



## Electric Costs, Growth Southport's Top Issues

Two candidates each are vying for single seats representing Wards I and II in Southport, where the mayor is unopposed in his bid for re-election. Controlling electric rates and shaping the city's future growth are key issues targeted by the four of five candidates who responded to the Beacon questionnaire.

### Norman R. Holden

Norman R. Holden, 51, of 212 Frink Drive, is seeking re-election to a third term as mayor, citing his past experience among his qualifications.

Adult probation and parole unit supervisor for Bladen and Brunswick counties, he is currently serving his second term as mayor and previously served four years as alderman.

He seeks a third term, he said, so that he can see through completion of numerous city projects.

Of the current issues facing the town, he ranks concern for electric rates and growth as the top two.

He said he believes the town should "continue to seek alternatives to reducing demand on electric usage such as load management; he wants to work with board members to develop ordinances to meet the needs of the community. "Trying to preserve our unique community."

### Mary McHose Strickland

Mary McHose Strickland, 52, of 222 S. River Drive, previously served on the town board for eight years. In 1986 she was spokesman for the Brunswick County Taxpayers Association. She is seeking election from Ward I, running against incumbent Judy Y. White.

Dealing with the high cost of electricity for home or business use and annexation are the two most important she sees facing the city.

She is looking at how the N.C. Public Utilities Commission might consider utility rate adjustments reflecting tax law changes and the effect of the 1986 county revaluation on the state Ad Valorem Tax Division's "unequal tax liabilities" to taxpayers and CP&L.

Annexation needs further study, Strickland said, noting "the city must cultivate positive, uncompromised growth, maintaining cooperation with those who are county residents receiving city services."

Co-owner of Undersea Ventures Ltd., she is a graduate of Washington Secretarial School and attended Flint Junior College in Flint, Mich., and UNC-Wilmington.

Married to B. Wayne Strickland, she has a son, Donald G. McHose Jr. She is chairman of the Brunswick County Nursing-Domiciliary Care Homes Advisory Committee, manager/chaperone for Miss N.C. Fourth of July and a member of Live Oak Chapter No. 179, Order of Eastern Star and the Brunswick County Republican Women.

During her previous tenure in office, she said she was always open to dialogue, devoted to executing her duties. "I did not sit on the fence, but listened, learned and was decisive. Everyone did not always agree with my counsel, but they did know that I voted after full deliberation and conviction."

### Judy Y. White

Judy Y. White, 46, of 208 E. 8th Street, is seeking re-election to the Ward I seat she has held since 1983. She was elected mayor pro-tem in 1983 and 1985.

Vice president of United Carolina Bank, she also serves on the board of directors of the N.C. Fourth of July Festival, ANCHOR Inc. and Brunswick Buddies, attends St. Philip's Episcopal Church and serves on its gifts and endowments committee. She is past president of the Southport-Oak Island Chamber of Commerce.

Noting load management devices are being installed in 450 residents, she pledged to keep utility rates affordable and competitive and to seek ways to lower the bills. She wants to continue planning for orderly growth, to purchase the Southport Boat Harbor from the state and to see the wastewater treatment plant expansion completed, for which new housing starts and planned developments will be assessed impact fees to help repay the bond issue. A drainage study has been completed and she wants to see it implemented.

During her three years on the budget committee, she said, "I have gained much knowledge and desire to apply what I have learned to making Southport a continued good place to live and keep it affordable. "I am a citizen who cares about Southport, its preservation and development."

### Linda Packer Phillips

Linda Packer Phillips, 38, of 748 Indigo Village, is seeking election to the Ward II seat held by Nelson E. Adams.

She is assistant branch manager and loan officer for People's Federal Savings & Loan Association and was previously employed in the criminal justice system for five years. She is a graduate of the N.C. Justice Academy and a certified probation officer.

Annexation, city membership in Electricities and adequate law enforcement are the top issues she feels face the town.

Annexation requires more study, she said, particularly regarding the cost-efficiency of sewer tap-ons. She's interested in researching Electricities membership in light of increases in electrical costs. She would support efforts to hire more police officers for adequate protection and increased salaries to attract qualified officers.

She is secretary of the N.C. Fourth of July Festival, member of the city's Human Relations Council, the Brunswick County Board of Realtors and the N.C.S.U. Wolfpack Club and chairman of the Southport-Oak Island Chamber of Commerce Holidays at Home Committee. Active in Democratic party politics, she serves as Southport II precinct vice chairman, co-chairman of publicity for the Democratic Women, on the county-level legislative committee and as chairman of the county committee to re-elect Congressman Charlie Rose. She is a former member of the Long Beach ABC Board.

She cites among her qualifications her past law enforcement-related experience, her present knowledge in the financial world, and political experience in dealing with and working with other people.

Incumbent Nelson E. Adams, 41, of 303 W. 10th St., did not return the Beacon questionnaire.

## Long Beach Candidates Address Street Drainage

BY DOUG RUTTER

Two Long Beach mayoral candidates are seeking election Nov. 2, along with six candidates running for three available seats on the board of commissioners.

The mayor is elected to a term of two years and receives a salary of \$50 per month while council members are elected to four-year terms and are paid \$5 per meeting.

One of two mayoral candidates responded to the Beacon questionnaire, along with five of six candidates for commissioner.

### John W. Vereen III

Incumbent Mayor John W. Vereen III, 33, of 119 N.E. 31st St., had previously served one 4-year term on the town's board of commissioners and currently serves as Oak Island Republican Precinct Chairman.

Vereen was graduated from Maxton Military School and is an independent business man. He and his wife, Joyce, have two children, Tammy and Kevin.

He said the most important issues facing Long Beach residents are controlling excess government spending, controlling litter, improving street drainage and continuing the family atmosphere of Long Beach. He also advocates stronger zoning and has opposed a town sewer system.

