

# Life at Town Hall – Meetings, Meetings, Meetings

By Joan Lamson, Mayor

Sometimes it seems like life at Town Hall is just one meeting after another. A typical day might be an early meeting in Morehead City followed by a scheduled meeting at Town Hall, followed by a much-needed meeting with Town Administrator, Betty Carr, to go over what happened at the end of the day yesterday and what else is on the schedule for today, plus what needs to be done on the next project, then on to a lunch meeting (Rotary, if it's Tuesday), maybe a phone meeting with a commissioner, and then another commissioner dropping in, and a citizen who has something to discuss, and a few phone calls to set up meetings for next week and .....

I think you can see where this is going, right? Let me speak in support of meetings lest you think I am complaining. I believe meetings are the best way to get things done. Meetings are powerful things. The anatomy of a meeting – an agenda, recognition of who is present and who is absent, a brief statement reconfirming the purpose of the meeting, some dialogue about what we have already done (perhaps the minutes of the last meeting) or want to do, the statement of the issue, discussion, consensus or agreement to continue, identification of the next steps and setting the date for the next meeting all work together to move a project along.

Informal meetings work toward a purpose as well. Brief messages passed along, observations of situations, opinions, ideas, comments, and even jokes add to the mix of information, lend insight or just lighten the day which is sometimes much needed. These meetings "on the fly" can be more valuable than one might imagine if encouraged and considered seriously (even the jokes.)

So, if you are told the Mayor is "in a meeting" just please know that the Mayor looks forward to a meeting with you, too. And if the Mayor is not in? Well, perhaps the Mayor is escaping meetings...for just a little while.

## Fire & EMS Report

By Bruce Flynt, acting Emergency-Services Director

Pine Knoll Shores Fire and EMS responded to eight fire calls and 16 EMS calls for the month of December. Three fire calls were mutual aid to Atlantic Beach, one mutual aid to Salter Path, one illegal burning without a permit, one illegal burning on private property.

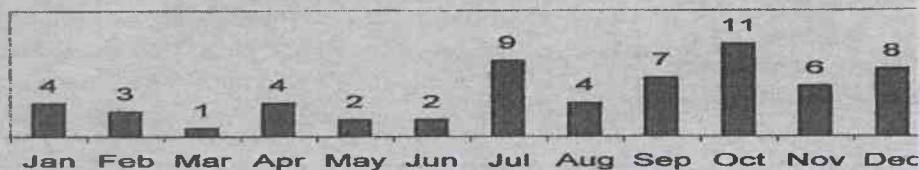
We had a response on December 29, 2004 to Pelican Point to a fully involved fire of a residence which was under construction. At this time the cause of fire is under investigation.

Pine Knoll Shore Fire and EMS responded to 16 calls. Eleven calls were Advanced Life Support calls, five were Basic Life Support, 11 transports and 5 refusals. December was a busy month for Fire and EMS personnel.

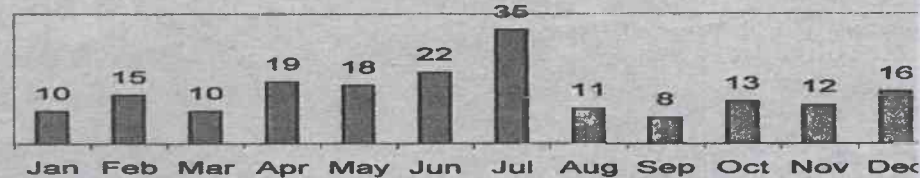
### 2004 Annual Statistics

<b>Total Number of Calls</b>	<b>233</b>
Fire	63
EMS	194
<b>Total Training Hours</b>	<b>3860</b>
Fire & EMS	603
Training	3066
Miscellaneous	191
<b>Fire Prent/Inspections</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>Total Dollar Loss</b>	<b>\$270,000.00</b>
<b>Total Property Value</b>	<b>\$2,500,000.00</b>

Fire Calls



EMS Calls



## Dick Wiker

Mrs. Mary Wiker wishes to thank the community of Pine Knoll Shores for "your love and prayers that have given me so much support after the death of my beloved husband Dick."

The Wikers, married for 62 years, moved to Pine Knoll Shores 21 years ago after Dick's retirement from Corning Glass, where he worked for 41 years. They had made their home before that in Painted Post in upstate New York.

Dick, like his wife, was active in many phases of community life. His friends in such groups as Bogue Banks Country Club and the Ancient Mariners Bowling League will miss his companionship, his subtle wit and his quiet good humor. Dick was 84.

## So, Just What is the Right-of-Way?

By Joe Culpepper, Chris Jones and Joan Lamson

You might have thought that there is a 10 foot right-of-way on each side of every street. Wrong!

The rights-of-way of town streets vary in width depending on the location. Major streets and highways, residential and subdivision streets differ considerably in footage.

Subdivision street layouts, except private subdivisions, must follow the width indicated by location on any official plans or maps for the town. The rights-of-way are also on a map recorded at the courthouse in Beaufort. Here are some of the guidelines.

For Highway 58 (AKA Salter Path Rd.) the right-of-way is 100 feet including the street itself – even where town streets meet the highway. Also, contrary to popular belief, the street is NOT always in the center of the right-



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of-way, confusing the issue even further.

Some of the town streets are 60 feet wide and some are not. All of Mimosa Blvd. is 80 feet wide and the entrance to Oakleaf Dr. from Salter Path Rd. is 80 feet wide to Fairway Villas. Pine Knoll Blvd. is 100 feet wide and Roosevelt Blvd. is 100 feet wide. You can use the location of water meters as a "rule of thumb" marker, but a more certain way is to locate the iron pipe that marks the corner of each property and is shared by the neighboring property.

The important thing to remember is that the Rights-of-way can be used for parking except for the hours from midnight to 6:00 a.m. and NO PART of the vehicle can extend onto the paved portion of the public street.