

LAND USE UPDATE

The Pine Knoll Shores Land Use Plan Update is nearly complete. The required hearings were held May 26, 1987 both in the afternoon and the evening. There were some 20 people at the afternoon session but in the evening only Town officials were present and there was no more input after the first hearing.

Certain technical corrections were requested such as correcting the name of the N.C.Aquarium but very little substantive material was discussed. Maureen Parker was concerned about the preservation of the maritime forest and the possibility of an ordinance to protect the forest was discussed.

The next step is the approval of the plan by the Board of Commissioners after which it will be submitted to the CRC for approval.

Commissioner Libby was in charge of drawing up the plan and his committee consisted of: Bob Armstrong, Art Browne, Nell Crumley, Ken Haller, Morgan Hammer, Larry Jerome and Ed Olsen. They were recognized for the amount of work that went into it and thanked for their effort.

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TEN YEARS AGO IN THE SHORE LINE

New Neighbors welcomed were Helen and Bill Granger, Charlotte and Whitney Lawrence and Irene and Raymond Sinclair.

A Rip Current alert was given which is just as good advice now as it was then and is being reprinted in its entirety:--

A Rip Current is a strong, narrow current flowing out to sea, perpendicular to the shore, and carrying back to sea the water brought in by waves and longshore currents. It's part of a generally circular pattern of water movement off most long, gently sloping beaches. It makes a break in the long parallel lines in the pattern of sea surface between the beach and the area where the waves are breaking offshore. It seems to be a cross pattern line, running perpendicular to the beach, sometimes forming small, choppy waves or a foam line, or even, if there's suspended sediment in the water, a long, brownish band of darker water. LOOK FOR THOSE SIGNS BEFORE GOING INTO THE WATER, THEN -- if you're in a rip current, you'll feel the bottom is moving fast toward the shore, and you'll notice you are farther out to sea than you expected to be, or that the area where the waves are breaking seems to be approaching swiftly. DON'T START SWIMMING DESPERATELY TO SHORE! This could be fatal. Swim parallel to the beach and you'll soon be safe, since the rip current is rarely more than 10 or 20 feet wide. OR relax and let the current carry you seaward through the surf zone and into the rip head where the current slows down. Then it's a leisurely swim back to the beach on a course parallel to the rip current.

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NOW HEAR THIS!

A Raft-up is planned for Sunday, July 19th! Bring your boat, your canoe or anything that floats and join the group in the Sound opposite Hoffman Inlet between 1 and 5 p.m. You'll want some food, something to drink and a piece of line to tie to the boat next to you. If you don't have a boat, locate someone who does and come with them. Mark your calendar because there won't be another Shore Line before that date.

Organizers: Paul Heim - 247-6381
Hoot Gibson - 247-6260

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