Tacks in the Road

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Kevin Reed's role as staff support for the Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) in addition to his role as Chief of Police. Ryan has a master's degree and is a graduate of the UNC School of Government's Municipal County Administration program. We are very confident that Charlie and Ryan will do a great job in their new roles. Other tasks previously shepherded by Kevin Reed will be divided among the town manager, assistant town manager/finance officer, and other staff members working together as a team.

August was a month that showed us no mercy. Staff remained very busy dealing with the impact of lightning strikes at town hall, multiple requests for procurements of big items (fire truck, new roofs), grant applications, and very active demands on our fire and police departments. We had an incident where our police and fire/EMS crews had two separate water rescues in one day involving a total of six people caught in rip currents. One person was hospitalized, but no lives were lost. See "Kramer's Korner" in this issue for details of the incidents. On behalf of the Board of Commissioners and the whole town, I would like to give special thanks to the fire and police officers involved that include: Chief Jason Baker, Gregory Smith, Dalton Goodwin, Jessie Chaplain and Brian Williams from the Fire/EMS Department, and Dillon Haymore, Dakota Weathers and Brian Rodgers from the Police Department. Great job, guys; welcome to Amity Island!

Please feel free to contact me about any issue or to schedule an appointment. I can be reached by email at mayor@townofpks.com or by cell phone at 252-622-2338. Thank you, and stay safe.



What's Up With PARC?

By Jean McDanal

T-shirts that commemorate Pine Knoll Shores' 50th Anniversary continue to be sold at town hall. A second order has arrived, and the response has been good.

The Kayak for the Warriors Big Fat Check was presented to Hope For The Warriors on August 10 at town hall. Our efforts resulted in \$85,800 being raised through our three events. Thanks to all donors, volunteers and participants. It is only because of you that this happens.

The 7th annual Family Fishing Tournament is coming your way on Saturday, October 8. Please see "7th Annual PKS Fishing Tournament" on page 1 in this issue of *The Shoreline* for details.

Plans for November's Turkey Trot are in full swing, and thanks to Parks and Recreation Committee (PARC) member Joe Francica, we now have a registration website up and running at runsignup.com/Race/NC/PineKnollShores/PKSTurkeyTrot. This year, we have slightly altered the course so there is a more accurate measure of the distance, and we will have split timers calling the time at each mile marker location. The 1.5-mile Dog Walk will be mostly an easy stroll through the streets near McNeill Park, and we hope you will consider coming out with your family. We encourage early registration so we can get an accurate count of the t-shirts we need to order. This year's t-shirts will be \$15 each.

Proceeds from this year's Turkey Trot will support the Kayak for the Warriors Angel Tree, and there is a button on the registration website to donate to that worthwhile cause. You may remember that we collect money every year that goes to vetted veterans' families. Our affiliated charity, Hope For The Warriors, makes all the arrangements and ensures that needy children have a happy Christmas.

Your Parks and Recreation Committee welcomes any suggestions for activities that will get people out, moving and involved. If you have suggestions for PARC, we want to hear from you. Please email PARCPR@ec.rr.com or come to one of our meetings on the first Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is Tuesday, September 6, at 6 p.m. at town hall.

This Month's Puzzle Solutions

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