

BUDGET MESSAGE

FISCAL YEAR 2001-2002

PROFESSIONAL

The law firm of Kirkman, Whitford & Brady will serve the Town's legal needs by retainer with hourly charges for extraordinary services. G. Lee Carroll, Jr. will conduct the required independent audit as approved by the Local Government Commission, with hourly charges for work beyond the scope of the independent audit. Other professional services will be contracted as needed.

PROPOSED BUDGET

In preparing the Town Budget, there is one group that makes a significant impact, the volunteers. Through their gift of time and training, they contribute greatly to the financial well being of Pine Knoll Shores.

Through the exemplary leadership and foresight of your elected officials, Pine Knoll Shores continues to prosper and grow. Their elected responsibility is to serve the needs of their citizens. This means making decisions for the future well being of the Town that are sometimes not very popular. Their foresight is vital in the provisions for the future of Pine Knoll Shores. They have been diligent to their tasks and have given careful consideration to each line item of each department. Meticulous care has been taken in the preparation of this operating budget. Every effort has been made to maintain a level of fund balance that is considered safe for a small town in our circumstances and located in the strategic area that we are.

The Budget Hearing is scheduled for June 12, 2001, at 2:00 p.m. after which adoption of the appropriations ordinance may be considered. Any person who wishes to be heard on the budget may appear.

This proposed budget, as required by law, will be on display in the office of the Town Clerk during regular business hours from May 8, 2001, through June 12, 2001. Notice of the availability of this budget will be given to the news media.

Betty J. Carr, Budget Officer