

# The Shoreline

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## Hurricane Readiness

By Jason Baker, Pine Knoll Shores Fire Chief

Hurricane season is here, and it is time to review what we need to do to be ready in the event of a storm in our area. Being prepared can go far in minimizing damage and avoiding disaster. The time to make your preparations is before they are needed; don't wait until a storm is approaching to take action. While you may have heard some of these reminders before, it is good to review them to avoid getting caught unprepared.

**Gather important paperwork:** insurance documents (property, life and health), social security cards and basic bank records. Make sure everything is current and place your paperwork in waterproof packaging in a backpack and keep it in a safe place where you can easily find it and take it with you should you evacuate. Should the worst occur and you incur damage to your house or property, you will have the necessary paperwork to begin the recovery process.

**Have your hurricane re-entry pass and keep it handy.** If you do not have one, please come to the public safety building and speak to Natalie Gible, me or any of the firefighters to have one issued to you. You must have this pass to return to the island after an evacuation.

**Have enough food on hand for 96 hours.** Stock up on nonperishable food items and water, and don't forget supplies for your pets. Place these foods in a box or crate in a safe place.

**Check your supply of medications.** Be sure that you have adequate supplies of prescription medications to last if you are evacuated or are unable to get to the pharmacy for a few days. This, too, should be stored in a safe, dry place.

**Make sure your basic emergency kit is up to date.** Be sure you have fresh batteries in your flashlights and battery-operated radio and that your first-aid kit is well stocked. In addition, it is a good idea to keep your cell phone fully charged in case of a power outage.

**Keep your car topped off with fuel.** Well in advance of a storm's landfall, top off your tank. Evacuation routes can be jammed with traffic, and a full tank will ease your anxiety as you make your way away from danger. Also, if you choose to shelter in place for the storm, it may be a while before gas stations have their power restored.

**Keep some cash on hand in case ATMs are not working.** Just as mentioned above for gas stations, banks may be without power for a period of time.

**Don't wait until the last minute to prepare your home for the storm.** We have all seen the mad rush to purchase plywood and other supplies to protect homes. Decide what you may need ahead of time and make your purchases early. If you need help to bring in-patio furniture and other items, be sure to make arrangements for that before the last minute as well.

**Register with the Carteret County CodeRED communication service** that allows the Emergency Management team to notify citizens about emergency situations. To register, visit [carteretcountync.gov/138/Emergency-Services](http://carteretcountync.gov/138/Emergency-Services) and click on the CodeRED box at the bottom. Direct all questions about CodeRED to the Emergency Services Department at 222-5841.

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## PKS Garden Club Receives Awards

The Pine Knoll Shores Garden Club has received two prestigious awards in connection with the work surrounding the installation of the Blue Star Memorial located at the corner of Highway 58 and Pine Knoll Boulevard. One award was presented by The Garden Club of North Carolina, and the other was from the South Atlantic Region of National Garden Clubs, which includes North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky, West Virginia and Virginia.



Pine Knoll Shores Garden Club Corresponding Secretary Karen Zaenker (right) and Emerald Isle Garden Club President Tula Satterfield with awards won by their respective garden clubs at the 2017 annual meeting of The Garden Club of North Carolina.—Photo by Paula Hartman, Blue Star Memorial Chairman, Roadside Development

At the annual meeting of the North Carolina state Garden Club in April, Pine Knoll Shores Garden Club Corresponding Secretary Karen Zaenker represented the many club members who worked countless hours on the project and accepted two awards related to the town's Blue Star Memorial. The club placed first in the overall process of putting together the Blue Star Memorial, and was awarded the Rowena Sewell Blue Star Memorial Highway Award from the state Garden Club. In competition with garden clubs from five states, the town's Garden Club also received the first place Blue Star Memorial Landscaping award from the South Atlantic Region.

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