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Pine Knoll Shores

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ELECTED OFFICIALS

MAYOR

Ken Jones – 247-4353, ext. 17 – Two-year term – elected in 2015
mayorjones@townofpks.com

COMMISSIONERS

Four-year terms

John Brodman – 726-7643 – elected in 2013 – admin@townofpks.com
Larry Corsello – 247-0262 – elected in 2013 – admin@townofpks.com
Clark Edwards – 726-7429 – (Mayor pro tempore) elected in 2015 – admin@townofpks.com
Fred Fulcher – 808-2569 – elected in 2013 – admin@townofpks.com
Ted Goetzinger – 422-9879 – elected in 2015 – admin@townofpks.com

TOWN OFFICIALS

TOWN MANAGER: Brian Kramer – 247-4353, ext. 16 – manager@townofpks.com
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PUBLIC SERVICES: Sonny Cunningham, Director
247-4353, ext. 27 – psd@townofpks.com

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING – 314 Salter Path Road – 247-2268; Fax – 247-2897
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Emergency: Call 911

Emergency Communications Center (ECC) – 726-1911; Public Safety – 247-2474

Retired and Wondering What to Do?

By Joan Lamson

If you are a retired business person who still has some energy and some well-honed business skills, let me make you an offer I hope you won't refuse. According to IRS records and Carteret Community College, Carteret County has almost 8,000 small businesses with less than four employees. In addition to these small for-profit businesses, we have here some 100 non-profit entities, including governmental agencies and commissions. You, your background and your skill set might be just right to help them along the way.

Carteret County is fortunate to have a local chapter of SCORE, which used to be known as the Senior Corps of Retired Executives. Times have changed and SCORE, which was organized under the U.S. Small Business Administration over 50 years ago, is now known as the premier group of folks who are volunteer mentors to small businesses.

There just might be an opportunity for you to spend a few hours a month sharing your insight, knowledge and experience with somebody who wants to start a business or someone who wants to grow his or her business. If the concept of mentoring does not appeal to you, you might enjoy the association and camaraderie of getting together with some other business people from all kinds of industries in all kinds of places.

To learn more about this opportunity, please join us for a brief presentation, followed by plenty of time for questions and answers, on Wednesday, March 23, at 4 p.m. at the Pine Knoll Shores town hall, 100 Municipal Circle in Pine Knoll Shores. Come and learn more about what SCORE has to offer. Contact me, Joan Lamson, at 240-3110 or joanlamson@embarqmail.com if you have questions.

These are not paid positions. There's no cash reward, but the psychological reward is priceless. I hope you can join us.

ASK the AQUARIUM

Q. My son and I often find cone-shaped shells attached to shells and debris on the beach. The attached shells are all sizes and some are quite large. They are mostly white or whitish purple with an opening at the top and shaped kind of like a volcano. Are they parasites?

A. A variety of shells will attach to other shells, but the ones you describe are acorn barnacles. The shape and opening at the top are the giveaway.

Acorn barnacles can be small, the size of a pea or smaller, or quite large and are usually found attached in large numbers to pilings, docks, shells, driftwood, most any floating debris, and even ships. They also attach to sea turtles, whales and other sea animals.

The barnacles hitchhike a ride without harming the host, unless the host is wood. Barnacles speed up wood rot and increase drag, which is why boat owners keep their boat bottom scrubbed. Barnacles are of special concern to larger ships, such as oceangoing liners, because drag causes more fuel consumption.

Barnacles are hermaphroditic but usually reproduce by cross-fertilization. There can be many thousands of barnacles per square meter, and it is not unusual to find huge populations of barnacles crowded on top of older barnacles. Young barnacles are very selective as to where they attach; a hard surface already colonized by other barnacles is preferred.

The life of a barnacle begins when one barnacle extends a slender sperm tube from its shell into the shell of a nearby neighbor. Eggs are fertilized and hatch inside the parent barnacle. The microscopic larvae soon leave the parent and join the oceanic free-floating zooplankton for several weeks.

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