

Police Report

The following cases or arrests occurred:

6 — Minor Property Damage Accidents

Damage to Property, Assault, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia — 2 Non-residents were staying at the Iron Steamer Motel.

Accidental Damage — A resident's landscaping wall was burned in a fire possibly caused by cigarette butts left by construction workers.

Found Marijuana Plants — 3 marijuana plants in pots were found in a yard along with a bag of Miracle Gro potting soil. No suspects.

Possession of Cocaine — Non-resident charged with Possession with Intent to Sell and Deliver Powder Cocaine, jailed under \$1000 bond.

Larceny by Employee — About \$200.00 was stolen from the Best Western, possibly involving an employee. Investigation continuing.

Help Prevent Litter

By Dick Reeves

Although the new Shoreline has been very well received there have been a few litter problems brought about when the plastic-wrapped issues were left in driveways or yards of empty homes or lots.

If you have a neighbor with an unoccupied rental or if you see unclaimed issues, please pick them up and dispose of them properly. Or better yet, unconfirmed tests by an independent laboratory have proved that The Shorelines, because of their superior newsprint paper stock, are better wraps for mullet, spot, trout or any other local fish than the traditional "Mullet Wrapper".

So, in the interest of keeping our town neat and tidy, do your neighbors a favor and put the unclaimed issues to a higher purpose.

Life at Town Hall

By Joan Lamson

What do you remember most about Pine Knoll Shores? If you have been here for many years (and some of you have been here since before the town incorporated) you might have memories of the town hall in its first location. You might remember some of the early leaders in the town. Perhaps you were one of the early leaders. You might remember some of the early houses being built and you might remember early friends and neighbors as the town began to grow.

These stories are coming back to us now through the articles being written by some of you about the early days here and in the reprints of some of the articles of early Shoreline issues. Pine Knoll Shores is such a special town due to the vision of the Roosevelt Family and also due to the inspiration and leadership of so many of you. The character of our town is very different from the other towns on the island and certainly different from the towns from which we came. We sort of have our own flavor, if you will.

In April 2005, we will be celebrating another (32 years) anniversary of the town. As part of that special event, we want to create a time capsule, which will be opened in another 10 years in 2015. Our thoughts are that this time capsule will contain a number of artifacts representing the history of the town along with photos and mementos of today. The time capsule will be "planted" on the grounds of town hall with a marker and opened in some celebratory fashion when the stated date arrives.

What would you like to see in the time capsule? We are seeking ideas from you, as a citizen, friend, neighbor, and property owner as to what you think would best represent our town to the citizens of the future. If you have thoughts about what should go into this receptacle please let us know by writing to us (100 Municipal Circle, Pine Knoll Shores, NC 28512,) or by email at mayor@townofpks.com or shoreline@townofpks.com.

Is Today A Good Day For Swimming?

If you are thinking of swimming in the ocean, be careful about rip currents. They are often present here and can be a serious problem for swimmers not familiar with the effect of these fast moving "rivers" in the ocean. In fact, they can be a problem for experienced swimmers as well. Public access areas are marked with a notification to swimmers to be cautious, but the homeowner-association owned accesses may not be marked with a sign to remind you of this risk.

If you are concerned about whether or not it is safe to swim, please call our Public Safety Building at 247-2268 and ask about surf conditions. A green condition indicates there is little chance of rip currents; an orange condition indicates that there might be a chance of rip currents, and a red condition indicates that swim-

ming is not recommended.

Some of you have asked about swimming in the canal. We have just completed a test of the water quality in the canal and generally speaking, it should be fine for swimming. We tested at two locations: near the Mimosa bridge and further east toward McNeil inlet. The tests were taken for fecal coliform and for enterococci. In all cases, the test results were excellent indicating that swimming should not be a problem. However, there is one caveat to this and that is that if it has rained, please DO NOT swim in the canal for a few days. The tides will help clear the stormwater run-off. Do remember, too, to be careful of boaters and stay out of their way, as they may not see you as easily as you can spot them. Enjoy our waterfront community.

