

Acting Mayor's Memo

By Acting Mayor Clark Edwards

As you all know, with Mayor Ken Jones' unexpected death and the continued impacts of the coronavirus, the Town of Pine Knoll Shores government had an obligation to proceed with the town's business. To that end, the Board of Commissioners passed the 2020-21 budget at its regular monthly meeting on June 10, and that budget goes into effect on July 1, 2020.

Commissioners Alicia Durham and Bill Knecht, who are serving as the Mayoral Selection Committee, announced that they will have a recommendation for a candidate to fill out the remainder of Mayor Jones' term until the fall of 2021 at the regular Board of Commissioners meeting on July 8.

These are somewhat unsettling times, and your Board of Commissioners will do its level best to keep your town government and services running on an even keel and as efficiently as is humanly possible. Thank you for your patience.

PKA News

By Carolyn Brown Thompson

Harbormaster Dick Belanger happily reports that all the work scheduled for each of Pine Knoll Association's (PKA) docks and parks is now complete. The main dock at Hall Haven has been completely resurfaced, and the kayak launcher and the 24-kayak racks have been installed and are filled. Ramsey Park and Brock Basin's work is done, and they are in good shape for the busy season.

For 12 years Dick Belanger has served his community, and served it well, as a member of the PKA Board of Directors and as the PKA harbormaster. He has spent countless hours on construction work and design guidance for numerous projects. He recently announced that he was ready to relinquish his duties as harbormaster to allow another volunteer the opportunity to serve. Frank Sanchez, a former commercial marina manager, active boater and PKA resident, has agreed to assume the position. Frank can be reached at pkaharbormaster@gmail.com and 252-646-3762. The PKA community will be forever grateful to Dick for his dedicated work and service, and we say thank you to Frank for stepping up. We look forward to working with you.

While visiting our parks, everyone is reminded to continue to practice social distancing (six feet apart), wear your mask and wash your hands—and crowds should continue to remain at a minimum.

Your help with the mandated leash laws and pet waste removal, in addition to proper trash disposal, is also greatly appreciated. Large broken items should be taken with you when you depart, and smaller items should be placed in the proper waste receptacle. If you or your kids or grandchildren dig holes on the beach, please fill them in before you return home. If not, you are creating an impediment to our nesting sea turtles, not to mention our public safety vehicles traveling the beach for a rescue.

Your cooperation with these few things will help to ensure a healthy, happy experience for all.

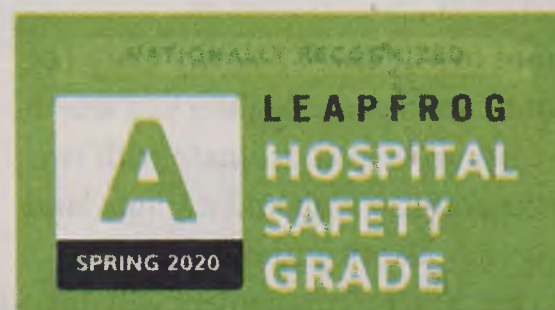
Boat captains, please remember to adhere to the No Wake Zone requirement in our canals. Recently many boats have been observed operating at a high rate of speed, posing a danger to kayakers and paddleboarders as well as possible damage to nearby property. Please slow down.

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