Aquarium Welcomes

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often the face of the aquarium," Chris says. "Their smiles, their enthusiasm and their love of the animals can make all the difference in a visitor's experience."

Chris is an ordained Episcopal priest, and comes to the Aquarium after 14 years as pastor, director of religious education and volunteer coordinator for churches in Kentucky, Massachusetts and North Carolina. She is originally from New Jersey.

While at her last post in Greenville, Chris was an active volunteer herself with the Pitt County Humane Society. She sees her aquarium work as an avenue for her own love of animals and concern for the environment to inspire others.

"The aquarium is a living classroom where information is shared, hearts are touched and vocations nurtured," she says. "I can think of no more wonderful a calling than to provide children and adults with the opportunity to see, touch and learn about aquatic life."

Chris is working from the aquarium's temporary quarters at the Atlantic Station Shopping Center in Atlantic Beach. Email Chris at Christine.Carlin@ncmail.net or call 252-247-4003 to reach her, and to find out more about the Aquarium expansion. The Aquarium website, www.ncaquariums.com, also carries regular updates on the expansion and its progress.

Police Report

During November there were 77 calls for service, including 1 accident, 6 assist other agencies, 16 assist Fire/EMS, 3 town ordinance violations and 8 welfare checks.

Forty-six citations involving 59 charges were issued including 4 DWI, 11 speeding, 8 driving while suspended, 6 seatbelt, 2 drug violations, and 3 alcohol violations.

Eleven warning tickets were given and there were 141 residence checks and 396 business

Fire/EMS Report

Fire and EMS responded to 30 calls in the month of November; thirteen of the calls were EMS, nine required transport to the hospital, and eight required Paramedic support.

There were 17 fire calls during November; thirteen of which were activated alarms, three were service calls and one was a dumpster

Training for the month consisted of state certification courses.

Chief Matthias and Assistant Chief Baker passed state certification testing in Raleigh and are now state-certified Level II Fire Service

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December BOC Meeting

By Yvette Bannen

A moment of silence was observed for J.D. Woolard whose memorial service was held Tuesday, Dec. 13. He had served 12 years on the Planning Board, 6 of them as Chairman.

A public hearing was held on the rezoning of Town-owned property adjacent to the Public Safety Building from office professional to municipal service. There were no comments.

A public hearing was held on the rezoning of Town-owned property at 107, 109, 111 and 113 Yaupon from residential to municipal service. Two citizens had questions.

The first check was received from the Town Water System for \$22,451.44.

The rezoning of the Town-owned property adjacent to the Public Safety Building was approved. The rezoning of the four Townowned lots on Yaupon was also approved.

Police Chief Culpepper presented a Service Award to James M. Parks for outstanding police service to the Town of PKS.

Under Unfinished Business, Mayor Lamson reported that the bid openings for the 933 Project were not favorable, but negotiations are ongoing.

Under New Business, the outgoing Commissioners (Mary Kanyha, Larry LaBrie and Jim Hunter, who was absent) were recognized and thanked for their service to the Town.

Town Clerk Ronda Lambert administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Lamson for her second term, and to the three new Commissioners: Bonnie J. Peter, Jay Kocher and Ted Lindblad. There was a brief recess for a reception and refreshments in the lobby.

The regular meeting was reconvened and Bob Danehy was elected Mayor Pro Tem. Town Clerk Ronda Lambert administered the Oath of Office.

The Department assignments were announced: Bill Ashland, Finance & Administration; Bonnie J. Peter, Public Works: Planning/Zoning/Building Inspections; Jay Kocher, Public Works: Public Buildings/ Infrastructure; Bob Danehy, Public Safety: Police; and Ted Lindblad, Public Safety: Fire/EMS/Emergency Management.

Carteret County Republican Activity

By Jack Millis, Precinct Chairman

First, I would like to correct a mistake I made in the last article. In election years, such as 2006, parties are not allowed to charge a registration fee for their conventions. Therefore, there will be no fee for our county GOP convention March 4 at the Leon Mann, Jr. Senior Center in Morehead City. It will begin at 10 a.m. that day.

We are allowed to accept donations, which we will be happy to do. There would be no bottom or top limit on the individual donation amount. Senators McCain and Feingold have decreed that we have the names and addresses of all donors, so we will provide envelopes for donation purposes. Donors should put their name on the envelope or in it. When we open the envelope we will know how much, and we match the name with the address on the registration. This is to ensure confidentiality.

Other upcoming events are: Southern Republican Leadership Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, March 10 to 12. Information can be obtained at www.SRLC.org. Third Congressional District GOP Convention April 29 at Beaufort Community College, Washington, N.C. I will have details when they are worked out. There will be a reverse raffle in the evening. North Carolina State GOP Convention June 2 to 4 in New Bern. Again, I will have details when they are worked out, or they can be obtained at www.NCGOP.org. I can be reached at 252 646-6911

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