

"This brings us to the next thing: garbage. Residents may need to be reminded that it mustn't be left out overnight unless it's in an animal proof container, not only because of dogs that seem to run free, but because there are also hungry raccoons skulking in readiness for every opportunity."

"Incidentally, if it's at all possible, garbage cans ought not be visible from the street, and it seems there are garbage container structures on the Town right of way in front of some houses. This is possibly just a misunderstanding by people who are earnestly trying to improve the appearance of their property, and, if the law is explained to them, they may willingly move the structures."

"The Committee suggests that the Town further consider how to enforce the law prohibiting vehicles on the beach in Pine Knoll Shores. They keep mysteriously appearing."

"The two drainage pipes, approximately 18 inches in diameter, which protrude through the recently installed bulkheads into the canal along Arborvitae, create an unsightly appearance. They could be cut off and finished like the one at the Mimosa Bridge."

"Most condominium groups have their own property owners' associations, and we suggest that these associations should be in closer touch with each other so that, together, they could co-operate in making property appearance decisions that are similar and would bring all of them closer in spirit, and would help them to know what they expect from themselves and from the rest of the groups."

"Wouldn't it be an improvement if the Town could encourage the Public Utilities to place the lines underground? Meanwhile, we caution cable companies in laying underground lines to be careful of the trees and shrubs."

"Two signs bothered us as we drove through the Town:

"The first was the sign at Ocean Bay Villas, just inside the Town limits, near Indian Beach. There are too many lighted arrows, etc. If one is coming into Pine Knoll Shores, this sign is the first thing he sees as he enters the Town.

"The other sign seen on that end is the crudely lettered "Family Center" sign on the Episcopal property. Surely, however, this will change when their plans have been approved and work begins on that project....."

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The PKS Planning Board has assigned to Gil Millington the task of planning community actions for an orderly recovery from the effects of a potential disaster that could devastate a major portion of our town. Although applicable to any type of disaster, the plan is focused on the possibility of hurricane damage. Gil has been working on the plan with the cooperation of Police Commissioner Jack Thompson and Chief Ed Crawford; Building Inspector Bill Ballantine; and the present and former directors of civil preparedness, Andy McNally, Alan Mitchell, and Bob McAnaw. Mayor Ken Haller provided policy guidance.

Shortly after the work started, federal and state funds were made available to coastal counties and towns for development of coordinated disaster plans that cover a broader scope than the original Post-disaster Recovery Plan. The contract for preparation of basic plans for Carteret County and its participating coastal towns was awarded to George Eichler and Associates of Atlanta, Ga. Craig Root, Mr. Eichler's partner, has been performing research and preparing draft plans during the past ten months. The plan should be completed in June.

The disaster plan will update earlier plans for evacuation of hurricane and flood prone areas and assignment of storm shelters. New portions of the plan include long range actions to mitigate, or lessen the effect of a hurricane on homes, buildings, and other structures by controlling future construction. However, Pine Knoll Shores is better prepared than most coastal towns in this respect, due to the enforcement of its Land Use