Pine Knoll Shores Board of Commissioners Meeting

By Jan Corsello

Mayor Joan Lamson announced that there has been a reassignment among the commissioners. Commissioner Larry LaBrie and Mayor Lamson remain on the Finance and Administration committee. Commissioners Jim Hunter and Mary Kanyha will head Public Safety. Commissioners Bob Danehy and Bill Ashland will head Public Works. These new assignments will give commissioners an opportunity to learn more about different areas in local government and a chance to work with other individuals.

Fire/EMS Director Donald Melby announced that full time paramedic service in Pine Knoll Shores started on schedule August 1. Stationed in the town's new EMS building, each paramedic works a 24-hour shift, providing 24/7 coverage with one on and two off-duty at all times. The senior paramedic is Scott Keroack. He is joined by Murray Stroud and Randy Shaffer. Fire/EMS volunteer Gene

Sagmiller is currently enrolled in paramedic classes at Carteret Community College, and has just earned intermediate level. He is currently volunteering in Atlantic Beach as well as PKS in order to maintain certification. Mr. Melby announced that he is currently accepting applications for a replacement Fire/EMS person.

Director Melby announced that there were 36 calls in July; the most Fire/EMS calls of any previous month. The national average response time is 12 minutes — for PKS, the average is 3 min. 32 sec.! Seven of the calls were water rescues. Strong rip currents last month posed a severe threat, often resulting in would-be rescuers needing rescue themselves. A new water rescue committee has been established within the department to try to find better means of effecting rescues.

The "Emergency Preparedness and Post-Disaster Recovery Plan" is now

in place. A copy of this document may be viewed at Town Hall. This plan specifies in detail the responsibilities of the various departments when an emergency is declared. It covers, for example, hurricane evacuation plans, hazard mitigation, and debris removal after the event. Our recent brush with Hurricane Alex gave us a chance to test the effectiveness of some of the plan details.

A Phase 1 Debris Removal Contract for the 2004-2005 storm season between the Town of PKS and Robert F. Youngblood Construction Company, Inc. was voted on and approved. This contract covers work to be performed during the first 70 hours after a storm or other disaster in order to clear the roads for the use of emergency vehicles. Charges for work covered under this contract will be paid to Youngblood by the town and reimbursed by FEMA.

Commissioner Danehy reported that Phase II of a

multi-year road-resurfacing project will be completed by the end of this month. Monies received from state gasoline taxes under the Powell Bill are funding this \$116,000 project. The Town receives approximately \$50,000 per year based upon the number of miles of town-owned roads to be maintained.

Rena Kilstrom was recommended for appointment to the Community Appearance Commission as an alternate. Her appointment was voted on and approved. Last month, former alternate Clint Anderson was moved to a regular position.

A resolution was passed requesting that the NCDOT undertake a US Highway 70 corridor study. It was further resolved that the Town request the assignment of a single NCDOT staff person to this project. In these resolutions, the Town is joining the Eastern Carolina Council of Governments, the

Carteret County Chamber of Commerce, and the Economic Development Council in efforts to improve accessibility of Carteret County by improving the Highway 70 Corridor. There are currently 64 traffic lights on Highway 70 between Raleigh and Morehead City. It is felt that our economy will benefit if this thoroughfare is improved.

A North Carolina Public Beach and Coastal Waterfront Access Grant Application was approved for the purchase of two easements for public beach access. The first is a five-foot easement near the Royal Pavilion at a cost of \$51,000 and the second is a five-foot easement at Ocean Park on Dogwood Circle at a cost of \$18,000. If this grant is approved, the Town will be responsible for 25 percent of the cost with the rest coming from CAMA. These easements will fulfill part of our public access requirements for the upcoming 933 Beach Renourishment Project

that is still on track for this fall. The project is still awaiting Senate funding approval, but this is expected as almost all requirements are in place for the project to move forward.

Commissioner Mary Kanyha reminded everyone that there are still three Planning Board openings for terms beginning in September. Applications are available from Town Administrator Betty Carr.

Commissioner Bob Danehy thanked all of the volunteers who have worked so hard to put out the first two issues of our new *The Shoreline* newsletter.

In a final announcement, the Town Hall will be closed on Monday, September 6 in observance of Labor Day.