

This registration requirement has not been enforced in recent years. However, in order to ensure that dogs are properly vaccinated and to be able to identify those permitted to run at large, Mayor Cleveland has indicated that registration requirements will again be enforced.

So, if you are a dog owner, you should check in at the Town Hall.

PKS'S tenth birthday plans continue. The thing to remember is the champagne party between 5 and 6 p.m. on Monday, August 1, at the Town Hall!

And there'll be an exhibition of clippings and things on display in the Town Hall for the entire week. It will include pages from a fine scrapbook of first Mayor Jim Redfield's, made by Elizabeth Ames, a chart about all the commissioners to date, created by Jim Redfield, and other surprising and pleasing memorabilia. One ought to make a point of dropping in the Town Hall during this historic first week of August.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO A TEN YEAR OLD!

The Shore Line, August, 1973: "Pine Knoll Shores is now a town. By a vote of 120 to 26, residents voted to incorporate. 146 residents voted in the election, or 90% of those eligible. The campaign brought out many different viewpoints. The newly elected commissioners now have the task of drawing all viewpoints together so that all of us can contribute toward making our new town the well organized pleasant place that all of us want for our home."

"With George Washington's portrait watching over the ceremony in the county court house in Raufort, the six PKS commissioners were sworn in by the clerk of courts on Friday August 3, 11:00 a.m. Their families felt a tingly thrill at the historic occasion; none of them had ever been in on the making of a town before. At least one wife had a tear in her eye."

And so it all began. The August 1, 1973 election made the dreams reality. The six commissioners elected that day chose as their mayor, Jim Redfield. The other first town leaders were Ruth Bray, Bill Doll, Waightsel Hicks, H. W. McBride and Jim Ramsey.

The Shore Line itself had begun only a few months earlier when the first murmurings were being heard about incorporation. Mary Doll and Betty Hammon had sent out the first issue in May of 1973 to all residents and property owners. At that writing there were just over 100 families living here, so, in June, the editors broached the subject of incorporation. All property being developed at that time had been sold, and we'd soon be on our own, fair game to be annexed or cluttered with mobile homes and too densely built condominiums.

Said the Shore Line, "When we are incorporated, we will be able to shape our own future, have the reins, so to speak, be stronger through the unity of being organized, have the power to keep PKS as beautiful as it is now (we think that was an editorial - it sounds like one, kind of, but editorials are allowed in newspapers, aren't they?")

By the time the September Shore Line came out, the six commissioners had already met three times, busy as bees, appointing Nelson Taylor as the first town attorney, choosing Jim Ramsey as Mayor Pro-tem, picking a meeting date, time and place (Atlantis Lodge's party room). They also delegated commissioners' duties, appointed Ed Crumley as chairman of a planning board, Si Bezuyen as temporary town clerk, Ray Scoggins as building inspector, and Howard Overman as police chief.

And so, precedents were set, ordinances passed, people appointed to jobs, budgets proposed, the Atlantis Lodge became not only a meeting place but, through the kindness of its owner, Ruth Bray, also a temporary office.

In December the now much revered zoning ordinance was passed. This masterpiece of thoughtful zoning has been studied by many a community in North Carolina.