



Happy spring to everyone. Here are a few things going on in Pine Knoll Shores.

**Next dinner with the mayor.** Our next dinner with the mayor will be in May here in Carteret County at 5:30 p.m. Full details (or if there is a decision to cancel or postpone this event) will be announced via email and Facebook.

**COVID-19.** By the time you are reading this so much will have changed from the

present that we shall not discuss any current information. With that said, the town is taking necessary and prudent steps to ensure for the continuity of operations and the safety of anyone entering our facilities. One of the first things we did when this crisis began was to outfit our first responders with CDC-recommended personal protective equipment. We want to continue to stress the need for everyone to get information only from reliable sources. Good luck to all as we move through this incredible event.

**Beach project.** As of March 11, approximately 25% of the planned 1,000,000 cubic yards of sand had been placed on the eastern quarter of the Pine Knoll Shores beach strand. Following the completion of the sand work, the next step in the project will be the installation of beach vegetation along all 4.5 miles of our beachfront. This will start in mid-April and likely could extend past Memorial Day. We would like to request that we all refrain from placing equipment or permanent structures on the beach until after the placement of this vegetation. Full credit here goes to Greg "Rudi" Rudolph, the Carteret County Shore Protection Officer, who has an excellent project website at [carteretcountync.gov/797/Post-Florence-Renourishment-Project](http://carteretcountync.gov/797/Post-Florence-Renourishment-Project).



Drone photo of the beach renourishment project by Pine Knoll Shores Fire Captain Jesse Chaplain.

**Grant award for stormwater projects.** Working with the North Carolina Coastal Federation, the town has been awarded a \$100,000 grant for three projects in town. First, a drain line across Pine Knoll Boulevard will be installed to alleviate flooding concerns on Live Oak Court; next, a rehabilitation of Acorn Court will alleviate flooding issues there; and finally a living shoreline will be installed at the end of the trail at Veterans Park, which will address severe shoreline erosion at that location. We hope to get these projects done in the next two fiscal years.

**Phase II stormwater project.** By the time you are reading this, the survey work on this project on the east end of town should be near completion. We are continuing discussions with the Crystal Coast Country Club on an easement for this project, and we are continuing to work with neighbors on the east end for easements as well. We are planning a town hall meeting with a brief by the project engineer in early May. Please keep an eye out on email and on the town Facebook page for more information on this.

**Emergency beach access on the west end of town.** The town recently signed an agreement with the Trinity Center to install a third emergency beach access point on the west end of Pine Knoll Shores. We are talking to the contractor now with the objective of having this installed prior to the summer. The access will look nearly identical to the one that the town built at the Knollwood public beach access in 2010.

**Sidewalk on the west side of Pine Knoll Boulevard.** The town is working with the developer of Maritime Woods to install a sidewalk that will run down the right of way on the west side of Pine Knoll Boulevard from town hall to Highway 58. This is part of the town's Pedestrian Master Plan and will help link commonly used areas in Pine Knoll Shores. Hopefully, the sidewalk will be installed this calendar year.

**Budget planning timeline.** The table below provides dates for all budget related meetings between now and June. All of these meetings are open to the public.

### Pine Knoll Shores FY2020-21 Budget Planning Timeline

DATE	TOPIC
April 8, 6 p.m.	First Monthly Regularly Scheduled Board of Commissioners Meeting
April 17	Budget Worksheets to Board
April 22, 6 p.m.	Second Monthly Regularly Scheduled Board of Commissioners Meeting/ Discussion of FY 2020-21 Budget
May TBD	Mayor's Budget Brief and Webinar
May 13, 6 p.m.	First Monthly Regularly Scheduled Board of Commissioners Meeting/ Discussion of FY 2020-21 Budget (if needed)
May 27, 6 p.m.	Second Monthly Regularly Scheduled Board of Commissioners Meeting/ Budget Message, Presentation of Proposed Budget, Call for Public Meeting
June 10, 6 p.m.	First Monthly Regularly Scheduled Board of Commissioners Meeting and Budget Hearing (Vote no later than June 30, 2020)

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