

## COMMISSIONERS' MEETING, FEBRUARY 12

1975 Town taxes are 89% collected. 150 auto tags had been sold by February 12. The deadline was February 15. 32 dogs are registered.

The Commissioners appointed KEN HOFFMEYER, Registered Professional Engineer in North Carolina, to be Assistant Building Inspector, his time to be given as a public service without compensation.

Atlantic Beach will refund the amount paid for fire protection to those PKS citizens who paid double tax for this purpose. Anyone to whom this applies should take receipts or cancelled checks to the Atlantic Beach town hall on Tuesdays or Thursdays. There is a 60 day limit for applying for refunds beginning February 9.

JOHN COLLIER reported to the Commissioners that an athletic field is being constructed at Salter Path near the Salter Path fire and rescue building. Donations are requested to help complete this project. Commissioner McCulley will visit the field and report back to the Board. No action was taken at this meeting.

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If you are a PKS'er required to pay the 1975 Fire District tax and haven't yet paid, it might be wise to consider doing so. Our Town Attorney has said that if you don't pay, the tax will become a lien against your property. This can be avoided by making the payment and then recovering it from Atlantic Beach as reported in the Carteret County News-Times of February 12 (and this Shoreline).

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IMPORTANT reminder for PKS residents -- when you fill in your Federal Income tax form, you will find a question "In what city, town, village, etc., do you live?" This information is requested by the Census Bureau for Revenue Sharing. Please be sure to list Pine Knoll Shores, not Morehead City or Atlantic Beach through whose post office you get your mail.

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When we had the February storm which blew down so many branches, some of us had such a pile of brush to burn that we wondered whether we needed a burning permit. We asked at the Town Office for a review of the regulations, and here is a summary. Paper, leaves, litter, shavings (i.e. a small fire) may be burned if (a) an adult person is in constant attendance; (b) a connected water hose is available at the site of the fire; (c) the site of the fire is a safe distance from adjacent building, trees, or inflammable refuse; (d) the wind velocity does not exceed ten miles per hour. For any larger fire, you should secure a burning permit from the building inspector. Incidentally, he reminds us that nothing can be burned on the shoulders of the road.

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GEORGE KLOEK has been selected chairman of the Environmental Resources Commission for Carteret County. Another appointment -- DR. EDWARD BAKER has been appointed to represent Pine Knoll Shores on the fifteen man commission to study the best location of the Convention Center.

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TIPS FOR PROTECTING YOUR HOME  
AGAINST BURGLARY

1. Keep doors and windows locked even when leaving home for a short period of time.
2. Burn a light visible from the street at night near your doorway. When away from home a timing device on this same light is a great deterrent.
3. Do not allow strangers or solicitors in your home without first checking their credentials. If there is still doubt, check them out further by phoning their company or the organization they claim to represent. If you are unable to contact their organization, or are still in doubt, call your Police Dept.
4. Encourage your neighbors to watch each others homes when you or they are away.
5. Notify your Police Department if you intend to be away for several days.
6. Stop all newspapers and other like deliveries. Have a neighbor pick up your mail and remove any hand bills or catalogs that may be left where they may be seen by passerbys.