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O A monthly Report R by Town Manager Brian Kramer on events R in town.

Happy Fall to everyone. Here is what is happening at Town Hall:

Audit of Town Finances- As required by North Carolina law, the town is audited each year. The audit report was presented to the Board of Commissioners on September 25 and has been forwarded to the state treasurer's office. In short, we are in fine shape. If you use our reserves as a measuring stick, we have made significant progress from our position 24 months ago. We are going to produce a more readable version of the document and will post both this and the formal audit on our website.

Agreement with Carteret County and Our Neighboring Communities for Beach Renourishment- There is a considerable amount of effort underway to develop an island-wide plan for beach renourishment. The intent is to streamline the permitting process with state and federal agencies and coordinate the renourishment of sand along all

of Bogue Banks (as opposed to towns doing it on their own). PKS is a major stakeholder here and will be involved heavily in this. Call if you want to set up a sit-down with me, and I will let you know where we stand.

Reminder: Automatic Bank Drafts for Water Billing- We have the best in the business in Connie Shelton when it comes to tax collection and water billing. On her behalf, I'd like to remind everyone that we have the capability to accept payment for our water system via automatic bank draft. Please call Connie at 247-4353, ext 12, if you would like to set this up.

Mimosa Bridge Replacement- The DOT has just completed a lengthy review of our engineer's initial project description document. We will soon sign a contract with them and start Phase I--the planning phase. This will likely take most of 2010. The bridge will be replaced in 2011.

Protecting Our Water System-Inserted in this issue of The Shoreline is a flyer about our wellhead protection program. Please take a look at it to learn about some ways to help protect our water system.

Dinner with the Town Manager - My next dinner will be Friday, October 16 (not October 17 as reported last month). It will be at the Clamdigger at 5:30 p.m.

Christmas Wreaths

By Yvette Bannen

The PKS Garden Club is sponsoring a fundraiser by selling Christmas wreaths. The wreaths have to be pre-ordered and pre-paid, and they have to be ordered by October 14 for delivery the first week in December.

The wreaths are UNDECORATED and are mixed greens consisting of Fraser fir, Leland cypress and boxwood and \$22.00, and checks should be made out to the PKS Garden Club, 100 Municipal Drive, PKS.

Order Form Christmas Wreaths 22" in diameter Mixed Greens Wreath of Fraser fir, Leland cypress and boxwood Fresh from Blue Ridge Mts, Of North Carolina Delivered first week of December **Only \$22** Long Lasting and Florist Quality Make checks payable to PKS Garden Club Name Address

Vote

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of five of the town's commissioners, has also entered the race for mayor. Those seeking to fill the three commissioner seats are Doug Browne, Larry Corsello, John Halada and Larry Kacmarcik. Each of these six candidates has provided The Shoreline with a brief biographical sketch and a photo which are found on page 12 and 13. The person garnering the most votes for mayor will serve for two years while the three successful commissioner candidates will hold office for four years.

Again this year, there are three ways that registered voters may make their preference known: the traditional casting of a ballot on Election Day, November 3, submitting an Absentee ballot before the November 2 deadline or registering and utilizing One-Stop Voting prior to the October 31 deadline.

Town hall will be the place to cast your traditional ballot between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. on November 3. Requests for Absentee ballots must be made in writing and received in the County Board of Elections office by 5 p.m. on October 27. Absentee voting began on September 14 and continues until 5 p.m. on November 2. One-Stop Voting is held in the Board of Elections office, 1702 Live Oak Street, Suite 200, Beaufort beginning October 15, Monday through Friday, during the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Saturday, October 31 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

If you are not already registered to vote, you may do so by completing a are made in North Carolina. The cost is registration form and returning it to the Board of Elections office by 5 p.m. on Friday, October 9. Registration forms are available at the Board of Elections office or on-line at www.carteretcountyboe. org. If you miss the October 9 deadline, you may register "In-Person" and cast your ballot during the One-Stop voting period.

If you have questions or need additional voting information, contact the Carteret County Board of Elections at 728-8460. If you have a question for any of the candidates, you will have an opportunity on Tuesday, October 13, at town hall when the scheduled League of Women Voters' forum gets underway at 7 p.m. and concludes at 9 p.m.

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