

PINE KNOLL SHORE LINE

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From the MAYOR:

Once in a while someone complains that he or she is not adequately informed as to what is happening in the Town government.

Obviously, certain personnel matters (except the announcement of an appointment or a resignation) can hardly be the subject of public discussion. Everything else, however, is public business as to which each of you is entitled to full disclosure.

The Board of Commissioners tries to keep you informed, but our means of communication are limited. The "Shore Line" is certainly one of our most effective media for disseminating news about the Town; it reports each of the regular meetings of the Board and opens its pages to items such as the one you are now reading. A reporter from the "Carteret News-Times" also attends each Board meeting and summarizes it in the next edition of the paper.

Remember, too, that anyone may attend Board meetings, hear whatever is discussed, and ask questions. In addition, I invite you to call me about any Town matter as to which you feel uninformed and I'll supply whatever information I have or can obtain.

A particular instance of this sort - where some may have felt a lack of information - comes to mind. Our endeavor to put before the Townspeople (eventually in a referendum) a concrete plan for a municipal complex to house fire equipment, a rescue squad, and Town offices suffered a two-month delay because of architect problems. Those difficulties, which in turn delayed negotiations with FmHA for a commitment of funds, have now been resolved and we are back on the track. You will hear more of the plans and possibilities when we have definitive details with which to supply you.

Meanwhile, the Town property on which the complex will be located (if funded and if approved by you) has been cleared by a group of public spirited citizens. Some sunny day you should walk about this cleared area (next to the present Town Hall) and see for yourself what a magnificent setting it would make!

WHEN THE TOWN COMMISSIONERS met on February 1 for their regular session, they finished their business in what seemed like about fifteen minutes. The big thing was the appointment of a new Building Inspector, KERNEY SMITH. Kerney, husband of Commissioner Mary Catherine Smith, is retired from Western Electric where he was a tool designer; he plans to spend each morning from 8 to 10 on construction sites, then he in his office at the Town Hall from 10 until 1. Should anyone wish to reach him at another time, an appointment can be made. Mayor Haller and the Board put a resolution in the minutes, following Smith's swearing in, to thank the four interim building inspectors, KEN HOFFMEYER, WHITNEY LAWRENCE, FRED MEHLIN and BOB ARMSTRONG. At the February 16 meeting, KEN HOFFMEYER was sworn in as Assistant Building Inspector.

Jesse Helms has sent the Garden Club a flag that was flown over the capitol, and this flag will be held in reserve by the Garden Club until the Town needs a replacement, at which time it will be presented formally.

The new Town Hall property has been cleared and there follows a list of workers to end all lists, but it is so heartening to see the co-operation around here when a big project gets underway that we can't resist printing it: BOB AMES, BOB ARMSTRONG, SI BEZUYEN, ART BROWNE, WAYNE CLEVELAND, KEN DOREMUS, HARRY HALL, KEN HALLER, KEN HOFFMEYER, LARRY JEROME, CURT JOHNSON, FRANK JOHNSON, SHADY JONES, KEN KNIGHT, BILL MACDONALD, DICK MANSFIELD, FRED MEHLIN, ALLEN MITCHELL, EL RATLIFFE, ARNOLD SMITH, ED WARNER and MILT YAECK. If we missed anyone, ring us up and we'll put it in next month in bigger letters. Thanks, guys!

WM. J. HEDRICK, Pine Knoll Townes, has been contracted to be architect for the new Town Hall.

PIKSCO BOARD voted in its Dec. 14 meeting to name its sound park after former Board Member WILLARD H. GARNER, who died recently. The park, between Garner and McBride properties, will now be known as the Willard H. Garner Sound Park.