

Real Estate News

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Pine Knoll Shores town amenities

When deciding where you would like your new home to be, it is important to know what amenities are available. Like most towns, Pine Knoll Shores has homeowner associations (HOAs) within the town that offer additional amenities and charge HOA fees. There are at least 39 individual associations in Pine Knoll Shores. It is important to ask the right person the right question to discover what is available to you in each location. Your real estate professional should know or be able to find out for you.

I frequently have prospective buyers say to me, “I have to be in (fill in the blank) Association or I won’t have access to the beach.” That’s absolutely not true. Everybody has access to the beach. Several individual associations have private beach accesses, and those *are* for the private use of their members. However, the town of Pine Knoll Shores maintains 11 public beach accesses that are available to all, and there is parking available for all the public accesses. Some of the parking is immediately adjacent to the beach, and some is somewhat removed. As a biker, I frequently bike from one end of town to the other, and I am always surprised to note that many of the parking lots for beach access are empty or only partially filled. I highly recommend that if you are one of the citizens, like me, who live outside of an HOA with private beach access that you get out and walk or bike up and down Highway 58 and note where all the parking spaces are located. Some of them are easily missed from the car.

In addition to beach access, the town of Pine Knoll Shores offers parks, trails and other amenities. *Veterans Park* is located just behind town hall on Municipal Circle and offers a viewing deck of the beautiful marshes, a trail system that extends all the way to the sound, and an outdoor bathroom. *Curry Trail* is a lovely wooded trail that goes from Municipal Circle through the maritime forest to Pine Knoll Boulevard, offering swamp views, wetlands and benches along the way. On the other side of the outdoor bathroom you’ll find a great *dog park* that offers separate running areas for large and small dogs, a convenient pickup disposal station and watering stations for our furry citizens. The Pine Knoll Shores public safety building houses both the *Police and Fire departments*. Both are available for children’s tours and bicycle and golf cart inspections. Please call 252-247-2268 to arrange a visit.

The *Pine Knoll Shores Parks and Recreation Committee* offers many great events each year and publishes their scheduled events in *The Shoreline*. Watch for the annual *Easter Egg Hunt*, notice of the *Carteret County Senior Games*, the town’s *pickleball and fishing tournaments*, *Kayak for the Warriors (K4TW) activities*, *Independence Day parade*, *Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot*, *Christmas caroling* and the *Christmas parade*. If you want an activity that’s not listed here, once you live in Pine Knoll Shores, you can put together a group and plan something. Just check with town hall for guidelines.

Some of the amenities that make Pine Knoll Shores a great place to live are intangibles, such as friendly, helpful citizens and staff, amazing volunteer opportunities and clubs. Whether, it’s walking, biking, playing bridge, gardening or community service, there’s a group for you.

Not a town amenity, but worth noting, the only golf course on the island is located in Pine Knoll Shores. The *Crystal Coast Country Club* is a private club, but has very competitive fees. You may want to check that out. Don’t miss out on the local *NC Aquarium*, one of the best anywhere, also located in Pine Knoll Shores.

Next to the public safety building, you can find a good book (or a few of them), computer access and a quiet place to read at the *Bogue Banks Public Library*.

Whether you are considering a home in Pine Knoll Shores or are already a resident, I dare you to check out each of these amenities. I probably missed some, so if you find any that I left off the list, please let me know.

MEET YOUR TOWN STAFF

Summer Intern Charlie Rocci

By Sarah Williams

Pine Knoll Shores town staff is very excited to introduce Charlie Rocci to everyone, and we are lucky to have him interning for us this summer. With the pandemic, it is certainly an interesting time to be in town government, and Charlie has hit the ground running and will be working on all sorts of projects.

Charlie had an interesting spring. While a lot of us changed our way of doing things (we worked from home, made trips to the store more strategically, wore masks, and learned how to live in this new reality of COVID-19), Charlie missed out on some big milestones. When he set off for spring break, he had no way of knowing that he would not be going back to school for classes. He and his roommate returned from spring break only to move out of their apartment and finish their classes for the year online. He’s sad that he missed out on graduation and hopes that the university will plan a graduation ceremony in the future. Not without a sense of humor, Charlie did take graduation photos in his cap and gown—and mask.



Charlie Rocci
—Photo by Sarah Williams

Though he was born in Utica, NY, when Charlie was six years old, his parents decided they wanted to move south and be close to a beach. That is how they found Morehead City. Charlie and his family have been in the area ever since. He is the oldest of three boys. His youngest brother will be a senior at West Carteret, and his middle brother is at Appalachian State University. His mother is active in the community and helped found Carteret Warriors for Recovery. His father is an emergency room doctor.

Charlie graduated from UNC–Chapel Hill this past May with a degree in Public Policy. In the fall, he will start the Masters in Public Administration (MPA) program at Chapel Hill at the School of Government. He is interested in seeing how policy is put into place and how it works, so an MPA seemed a natural extension. An internship at a small town appealed to him because he likes that he can form relationships with the residents. A small town also affords the opportunity to see policy put into action and to see the changes taking place.

He is excited to be a part of the Pine Knoll Shores team. He has always loved the area and is uniquely familiar with it, having grown up just a few minutes away. Charlie feels like he understands the needs of the community and wants to make it a better place to live. Being on the beach is a nice perk, too. One thing he learned early on is that there are people who want to help you.

In his spare time, Charlie enjoys spear fishing, playing golf and being on the water. His family has three dogs, all rescue, and his favorite book is *The Old Man and the Sea*. He enjoys the TV series “The Sopranos” and the movie “Goodfellas,” and his favorite meal is Chicken Francese (and he says his grandmother makes it best).

One of his grandmothers lives in Morehead City, and he enjoys visits with her and helping with her garden. His other grandmother is in New York.