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Changes to PKS Board of Commissioners

Commissioner John Brodman announced his plans at the January 9 Board of Commissioners meeting to step down from the board, effective January 31. He and his wife, Sylvia, have put their home on the market and are planning to move out of the area. Commissioner Brodman has served as a commissioner since 2013, and before that was a valued member of the Pine Knoll Shores Parks and Recreation Committee (PARC). As commissioner, he served as liaison to *The Shoreline*, contributing informative and interesting articles, and to PARC, attending committee meetings and playing an integral role in helping to prepare for events like the annual Turkey Trot and Pickleball Tournament. John has helped organize many other town-wide events over the years, and he and Sylvia will be missed.

Many of you know may know Alicia Durham. She ran in our last election and tied Commissioner Larry Corsello. After a recount, they were still tied. Pursuant to NC General Statute 163-292(3), the winner was determined by the Board of Elections by lot—in this case drawing one of the names. Commissioner Corsello's name was drawn, giving him the seat on the board.

Ms. Durham was introduced at the January board meeting by Mayor Jones, who explained that, with the close election, she was the natural choice to fill Commissioner Brodman's term (ending in 2021). The board will hold a vote on the first day of the commissioners' two-day retreat on February 7-8 at the Trinity Center, and Ms. Durham will be sworn in as the first item of business at 10 a.m. We hope you will be able to attend.



Alicia Kramer Durham

New Procedures for PKS Reentry Pass Permitting

By Ryan Thompson, Pine Knoll Shores Police Chief

You may have seen the email or our Facebook post about the change to our hurricane reentry pass program. Effective immediately, hurricane reentry passes for Pine Knoll Shores will be issued from December 1 through May 31 only. Reentry passes will be issued at other times only for new homeowners or new renters. Experience has shown that public safety personnel spend an inordinate amount of time issuing passes as hurricanes are approaching.

Hurricane reentry passes are to allow residents to enter Pine Knoll Shores directly after the hurricane is over. Hurricane Florence was the most devastating hurricane to hit our area in decades. Despite the devastating impacts of the storm, we only required reentry passes for two days. I say this only to dispel the myth that you will need a reentry pass to get back into Pine Knoll Shores weeks after a hurricane.

A way to improve reentry pass procedures was a major topic of discussion at our Hurricane Florence after-action meeting back in December. Before this change, residents could get a reentry pass 365 days a year. Despite being able to get a pass all year, it always seemed that the majority of passes were issued when hurricanes were off our coast and a few days from landfall.

When a hurricane is forecast to make landfall in North Carolina, our staff begins a monumental preparation process. This is not just limited to the Police and Fire Departments, but it is a town-wide effort. The Public Services Department is securing their equipment, ensuring all of our generators are working and fully fueled, pre-staging emergency water pumps, and pre-pumping water levels down to accommodate the expected additional rainfall. The building inspector goes to every construction site in Pine Knoll Shores and ensures the contractors have secured their work sites to limit the amount of debris that can get blown around. The town manager and mayor are coordinating with neighboring municipalities, county officials and the local weather service to make sure we have the most up-to-date information. The fire chief and I are attending emergency management meetings, coordinating evacuations for medically fragile residents, scheduling additional employees to work, purchasing large amounts of groceries to feed our public safety employees, making sure our hotels close and evacuate the guests, preparing the public safety building for the storm, setting up our Emergency Operations Center, and making sure all of our equipment is in working order. We are doing all of this while also making sure our families and homes are prepared to weather the storm.

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