



Kramer's Korner

It's the best season of the year—duck hunting season. I hope you all had a great Christmas season with family and loved ones, and here's looking forward to another storm-free year in 2022.

Change for trash and recycling pickup.

By the time you are reading this, we will have transitioned from our long-time service provider

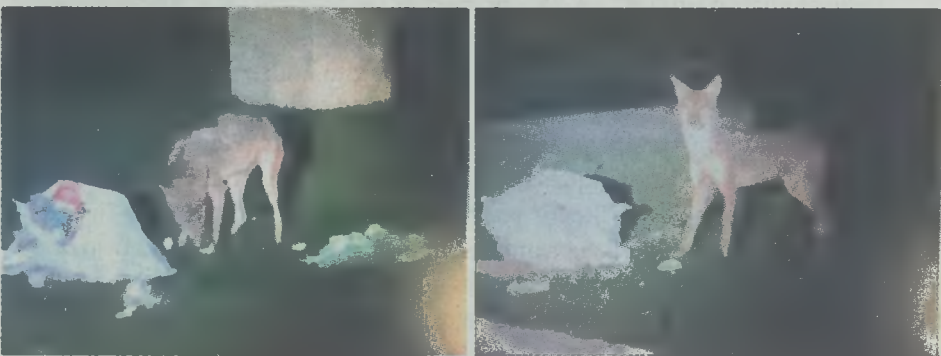
to Waste Removal. Hopefully, for most of the property owners here, this will be a seamless transition. For some of you, particularly those who previously contracted with GFL, there will be a transfer of contract agreements for rental of equipment. This includes both dumpsters and rollaway carts. You should have received a letter from Waste Removal regarding this.

New number for issues with trash and recycling pickup. Effective January 3, please call Waste Removal at 252-499-9710 for all service issues.

No plastic bags in recycling. Please do not put your recycling material into plastic bags. They are not accepted at the recycling processing site. Tonnage costs at the recycling center are much less than at the landfill for trash, and the recycling center will turn away material in plastic bags.

Water main project on Salter Path Road. Last month we sent letters to all property owners on the south side of the road from approximately 167 Salter Path Road to the Atlantic Beach border. We anticipate starting a project there later this spring. If you own a home there or you are an owner in a multifamily complex and you were unaware of this and have questions, please contact me at manager@townofpks.com or 252-247-4353.

Pine Knoll Shores requires that bags of household garbage be placed in containers. Three years ago, the Board of Commissioners took action to require that bags of household garbage be placed in containers and not left on the side of the road in plastic bags. Coyotes are feeding on these bags, and as we deal with the concerns of coyotes in town, one of the most important recommendations from biologists with the NC Wildlife Resources Commission is that we remove food sources for these animals. In support of this, we have a convenience site at town hall for homeowners to drop off household garbage. The photos here were taken by a Pine Knoll Shores police officer.



Joint meeting of the Board of Commissioners and Strategic Planning Committee. On January 19 at 2 p.m., there will be a meeting between these two groups to discuss the forthcoming revision to the Pine Knoll Shores Strategic Plan. I think this will be one of the best opportunities to learn what the focus of the town government will be for the next several years. Please look for an email from Town Clerk Charlie Rocci for the webinar link to the meeting.

Now is the time to get your hurricane reentry pass. Please see page 27 in this issue of *The Shoreline* for information on how to get your reentry pass.

An alternative method to reach a Pine Knoll Shores police officer for non-emergency situations. Here is a simple guideline for reaching a Pine Knoll Shores police officer. If you need to ask a question, pass along some information or have some other non-emergency situation, please call 252-726-1911 and ask the attendant to have a Pine Knoll Shores officer call you. The attendant will ask for your number and the nature of the call, and you will receive a call to the number you provide. Please remember that for any situation that actually involves suspected criminal activity, call 911. This remains the most effective and reliable way to quickly have a patrol car dispatched to your home. When deciding which number to call, please consider this: if you need an officer to actually come to your location, or if there is suspected criminal activity involved, always call 911. It is critically important that when a law enforcement officer actually deploys to a scene that he does so only after being centrally dispatched via the 911 system.

BHA Event

Come to the Beaufort Historic Site to enjoy the largest open house of the year on Sunday, February 6, from 2 to 4 p.m. This year, the Valentine Membership Party, a free event, will celebrate the community spirit that has been so evident throughout the pandemic. All are welcome to enjoy the hospitality of the Beaufort Historical Association (BHA), tour the authentically restored historic buildings, and learn more about the special coastal heritage of the area.

"We are so excited to welcome back this party that celebrates our current members, while welcoming many new ones," Public Relations Director Hannah Taylor said. "We love our members and hope you will join and help us with our mission!"

This year, the association hopes to unveil part, if not all, of the Old Jail, c. 1829, on their grounds, which has been under restoration since December 2020. Thanks to local organizations and generous community support, the second oldest jail in North Carolina will remain preserved for future generations. A special documentary shot by KEVA Creative and featuring Beaufort individuals' remembrances of the jail will debut at the party.

Be sure to bring your appetite and enjoy all of the culinary offerings in the historic buildings, and be sure to stop at the Mattie King Davis Art Gallery where artist Kate Highsmith will be featured. Kate, daughter of well-known artist Kyle Highsmith, has been surrounded by art all her life, and her pieces reflect her vibrant and bright personality. Her style is heavily influenced by her father's work and the greats of Impressionism.

Please attend and bring friends, coworkers and neighbors who have an interest in Beaufort, history, or the many activities and events that are held throughout the year to raise funds for the non-profit. Be sure to RSVP by January 26 by calling 252-728-5225. There are wide ranges of membership levels, starting as low as \$25 for students and senior citizens. Your membership not only gives you the tax benefits associated with donating to a 501(c)(3) non-profit but also the satisfaction that you are helping to preserve the unique history of Beaufort.

For more information about the Valentine Party or to join us as a member, visit beauforthistoricsite.org, stop by the Welcome Center at 130 Turner Street, or call 252-728-5225.