

PINE KNOLL SHORELINE

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PINE KNOLL SHORES - A PROGRESS REPORT

If the number of people building new homes and moving into Pine Knoll Shores is an indication, the town is maintaining its position as a desirable place to live. In 1977 new home building permits totalled 23, according to records of PKS's building inspector, Kearny Smith. Most of the 23 were completed during the year, along with six that were begun in 1976. However, of this total, occupancy permits were issued for 20, with the others scheduled for occupancy later.

Total value of the new homes erected last year amounted to \$1,078,835, with the value of the individual homes increasing to over the \$50,000 mark.

The year 1978 appears to be starting off at an even better rate than previous years. Already, in the first three weeks, homes with a total value of \$135,000 have been started, and inquiries concerning building requirements and standards are surpassing former years.

Moreover, improvements in the way of life for Pine Knoll Shores also have been taking place. The Carolina Water Service has erected and placed in service a new 150,000-gallon tank, along with an additional deep well, to strengthen that company's service to the community.

In addition, Carteret-Craven Electric Membership Corporation, will shortly begin the construction on Roosevelt Drive of a new 30,000 KVA electric sub-station that will improve its service to the growing community. Upon completion of the project later this year, the area will be completely landscaped with shrubs and grass so as to harmonize with its surroundings. To serve the new sub-station, a new 115 KV power line will be erected along Salter Path Road from Atlantic Beach.

Plans for the new town hall-fire-and-rescue complex are continuing apace, with construction expected to begin within the next 90 days and completion later this year. This will provide improved facilities for the conduct of the town's business, as well as more adequate and modern quarters for the police department, and a central location for the town's new fire and rescue equipment expected to be acquired in the next few months. With respect to the new fire fighting equipment and its volunteer force -- members of which are now attending classes in the proper use of the equipment -- it is expected that rates for fire insurance to homeowners will be reduced.

In order to maintain a harmonious community scene, a new Community Appearance Committee has been appointed. The purpose of the committee is to work with new residents -- those building new homes in PKS -- and to offer ideas, advice, and guidance with their grading, driveway, and landscaping of the property. While the committee has no enforcement powers, it expects through discussions with property owners to encourage them to maintain housing and landscaping standards that will harmonize with and enhance the already attractive qualities of the community.

While Pine Knoll Shores, with its some 350 attractive homes, is no metropolitan center it does have a spirit of neighborhood interest surpassing other communities. This is especially evident in its desire for maintaining an environmental balance heightened by the appeal of architecturally individual and attractive surroundings.

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