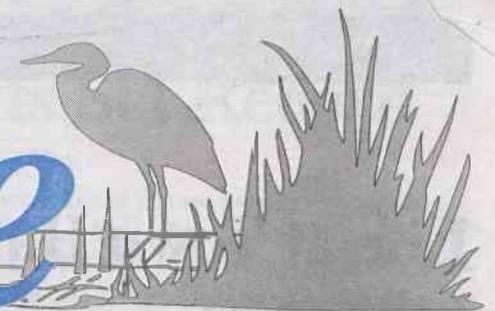


The Shoreline



February 2005 • Vol. 1, No. 7

A Shoreline Community, Pine Knoll Shores, NC

Town Hall 247-4353

Seek Better House Number Displays

Because of concerns about finding street addresses, the Pine Knoll Shores Safety Committee is calling on residents to put up some new house numbers so their property can be easily located in an emergency. The safety group is comprised of representatives of the police, fire and EMS departments, administration and other officials, and is headed by Bruce Flynt.

The committee points out that a town ordinance requires that house numbers be posted on homes, but many cannot be seen from the street and the location of others can lead to confusion.

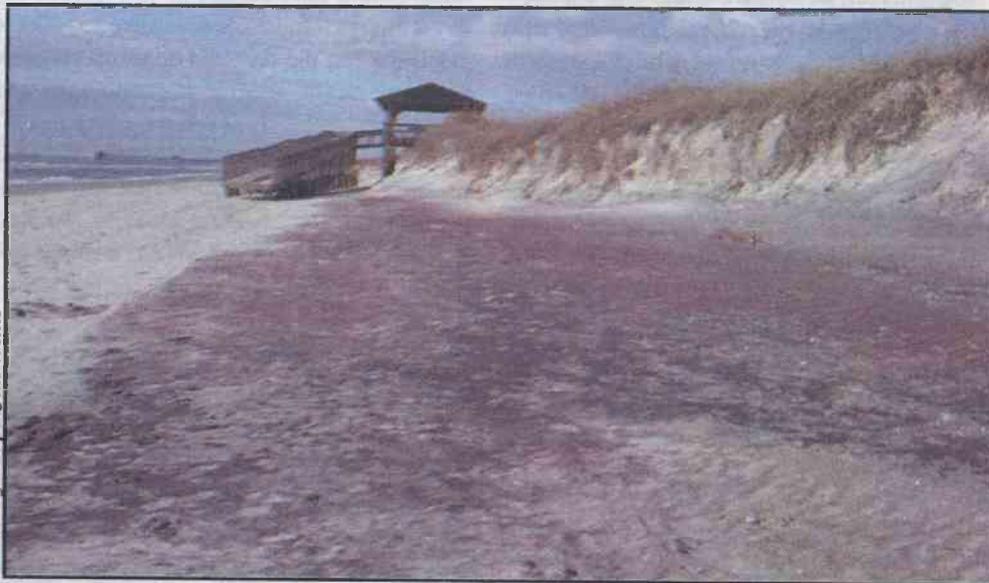
As an example, it is noted that the address of a property can be on one street and the driveway and mail box around the corner on another street.

A suggested number display (shown below) has been presented, and the committee is calling on residents to post such displays in front of their property on the street designated in the address of the location. Any questions should be directed to Police Chief Joey Culpepper.



Photo By: Capt. Jim Willis

Seeing Red



This view of the garnet-colored sand at Fort Macon State Park was captured Dec. 22 by the camera of Cap'n Jim Willis.

Garnet Tinges Stretch of Beach

Strollers on the beach at Fort Macon State Park just before Christmas were treated to a rare spectacle when they came across a stretch of sand sparkling with a red sheen.

One of the observers, Cap'n Jim Willis, took photos of the phenomenon, which he said covered a patch no more than about 30 by 200 feet. "No where on all the adjacent beach did I see anything like it,"

Cap'n Jim reported, adding: "This is the first and only time in my life that I have ever seen a beach of this color."

The concensus among those who deal in things geological seems to be that the red sheen was produced by crystals of garnet, a mineral apparently not all that

uncommon on North Carolina Beaches. When wind and waves are just right, minerals like garnet can be separated out and concentrated on the surface, producing a sheen of color that can be black, red and green.

Whatever the cause, the red beach was the talk of the town for sometime. The close-up photo of the garnet-colored sand that accompanies this article was taken by Atlantic Beach Councilman Tom Doe.

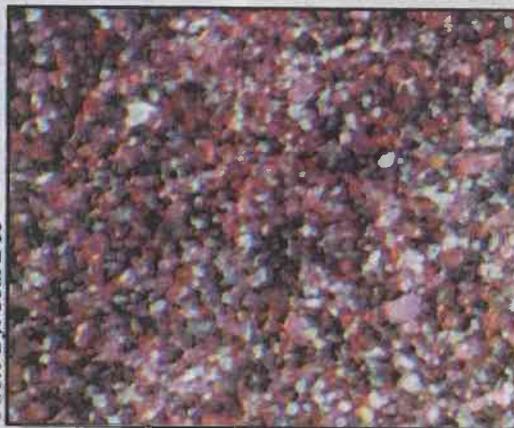


Photo By: Tom Doe

New Personnel, And a Milestone

The Town welcomed two new municipal employees in January, and Town Clerk Ronda Lambert marked a significant milestone in professional education.

Joining the municipal family were William C. Matthias as a fulltime firefighter, and Anne Blackwell, who will serve as a parttime office assistant at Town Hall.

A retired Marine master sergeant, Matthias makes his home in Hubert and for the last five years had been employed as a firefighter in Jacksonville. He has also served as a volunteer fireman in Swansboro. He assumes the post vacated when Art Taylor moved out of the area.

Mrs. Blackwell has been a fulltime resident of PKS for 12 years. She and her husband, Ray, have owned their home here since 1982, spending weekends at the beach before taking up fulltime residence. A former Raleigh resident, Mrs. Blackwell also brings a great deal of experience to her new post. She worked in the past for the N.C. Department of Transportation and the Wake County Department of Social Services, as well as in the insurance industry.

On the professional education front, Mrs. Lambert started off the new year by achieving membership in the Master Municipal Clerk Academy of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC). Only about 15 percent of the 10,300 IIMC members around the world have attained membership in the academy.

As a member of the academy, Mrs. Lambert, who holds Certified Municipal Clerk status, may now pursue prescribed studies and activities leading to qualification as a Master Municipal Clerk. Mrs. Lambert joined the PKS staff in 1997 and was named town clerk in 2000.

Pre-Sort
Permit #22
Morehead City, NC 28557

The Shoreline

Deadline for March issue is Monday, February 14. Deadline for April issue is Monday, March 21. Articles always welcome!