waste preparation will remain the same. It is requested that residents comply with the guidelines so this material can be collected in a timely and cost effective manner. Copies of the guidelines are available at the town hall.

To maintain the neat appearance of the town's streets, no yard waste may be placed at the roadside earlier than seventy-two hours (three days) before the scheduled collection dates. Anyone requiring additional information about yard waste collection or any of the services that are provided by the PKS Public Services Department may call at 723-8189.



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