

As I type we have snow flurries falling and are facing temperatures in the teens coming tonight. Isn't this supposed to be the warm South?

Updated Flood Information Rate Maps (FIRM) release. This is an update to last month's information on the same subject. We have been told that FEMA will release the updated flood maps for our area to the public

in the June 2016 time frame. Please keep an eye out for a town-wide email that announces the release of these maps and provides information on how the maps may be viewed. The staff contact for the FIRM release is Pine Knoll Shores Building Inspector and Flood Plain Manager Jim Taylor. Jim can be reached at 247-4353, ext. 18, or biceo@townofpks.com. Please note that the release of the updated FIRM will be entirely online. If you receive *The Shoreline* but have no internet access, please let Jim know if you wish to see your property on the updated map.

Smart meter project. We have installed 1,200 of the new meters, which is about 75% of the project. We should have this installation wrapped up by March. If you have any questions on the new billing procedures with Carteret-Craven Electric Cooperative, call Utility Billing Clerk Connie Shelton at 247-4353, ext. 12.

Mimosa to Arborvitae sidewalk segment design. This is a follow-up to the note here in January. We are awaiting NCDOT approval of the design for this section of sidewalk.

Submission of four sidewalk segments to NCDOT for funding. Late last year we submitted four segments to NCDOT for funding in their state-wide grant process. We will know where we stand competitively in the March-April time frame. As a reminder, the four segments are:

- The red light west to the Clamdigger, north side of the road
- The red light north to Roosevelt Boulevard, west side of the road, then west to the aquarium, north side of the road
- From Roosevelt Boulevard north to town hall, west side of the road
- From Mimosa Boulevard to Arborvitae on Salter Path Road, north side of the road

Deck safety. As mentioned last month, we will soon send letters to all oceanfront homeowners to relay information on deck safety following last year's collapses. Of interest in this area is something our building inspector came across. The two bolts below are both 5/8-inch hot dipped galvanized throughbolts used for oceanfront decking. The rusted bolt was once the same size as the larger one. The rusted bolt is 12 years old, and the intact bolt is 18-20 years old.

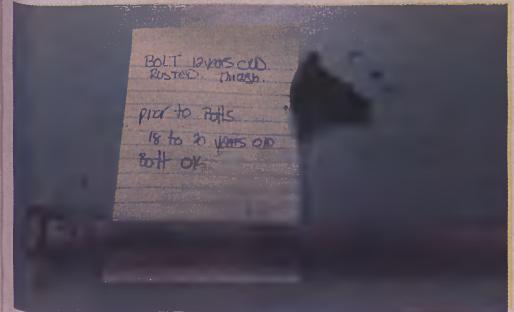


Photo by Brian Kramer

Pine Knoll Shores 2016-17 Budget Timeline	
Date	Topic
Feb. 22-Mar. 4	Department Head/Town Manager Budget Meetings
Mar. 9, 6 p.m.	First Monthly Regularly Scheduled Board of Commissioners Meeting
Mar. 18	Budget Worksheets to Board
Mar. 23, 6 p.m.	Second Monthly Regularly Scheduled Board of Commissioners Meeting/Discussion of FY 2016-17 Budget
Apr. 13, 6 p.m.	First Monthly Regularly Scheduled Board of Commissioners Meeting
Apr. 22	Budget Worksheets to Board
Apr. 27, 6 p.m.	Second Monthly Regularly Scheduled Board of Commissioners Meeting/Discussion of FY2016-17 Budget
May (date TBD)	Mayor's Budget Brief and Webinar
May 11, 6 p.m.	First Monthly Regularly Scheduled Board of Commissioners Meeting/Discussion of FY 2016-17 Budget (if needed)
May 25, 6 p.m.	Second Monthly Regularly Scheduled Board of Commissioners Meeting/Budget Message/Presentation of Proposed Budget/Call for Public Hearing
June 8, 6 p.m.	First Monthly Regularly Scheduled Board of Commissioners Meeting and Budget Hearing (Vote no later than June 30)

Our inspector believes that a likely explanation is the material used to treat the wood used for the decks. The point here is that given last year's events we all need to be diligent about checking the condition of our decks.

Budget planning—timeline for next fiscal year. The budget timeline table above gives the schedule for

our planning for next year's budget.
Please call Town Clerk Scott Sherrill
at 247-4353, ext. 11, to check for any
changes before you arrive for a meeting.
All budget meetings are open public
meetings.

Dates are set for the 2016 Kayak for the Warriors events. The 2016 Pine Knoll Shores Kayak for the Warriors events will be the best ever. Planning is in the early stages. Please mark your calendars as follows:

- May 28: foot race on the beach
- June 2: auction/reception at the aquarium
 June 4: kayak race at Garner Park

Fire alarm and home fire safety inspection. Did you know that the Pine Knoll Shores Public Safety Department conducts free home inspections for fire

safety? If you are interested, please call 247-2268 to arrange an appointment.

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