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State of Emergency in PKS

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Modified government operations

Following the Mayor's declaration of a State of Emergency on March 13, the Town of Pine Knoll Shores is taking proactive steps to protect the health and well-being of our citizens in the face of growing cases of COVID-19 around the nation and here in North Carolina. By the time you are reading this, there will in all likelihood have been further developments. Please check the town's website at townofpks.com for updates.

Effective Monday, March 16, and continuing until further notice, government operations for the Town of Pine Knoll Shores will be modified in the following manner:

Town Hall

Town hall will be closed to the public and all town hall business shall be conducted via phone, email, fax or other virtual means to the greatest extent possible. Following the guidance of state officials, the town will facilitate the telecommuting of employees to the greatest extent possible. When calling town hall, please leave a voicemail, and someone will return your call as soon as possible. Tax payments or other documents requiring delivery to town staff can be placed in the drop box located behind town hall.

Meetings

The meetings of all appointed town advisory boards, commissions and committees will be modified to reduce vulnerability of people and property of the Town of Pine Knoll Shores. Town staff will be in contact with these respective groups to outline meeting procedures going forward. Meetings of groups not affiliated with government operations are not permitted in town buildings until further notice. There is no change to the format or schedule of the Board of Commissioners meetings at this time; however, that may be modified in the future if needed.

Building Inspections

Building inspections will be conducted as normal; however, meetings in person will be restricted to those initiated or requested by town staff only. The building inspector requests that attendance at on-site inspections be limited to the inspector only unless otherwise arranged. Permit applications can be found on the town website at townofpks.com/beach-permits. Completed applications

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PKS Pickleball Tournament

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Kayak for the Warriors Event

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COVID-19 Advice

By Ken Wilkins, MD

Wash your hands!

It's important, so I say again: *Wash your hands!* Here is the best information about just how to do so: Use soap and water (it doesn't have to be hot water), scrubbing for at least 20 seconds. Do this early and often and especially after going to the bathroom; before preparing/eating food; and after coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose. Again, wash your hands. This is the best way to avoid getting sick, with COVID-19 or any other contagious respiratory illness—and the best way to limit its spread.

You have heard, perhaps more than you want to know, about the novel coronavirus that is now officially a pandemic. This article is to summarize our current knowledge about this illness (as I write on March 12) and to make recommendations about behavior. Please keep in mind that this is a rapidly changing situation and that it is important to pay attention to the latest information. It is also important to get that information from reliable sources,

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A number of articles in this issue of *The Shoreline* discuss upcoming events in Pine Knoll Shores and the surrounding area. At press deadline, it was still unclear how these events may be impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. Please watch for schedule changes and cancellations from event organizers, local officials and the news media.—The Editors

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