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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! We look back on the joys of 1974 -- our beautiful island community, the pleasures of walking the beach and going out on the Sound, the fun of planting our flower gardens and our vegetables, the happiness of making friends and working together. We look forward to 1975 with anticipation. There will be dark moments, we know, but the bright days far outnumber them, and we say, "How fortunate we were to find Pine Knoll Shores."

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING: The Commissioners met Thursday, December 12, Mayor Pro-Tom Jim Ramsey presiding. The Commissioners asked for volunteers to work on a study of the pros and cons of a bridge from the mainland to Pine Knoll Shores. If you wish to help with this study, please contact Mayor Redfield, Jim Ramsey, or Aileen Adams, the Town Clerk. Town officials have completed a mutual law enforcement agreement with Atlantic Beach so that either town can legally call for police assistance in an emergency. Our Police Commissioner has requested that a beach vehicle be included in next year's budget. Commissioner Bozuyen was requested to get more information and costs before the January meeting. The question of whether or not the \$10,000. limitation on expenditure mandated by our charter should be retained or eliminated was discussed. Both the Commissioners and the Town Attorney suggested that a public hearing be held on this matter.

There will be a special hearing on proposed ordinances. Dates of hearings will be published in the Carteret paper in plenty of time for all of us to plan to attend. It is a sad commentary that only six citizens attended the December Commissioners' meeting.

Beginning January 1, Pine Knoll Shores city tags to be displayed on the front bumper will be mandatory for Pine Knoll Shores residents and may be purchased by non-resident property owners. These tags are available at the Town Hall at the cost of \$1.00.

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TOWN CLERK AILEEN ADAMS is just about as dedicated a backer of PKS as anyone you could find. She senses something special about people here, she says, because they all came here on purpose, and, though many are retired, they have worked hard to make the town come to life. "It's a unique little town!" declared Aileen in a recent interview. And the people are her favorite thing about the place.

Aileen grew up in Statesville, but when she came here years ago to visit her sister, she met A. P. Adams in Morehead, and never went back. A.P. is the Service Manager for Parker Ford, is what Aileen calls a fixer-upper around the house. They were married in 1947, are the parents of two girls; one is Ann, married and living in Ramseur, N. C., and the other is Kathy, 15, a Freshman and fine student at West Carteret High School.

For eight years Aileen served Morehead City in several capacities: as Tax Collector, Temporary Town Clerk, and Treasurer. She is very active in the First Methodist Church of Morehead, as is A.P.. At home she loves to do embroidery, needlepoint, and lots of sewing. "I keep the machine out all the time," she says.

Aileen loves to be helpful to "her" townspeople; stop by and see her in your wanderings and tip her a nod!

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GENEVA (call her JUNE) and VINCENT DIROSA have moved into the house they built more than three years ago (the house has been lived in by renters) on Oakleaf and Willow. Vincent will have left December 22 for a tour of duty in Okinawa, to be gone 13 months, but June expects to be kept pretty busy settling into their newly decorated home with her children and Samoyed dog, Ruska. Oldest boy, Phillip, 19, attends Auburn University in Alabama. Others are Patrick, 16; Patricia, 13 (and she is an eager babysitter, accomplished, too; call her at 726-1263); Patrina, 11, and Perry, 7. Vincent, a marine, is a Master Gunnery Sgt. in the supply services field. They come to us fresh from Albany, Georgia, although Vincent is originally from upper New York State and June from West Virginia.

GERRY WATKINS, of the big long-time-a-building house just over the bridge on Mimosa, lives most of the time in Raleigh, but, with her two boys, comes now to PKS about every two weeks to enjoy beach life.

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