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Hurricane Good Neighbor Program

By Tom King, CERT Civilian Leader

During a hurricane, some folks leave Pine Knoll Shores and some choose to remain. After the storm passes, the Police Department conducts a survey of the town to determine if there is damage or if any citizens are in need of assistance. If required, the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) will assist the police in this service.

To give priority to those who have remained, the Hurricane Good Neighbor Program (HGNP) was developed. Those who participate in the HGNP will be given the highest priority in determining whether assistance is required; those who do not participate will be at a higher risk and will have to wait until a random survey of the town is conducted. The HGNP is designed to get help to those who need it in a more efficient manner than relying on randomly discovering an issue in a search of the town.

A notice of the activation time of the HGNP will be emailed to those on the town-wide email list, posted on the town's website (townofpks.com) and Facebook page, and announced on the town's radio station (1610 AM). In addition, a notice will be given on the county's CodeRED system. Generally, the activation will be 48 hours prior to expected hurricane landfall (sooner if the 48 hours falls between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m.).

If you are remaining in town and desire to participate, after the activation time given, call 646-6506 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. to contact a CERT representative. Outside these hours, please leave a voicemail with your name and phone number; you will receive a return call.

The CERT representative will ask for the name of the head of the household, household address, the names and ages of those in the household who will remain in town, landline phone number, cell number(s), an off-island contact in case of an emergency (name and phone number) and names of anyone in the household with special health considerations (and the nature of those considerations). In addition, the representative will determine if there are pets in the home and if they are stranger friendly.

If you notify CERT that you will remain in town and have a change of plans, please call the number above to advise CERT that you will be leaving. This will keep a team from unnecessarily checking on your residence.

After hurricane passage, those participating in the HGNP will be called to determine the status of all in the household. If assistance is required, or if we are unable to contact you, a team will be assigned to come to your residence as soon as possible.

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 **1610 AM** PINE KNOLL SHORES RADIO
The Pine Knoll Shores Radio Station broadcasts 24 hours a day with weather and emergency info.
EMERGENCY - CALL 911
ECC 726-1911 • PUBLIC SAFETY 247-2474

Sonny Cunningham Receives Award

By Brian Kramer

It is with great pleasure that the Town of Pine Knoll Shores announces that Public Services Director and Water System Operator Sonny Cunningham has been named the 2018 Recipient of the Bud Pate Service Award by the North Carolina Rural Water Association (NCWRA).

This award, which recognizes Water System Operators across North Carolina, recognizes a person who has demonstrated an outstanding concern for his community through his actions to serve others. Sonny is one of only four award recipients across the state, which has 6,000 regulated public water supply systems. The award was presented at the NCWRA's annual conference in Greensboro on May 16.



Sonny Cunningham, holding the Bud Pate Service Award, with Keith Hojzman, President of the Board of Directors of the NC Rural Water Association.—Photo by Brian Kramer

Sonny has had a direct and positive impact on the Pine Knoll Shores water system. The accomplishments for which he has been cited include:

- Streamlining meter-reading procedures, developing an effective early-detection system for leaks and using modern radio-read meters. This work has saved the town's customers thousands of dollars in usage fees due to leaks.
- Playing a key role in the town's implementation of an effective utility software

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