Vereen said, "To me, the office of mayor is not just a job but a way of life. One which demands not just an obligation, but a consistent effort to help each person on an individual basis."

### Kevin M. Bell

Kevin M. Bell, 28, of 132 N.E. 37th St., is the local director of minor league Dixie Youth Baseball and chairman of the Long Beach Community Watch.

He is a high school graduate and has worked as a manager trainee at Capital Associated Industries. Bell has a wife, Sheila, and a son, Jamie.



Bell is currently employed as a licensed heating, ventilation and air conditioning contractor by Williams Supply.

He said important issues at Long Beach include street lighting, street repair, mosquito control and the creation of a strong community watch program.

Bell said, "It is my dream and prayers that Long Beach can be a community working towards common goals as a team."

### David S. Drummond

David S. Drummond, 49, of 2704 W. Yacht Dr., is the co-founder and current president of the Long Beach Civic Association.

He is a carpenter at Sunny Point Army Terminal and a high school graduate. Drummond has a wife, Helen, and two daughters, Jeannie and Susan.

He said the two most important issues facing the town of Long Beach are street paving and street drainage.

Drummond added that taxes could be lowered and zoning should be based on deed restrictions.

"My ability to unite diverse factions to a common goal," he said, will help him as a commissioner, adding, "I would like to help restore harmony to town government."

### Jean C. Gray

Jean C. Gray, 64, of 102 2nd St.

N.E., is a retired supervisor of the New York State Thruway Authority and former member of the U.S. Marine Corps Women's Reserve during World War II.

She was graduated from Cornell University at Russel Sage College in the Labor Studies Program. She has a husband, Thomas, and a son, David.

Gray was president of the local Civil Services Employment Association in New York State for 14 years, and was also a member of the New York CSEA board of directors. Locally, she is involved with the Long Beach Over Fifty Club and the Senior Citizens Club, acting as chairman of the annual yard sale and bake sale.

Gray said important issues currently facing Long Beach include a town sewer system and beach erosion.

She said she is seeking election because "if you see a wrong, it is your duty to correct it. If you feel the area needs defending and want to maintain the wonderful life you have, you must work for it."

Gray added, "I am interested in the running of both local and national politics and I am especially fond of my adopted area of Long Beach and wish to help it reach its full potential for all."

### Robert L. Miller

Robert L. Miller, 75, of 123 28th St. N.E., is a retired sales manager affiliated with several Oak Island organizations including the Oak Island Senior Citizens, Moose Lodge, Masonic Lodge, Elks and the Long Beach Civic Association.

Miller received a bachelor of science degree from Carroll College in Wisconsin. He has a wife, Berneice.

He said controlling beach litter and erosion are two important issues currently facing Long Beach residents. He also said street drainage and paving and continuing the family orientation of Long Beach are key issues.

Miller said, "Having a successful sales career in management, I feel I have the leadership qualities that are most needed at this time."

He added that the challenge to "let's be proud of Long Beach" is what prompted him to seek election.

### Ben C. Thomas

Ben C. Thomas, 50, of 2208 W. Yacht Dr., has previously served two separate terms as mayor of Long Beach and now wants to offer this experience as commissioner.

He is currently employed at Pfizer Chemical in Southport. Thomas has a wife, Virginia, and three sons away from home.

Thomas has a high school education in addition to some military school and college background.

He said the most important issues facing Long Beach are street paving and the creation of a bike and jogging path to eliminate dangerous situations on the main roads.

Thomas said he is running for commissioner "to offer my experience in governmental affairs."

Mike Oxford, 35, a commissioner running for mayor, and David P. Ford, 33, who is seeking re-election as commissioner, did not respond to the Beacon questionnaire.

## Four Eye Two Doshier Seats

Four Smithville Township residents are seeking two openings on the seven-member Doshier Hospital Board of Trustees, whose members serve six-year staggered terms and are elected at-large.

One of four candidates responded to the Beacon questionnaire.

### Jean R. St. Andre

Jean R. St. Andre, 65, of 2907 E. Yacht Drive, Long Beach, did not respond to the questionnaire.

### Renee Horne Hilger

Renee Horne Hilger, 33, of 314 Moore St., Southport, is an incumbent seeking re-election. She did not respond to the questionnaire.

### William S. Kirby

William S. Kirby, 38, of 206, Herring Drive, Southport, did not respond to the questionnaire.

### William V. Sizemore Jr.

William V. (Bill) Sizemore Jr., 35, of 119 S.E. 29th

Street, Long Beach, cites his 15 years experience in banking and management among his qualifications to serve as a hospital trustee. He is a manager for United Carolina Bank.

"I would like to keep Doshier Hospital a profitable, quality, independent hospital," he says. "I feel I can bring professional business background experience to the board."

He is currently president of the Oak Island Lions Club and a member of the Oak Island Moose Lodge. He is a graduate of Clemson University in South Carolina. He and his wife, Rebecca, have two children, Marissa, 7, and Caleb, 4.



## 1987 SHALLOTTE CHRISTMAS PARADE

Saturday, December 5, At 10:00 A.M.

Parade begins at Shallotte Middle School and follows Highway 17 North to the main branch of United Carolina Bank. Entry fee is \$35 for commercial entries. No entry fee for non-profit groups, churches, schools, civic groups, etc.

Deadline for entry is Friday, November 20. For more information contact Shallotte Town Hall, (919)754-4032.



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ly hard for the individual to detect because the blank area is often filled in by the sight from the other eye. An optometrist, however, by testing with small lights or moving colored spots can detect such blind spots or field of vision losses. Advice—if you are having problems with your central or peripheral vision, have an eye check-up at your earliest convenience!

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