

Kramer's Korner

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Of course, it is recognized that 75% of our property owners are second-home owners and that this schedule may not always be practical. There are trash and recycling receptacles behind town hall for use by property owners and residents to drop off a bag or two of trash before leaving town to avoid leaving their containers on the roadside. As an alternative, a local vendor offers roll-up/roll down services for a fee. If you are interested, please contact Betty Carr at BCarr@townofpks.com for details.

In addition to the site behind town hall, there are containers for vegetative debris at Lot C adjacent to the public safety building for dropping off yard waste—again for the use of town homeowners and residents only. If you see anyone using these sites inappropriately (dropping off appliances, mattresses, etc.), please consider discretely snapping a photo of the license plate and sending it to me at manager@townofpks.com with time/date information. Sometimes a simple phone call can put an end to this sort of activity. We are *not* asking you to confront anybody.

Illuminated flagpole to honor the memory of the late Mayor Ken Jones.

Pine Knoll Shores resident Kathy Falandys Tilyard has initiated a plan to honor Ken's memory by installing an illuminated flag on the McNeill bridge on Oakleaf Drive. If you wish to contribute to this effort, make your check payable to Town of Pine Knoll Shores (clearly indicate "Mayor Jones Memorial Flag" in the memo section) and mail it to Shelia Bupp, Town of Pine Knoll Shores, 314 Salter Path Road, Pine Knoll Shores, NC 28512. Contact Kathy at katcoast@gmail.com with questions.

Receive town email updates. If you are not signed up for the town's email alerts, please visit townofpks.com, scroll down to "Town Information" on the right side of the page and click to sign up for Constant Contact to register for this service.

FROM THE DESK OF THE EDITOR

Have You Heard . . . ?

No need to call when the lights go out. Carteret-Craven Electric Cooperative (CCEC) wants customers to know that they have a substation monitoring system that indicates when and where outages occur, as well as an automated metering infrastructure (AMI) system that sends them a signal when the power goes out at each meter. If you lose power, they ask that you check your breaker to determine all is in order on your end and then use your smart phone or other device to check their outage map at outage.carteretcraven.coop.

If you feel the need to file an outage report, visit ccemc.com/stormcenter to report the outage online. If the lights come on around you and yours don't, call CCEC at 247-3107 for an update.

2020 census response needed. Carteret County officials have advised that Carteret County ranks 88th out of the state's 100 counties in responses to the census survey. Responses to the census help to direct billions of dollars in federal funds to local communities for schools, roads and other public services. The 2020 census response deadline has been extended to October 31, so there is still plenty of time to make sure that our county is well represented. Residents can respond safely from home by visiting my2020census.gov or calling 844-330-2020. The survey takes only about 10 minutes to complete, and responding early reduces the need for census workers to visit your home.

PIKSCO Happenings

By Gary Corsmeier

Summer is now in full swing, and we are ready for fun in the sun. The beach and sound accesses are in great shape, and for the most part, all improvements at the parks are complete; however, there are a few minor items that we are addressing. A particular one is the ever-challenging struggle of getting grass to grow by the sound-side seawall at McNeill Park. Obviously, sod would be the best solution, but the cost might prohibit this. We are still considering other options.

One of the best things about living in Pine Knoll Shores is our parks. They provide water access, parking and a place to congregate and watch the spectacular sunrises and sunsets. The PIKSCO parks are your parks, and just like you would do at your own home, it is your responsibility to help keep them looking nice. So if items need to be picked up or the sittum is in need of cleaning or sweeping, please take a few minutes to tidy up. We rely solely on volunteers for this.

Please keep in mind that the trash cans at all parks are for park use only. We have had problems when the cans were overflowing and trash bags were placed in the general area. More than likely, much of this extra trash was from homeowners. If you need to dispose of trash, there are containers for recyclables, household trash and cardboard behind town hall, and the site is very convenient—only a mile or so down the road. Likewise, if you are leaving the parks and the cans are almost full, please take the trash with you for home collection.

The dues statements and officer election ballots have been mailed to homeowners. Please return them before our annual meeting on July 20. You will notice that our dues remained unchanged for the upcoming year. The board strives to keep our expenses down and dues in check. This is very difficult given that all three of our parks are waterfront, and we all know what the ongoing and potential expenses can be. This is another reason why we rely on volunteers as much as possible.

Our annual meeting is scheduled for Saturday, July 20, at 4:30 p.m. at McNeill Park. The meeting will have the same format as previous years, consisting of a short business meeting and election of officers, followed by a social. The meeting is several weeks away so stay tuned for any changes. We certainly hope we can proceed as planned since this a great time to meet your board members and neighbors and an opportunity to get involved in your community.

PIKSCO contact. For questions, concerns or to volunteer, contact PIKSCO by phone at 252-247-4818, email at piksco@gmail.com, through our website at piksco.com or by mail at P.O. Box 366, Atlantic Beach, NC 28512.



**Yield to pedestrians in a
crosswalk.
It's the courteous
thing to do
—and it's the law.**