



Next dinner with the mayor. Our next quarterly dinner with Mayor Jones will be on Saturday, February 23, in Raleigh. We will meet at 5:30 p.m. at Mia Francesca Trattoria, 4100 Main at North Hills Street. This will be the fifth year in which we have tried to reach out to second-home owners, so we have again picked a location that will work for those in the greater Raleigh area. Of course, all Pine Knoll Shores homeowners are welcome to join us. If you plan to attend, please email us at manager@townofpks.com, or

call/text at 252-723-0013 by February 6. We need a solid count of attendees as we will again prepare some material to hand out. The sequence of events will be some small talk, order off the menu, talk some more, eat, and talk some more after that. All will be responsible to cover the cost of their own meals.

Planning for the next year (and beyond). The annual Board of Commissioners off-site meeting will take place on February 7-8. Call Town Clerk Sarah Williams at 247-4353, ext. 13, for details (this is important; there is a chance this could slide one week further into February). This is an open and public meeting and all are invited to attend.

Hurricane Florence FEMA activity. We continue to meet with our FEMA project officer concerning recovery from Hurricane Florence. The town is in line to receive \$1.1 million in FEMA funding for our debris recovery and the other emergency protective measures taken before, during and after the storm. Additionally, FEMA will help us rent a trailer for use by our Police Department for the next several months. Regarding the beach, our request for a renourishment project in the \$10-\$14 million range is being considered by FEMA now.

Stormwater management activity. Here are a few updates on the continued work related to stormwater management in Pine Knoll Shores:

- *Adjustments to Phase II project preliminary plans resulting from Hurricane Florence.* In early January staff and Commissioner Edwards met with the consultant to discuss the changes to the preliminary plans drafted in July 2018 and presented publicly in a meeting in November 2018. The objective is to have amended preliminary plans prepared in time for two grant submissions. The main elements of the changes to the preliminary plan are: connection of the new line to three neighborhood ponds, adjustment of the discharge point at the sound to allow for discharge without impacting shellfish sanitation guidelines, adjustment at the country club to ensure that discharge is synchronized with input (this is pending country club approval), and installing a line from Reefstone/Bermuda Greens to the country club pond network (this is pending country club approval).
- *Grant #1—Submission to the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS) for flood mitigation assistance.* In December 2018 staff submitted a letter of intent to the state to fund construction of the town's Phase II project. NCDPS is still working on funding timelines.
- *Grant #2—Application to the Clean Water Trust Fund Grant for the Phase II project.* The NC Coastal Federation contacted us in January and informed us that they will submit the application on our behalf. The timeline is as follows: fall 2019-spring 2020—prepare final design plans, acquire easements, acquire regulatory permits; summer 2020—project out to bid; and fall 2020-spring 2021—construction.
- *Application for federal 319 grant for stormwater retrofits town-wide.* These retrofits are those laid out in the town's Watershed Restoration Plan, which includes downspout adjustments, installation of swales, public education, etc. The timeline is as follows: spring 2019—identify retrofit town-wide (lead candidates are Acorn Court, swales on Juniper, Yaupon, Willow, Holly and Cedar roads); January 2020—work begins. Note that the town will initiate work on the east end swales this winter/spring. In December we visited the area with the NC Coastal Federation to discuss design options.
- *Pine Knoll Shores house raising.* Eight homeowners have indicated interest in this. The county Planning Department is submitting a request for this project to NCDPS for properties throughout Carteret County, and the Pine Knoll Shores properties would be part of this. Staff attended a briefing on this in late December. The timeline is yet to be determined.
- *Visit to Kure Beach.* Staff and Commissioner Edwards were scheduled to visit Kure Beach in late January to learn about their discharge system under their dunes on the beach.
- *Water table.* The water table remains elevated. Past experience tells us that when

the table is above five feet even small rain events can cause flooding issues. We have been above five feet since September, the most sustained period of elevated levels we have seen since we started monitoring this. Sonny Cunningham has stayed ahead of this with some neighborhood pumping. We don't think we will see levels back at the normal three-to-four-foot range until the growth starts in the spring.

Water system road bore and hydrant project. The underground road bore and fire hydrant installation project for our water system has been delayed. We opened a single bid in mid-December and it was considerably higher than budgeted. We rejected this bid and will cast a wider net with more contractors. As of the time this is written, we were planning to reopen the bidding in late January and hopefully have work started by early March. Our internal deadline is to have this work done prior to Memorial Day. The two locations for the work are at 193 Salter Path Road and 215 Salter Path Road.

Water system asset management. At the Board of Commissioners' annual off-site retreat in early February we will discuss an asset management process that we recently completed for our water system. Sonny Cunningham was deeply involved in this. We conducted a detailed inventory and analysis of our system and will plan a capital improvement program that will ensure our water system finances will support maintenance and replacement requirements for the next 5 to 10 years. Please note that the public water supply system in Pine Knoll Shores is the highest value asset that the town owns.

Emergency vehicle access. We are planning to install an emergency beach access on the west end of town. We had started work on this late last summer but were distracted by the storm. The ramp will look similar to the one that you see at the Knollwood public beach access.

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PINE KNOLL SHORES

Women's Club

By Michelle Powers

February 21, 1984—why is that a momentous date in Pine Knoll Shores' history? Most of us reading this didn't live here then, but important things were happening. The most memorable was the launching of the Pine Knoll Shores Women's Club. Thirty-five years later, the club continues to be an important part of life in Pine Knoll Shores. As former mayor Joan Lamson recalled in 2014 at the 30th anniversary celebration of the club's founding, a popular song in 1984 was Cindi Lauper's "Girls Just Want to Have Fun." Joan went on to point out that the "girls" of Pine Knoll Shores wanted more than just "to have fun." They also wanted to make a difference in their community. The club's mission adopted by those founding members—"to provide for intellectual advancement of its members and to promote higher social and civic conditions in the community"—remains the foundation of today's Women's Club. And the "girls" still find time to have some fun.

This February when the dreary weather is upon us, when you've already abandoned most of your New Year's resolutions and when you are looking for something different to do, consider what the Women's Club has to offer. Membership in the club is open to female residents of Pine Knoll Shores, but guests, both male and female, are always welcome to attend meetings. Several special interest groups provide club members with opportunities to socialize with friends and neighbors. Cook's Night Out, chaired by Pegge Knecht, focuses on group dinners at local restaurants. Wine and Tapas, chaired by Susan Johnson, meets periodically at members' homes for light refreshments and good conversation. Information about how to participate in these activities is provided at monthly club meetings.

During 2019, the club continues its wellness lectures. On February 22, Wellness Planner and Go-Green Specialist Martha Massaad will present "Essential Oils and Your Health." All are welcome to attend this informative lecture.

Meetings are held at the Pine Knoll Shores town hall beginning at 9:30 a.m. with refreshments, followed by the speaker and then a short business meeting. We hope to see you there to become a part of the club's 35-year tradition.