

PIKSCO Happenings

By Ric Cox

With the addition of several new board members, our PIKSCO HOA Board of Directors seems to have a renewed sense of energy, enthusiasm and commitment. At our last monthly meeting, various duties were assigned, park captains were selected, and clarification of responsibilities was discussed. Due to the recent resignation of one of our board members, the board moved quickly and unanimously to elect Laura Johnson to fill the vacated seat. Laura recently retired from the U.S. Air Force as a Senior Master Sergeant. While serving with the Air Force, she was a civil engineer with a strong construction background. We welcome Laura to our PIKSCO board.

The board was also made aware of several large projects facing us which potentially could be costly. We are seeking bids and will prioritize each. We have a compromised bulkhead along the canal at McNeill Park and extensive shoreline erosion at Garner Park. Also, after making some repairs to the decking at Hammer Park, it appears both the upper and lower decks will need to be replaced sometime in the near future. Once the bids are in, we will work diligently to address each project as time and funding allow.

As a reminder, our parks are available to reserve for private gatherings, family events, birthday parties, etc. To reserve the park and time needed, please contact PIKSCO Secretary Erica Reed as shown below.

PIKSCO contact. For questions, concerns, to express a willingness to volunteer or to offer feedback, please feel free to contact our Secretary/Treasurer Erica Reed by call/text at 252-247-4818, email at piksco@gmail.com, through our website at piksco.com or by mail at PO Box 366, Atlantic Beach, NC 28512.

Pine Knoll Shores Flu Shot Clinic Wednesday, October 12

10 a.m.-noon

Public Safety Building, 314 Salter Path Road
2nd Floor Conference Room

Please pick up a registration form in the front foyer at the public safety building or download one at tinyurl.com/tsjrrr. Bring the *completed form* to the clinic along with your insurance cards.

Enter through the side door to the right of the front glass doors and proceed to the second floor by stairs or elevator.

Birthing Cottonmouth 2022

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rently have at the aquarium, it does not happen in snakes. Instead, the mothers simply keep watch and presumably protect the vulnerable babies from predators, especially black racers and kingsnakes. Their best efforts, however, are not always successful, and only about one in three young snakes is estimated to survive into adulthood—but that is a story for another day.

To view photos and videos from my cottonmouth study site, please visit Cottonmouth Acres on Facebook.

Frederick Boyce is the staff herpetologist at the NC Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores.

P.E.O. Pecans

By Karen Askew

It's that pecan time of year again. P.E.O.'s (Philanthropic Educational Organization) annual pecan drive has begun. Proceeds from the sale of fresh pecans (never frozen or cold stored) go toward providing grants, loans and scholarships to support the education of women at all levels, from high school to the doctoral level and everything in between. To find out more about P.E.O. visit peonc.org peointernational.org.

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