

# Mayor's Memo

By Ken Jones

## Spring forward

As we move into April it seems this winter will not be one to remember (with my fingers crossed). Winter started out very nice, but maybe a little chilly, but nothing to speak of weather wise.

On February 22, we had our quarterly dinner with the mayor at Bocci Trattoria & Pizzeria in Cary. About 30 came, and it was a great and fun event. I appreciate all the involvement we received with everyone. We had some newcomers and some who have come to a few of these in the past. I also want to thank the town staff for putting all this together. We'll have our next dinner in May on a Friday evening, most likely at the Crystal Coast Country Club. Please watch for specifics, and I hope to see you there for a burger night.

As I write this we are well into our first quarter of 2020. I mentioned in an earlier publication just how busy 2020 is going to be, and as you look around it's clear we are well into that list as well. We are half way into the beach nourishment now, and it should be done when you read this. Again, this is the biggest project in our town's history. We have paved some roads, finished some water company projects and our third beach rescue access is to start any day now.

We are pushing beach safety early and steadily this year. I recently met with Trace Cooper, Mayor of Atlantic Beach, and Mayor Eddie Barber of Emerald Isle to talk about getting on the same page when it comes to all parts of beach safety. All beach towns will have the same flag system going forward and will get the information from the NOAA website. All accesses are either lettered or numbered, based on the town's preference, but we are all displaying the beach condition flags much more prevalently. Safety remains our highest priority on the beach.

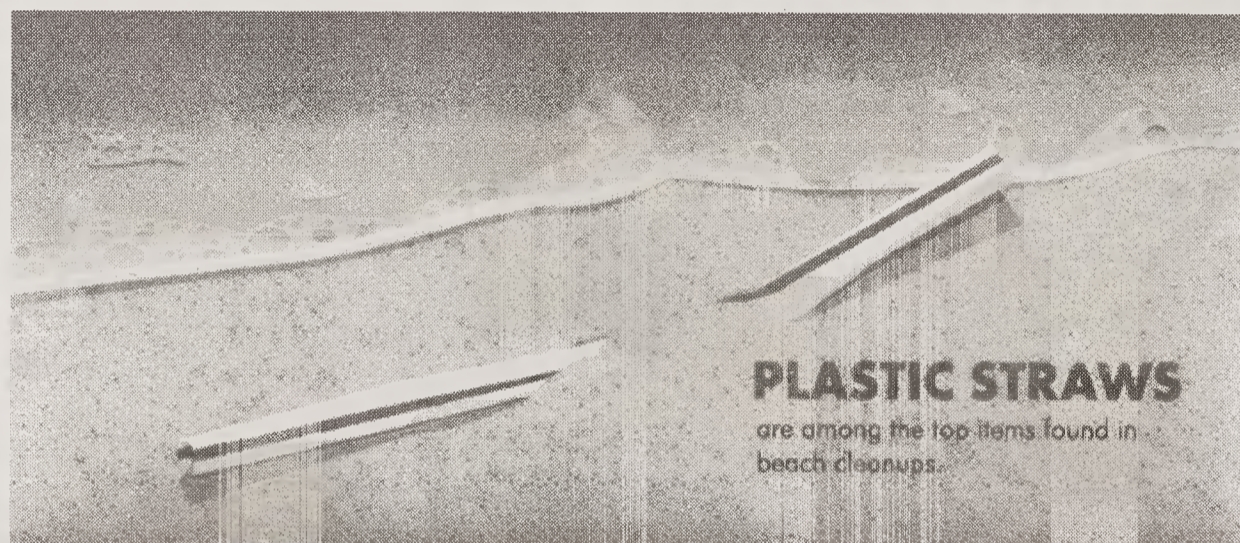
Every spring and summer we start to have problems with trash pickup and when and what to do about timing. Section 42-1 of our town ordinances says, "Containers should not be placed out front any earlier than the evening before the regularly-scheduled pickup time and shall be removed within 12 hours after collection." This ordinance also says, "Yard waste shall be placed on the street right-of-way in front of the property owner's residence or property from which the yard waste came." Please follow our ordinances to keep our town beautiful for all of us. The ordinances are available on our town website at [townofpks.com](http://townofpks.com).

It is hard to believe, but our town is soon going to have its Golden Anniversary. In 2013, we celebrated 40 years in style, and 2023 will be here before you know it. I said at our February off-site Board of Commissioners meeting that we need to start planning for it, and we are. There is much more exciting news to come, but we want to do this up right.

I must apologize for my March article. I sent an outline for a May article to our editor instead of the appropriate March 2020 article. The right one was much better, so I'm sorry.

Volunteerism in our town is an absolute must. To fill in all of the gaps we would have without all the great volunteers would be very expensive and require quite a tax hike. The better route is obviously to become a volunteer. Most homeowners associations need volunteers, and so does the town. To me, the best part about volunteering and getting involved is the people you meet who also live in our town. So please, get involved with the whole town team, and you will enjoy living here even more.

No one could do all the things we do and accomplish them alone. This town, our town, is a great place to be because we communicate and work together—a simple formula that works. One team, one town, one Pine Knoll Shores.



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