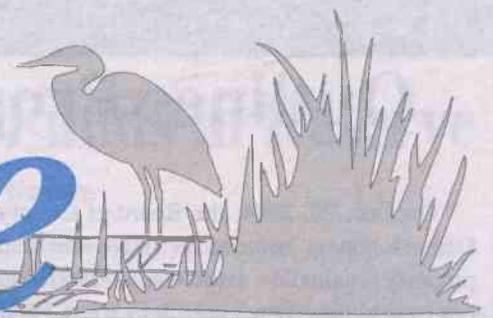


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Tree Plantings Highlight Arbor Day Celebration

By Bill White

The day was cold and drizzly but spirits and hopes for an early spring were high as Pine Knoll Shores residents gathered March 18 to observe Arbor Day at two ceremonial tree plantings.

Hall Haven Park and Marina on Beechwood Drive was the site of the first gathering at 10 a.m., with the Garden Club adding a Japanese black pine to the plantings there. The tree was dedicated in memory of Betty Finefrock and Joan Dawson, club members who passed away last year.

The Community Appearance Committee, led by Bob Curry, hosted a second ceremony at 11 a.m. That saw a weeping Yaupon holly and bench dedicated as centerpieces of new landscaping in front of the Public Service Building on Salter Path Road.

This ceremony was also highlighted by presentation to the Town of a flag symbolic of the Tree City USA designation from the National Arbor Day Foundation. This is the fifth year in a row that PKS has earned the award recognizing our town's commitment to maintenance

and preservation of the maritime forest.

In forwarding the award, John Rosenow, president of the National Arbor Day Foundation, pointed out that, "The trees we plant and care for today will cool and beautify our communities, increase property values, help clean the air and water and conserve energy for years to come."

The Tree City USA program is a cooperative effort between the NADF, the National Association of State Foresters, and the United States Department of Agriculture's Forest Service. Forester John Dunn was on hand to present the Tree City flag to Curry, Mayor Joan Lamson and other town officials.

Mayor Lamson read a resolution proclaiming Arbor Day that urged all citizens to support the observance and plant and care for trees to "gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations."

Arbor Day took root in 1872 when Jay Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees. The holiday, now celebrated throughout the nation and the world, was first observed in Nebraska with the planting of more than a million trees.



QUESTIONS REMAIN – As *The Shoreline* went to press, structural engineers were still assessing the overall condition of the Bogue Shores Club condominium building where this fourth floor walkway collapsed on the morning of March 23. No one was injured in the incident. According to Chris Jones, director of inspections and public property for PKS, the collapse stemmed from deterioration of steel supports. The ongoing structural assessment seeks to determine if similar conditions exist elsewhere in the 34-unit condominium building, built in 1985. Jones said three units in the vicinity of the collapse are being condemned and the owners of two others have been advised not to use them. The building was largely unoccupied at the time of the collapse. The units occupied by four permanent residents are in other areas of the structure.

Alumni Help Welcome Visiting Collegians

Stories of life on the campus of the State University of New York (SUNY) at Cortland spanned a wide range of years when a group of alumni and current students had a chance to get together early in March at Bogue Banks Baptist Church.

The occasion was a dinner given by the congregation to welcome to the Crystal Coast a dozen members of the present SUNY-Cortland student body. The group came to spend a week helping to build Habitat for Humanity houses in the area.

Among those on hand to greet them were four SUNY-Cortland alumni who now make

their home in this area. They included Frank Wallace of Pine Knoll Shores, Class of '59. Wallace and his wife Trish played host to the current Cortlanders at their Birch Court home a few nights later, serving up dinner and an evening of campus chatter, games and tests of skill to entertain their guests.

Also present for the party was Wallace's sister, Mrs. Veronica Marsico of Pompey, N.Y., a SUNY-Cortland graduate Class of '60.

Wallace said he and his fellow alumni were impressed by the educational aims and goals in life of their guests, as well as their unselfishness

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ARBOR DAY PROGRAM - With a little help from Commissioner Bill Ashland, peeking out at the left of the flag to hold it steady against the wind, town officials unfurl the flag symbolic of Pine Knoll Shores' designation as a Tree City USA. The presentation during Arbor Day ceremonies March 18 at the Public Safety Building marked the fifth year in a row that PKS has earned the Tree City award. Others from left are Forester John Dunn, Mayor Lamson, Commissioner Bob Danehy and CAC Chairman Bob Curry.

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