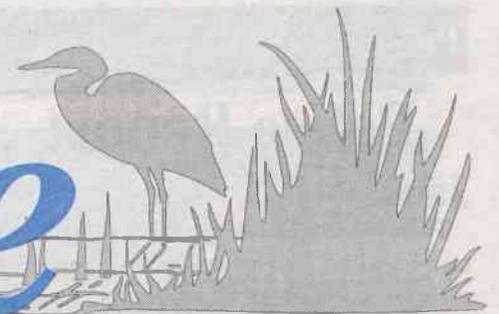


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The New Aquarium—Tips for Locals

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North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores

It won't be long before renovations are complete at the new North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores. With reopening now scheduled for May 19, contractors and Aquarium staff are working diligently to prepare for the big day. Supporters and local residents have been waiting patiently since the Aquarium closed its doors in December, 2003. When you finally enter the expanded 93,000 square feet facility this spring, we hope you'll be impressed by the magnitude and diversity of our new displays and programs.

In preparation for the new facility's debut, I'd like to offer a few insider's tips for local residents to consider. Many of these may seem obvious. But since we all serve as ambassadors for visiting summer tourists, I think it's good for the local community to be prepared with the best information. The following are ideas to help you make the most of your new Aquarium:

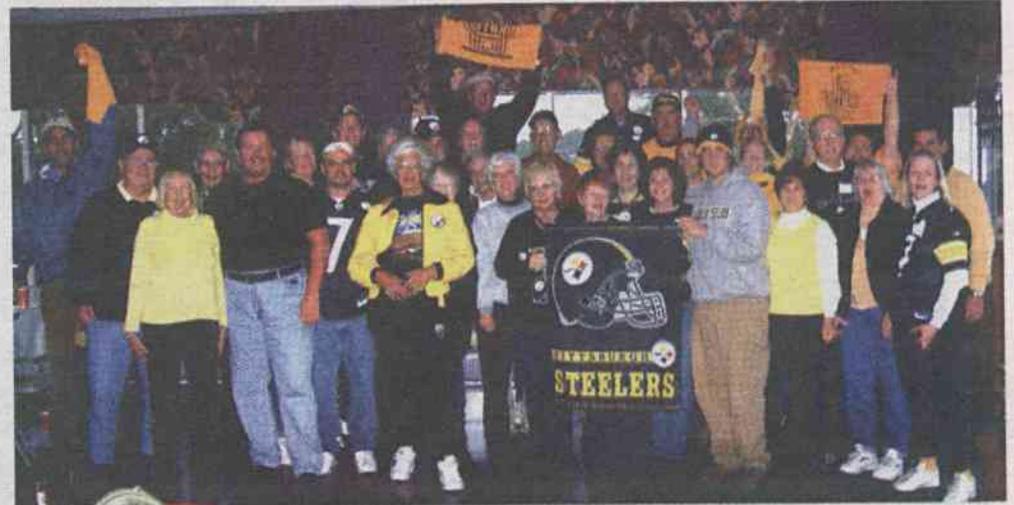
Before the Aquarium reopens

1. Consider becoming a member

-- The benefits of membership in the North Carolina Aquarium Society are many, but the most obvious is unlimited free admission. An annual family membership is just \$50, which includes free access for two adults and your children and grandchildren -- not just at the Pine Knoll Shores Aquarium, but also at the Fort Fisher and Roanoke Island Aquariums and the North Carolina Zoo. Plus, more than 150 other zoos and aquariums around the country honor Aquarium Society membership with free admission for two adults and two children. A membership drive will be launched later this spring, but you can join anytime by calling 800-832-FISH, or by stopping by the Aquarium's temporary office in Atlantic Station Shopping Center, Atlantic Beach.

2. Join our list of donors and be recognized -- For a limited time, you can

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Whooping it up! Members of the Crystal Coast Pittsburgh Club celebrate their Pittsburgh roots and the Steelers' Super Bowl Victory.

Transplanted Pittsburghers Savor Steelers Super Victory

Submitted By Gwen Kerwin

For too many years members of the Pittsburgh Club here on the Crystal Coast have been gathering to cheer on their beloved Steelers through playoff games and Super Bowls, with only one result: gaining more members, making new friends, and having some great fellowship. Well not this year! The decision was made early on that there would be no more "Mr. Nice Guys." We knew that the harder we cheered the better the team got and the more they won.

So cheer we did at a Super Bowl party at Star Hill Golf Club. In attendance were Pine Knoll Shores residents Edy Rene and Ken Magel, Mary Adamson, Jean Hunsinger, Tom and Gwen Kerwin, Jim Cermansky, Bernie and Marcia Lane, Earle and Linda Wolfe, MaryJo and Hale O'Neal, Terri and Dan Shipko, and Phyllis Brehm, who helped with the food arrangements and party favors. They were joined by about 30 more Crystal Coast residents. With a great pre-game buffet

of "Burgh Food", fun decorations, the usual 50/50 and pom poms, this group was ready for a win and to savor their Pittsburgh roots. We all jumped on the "Bus" and helped bring it home! For those not in the know, "Bus" is the nickname of Steeler Jerome Bettis.

What follows is truly a synopsis of the feelings within this fun group of people. Although they have all laid down new 'roots' here along the Crystal Coast, their attachment to their old hometown is cherished:

Think about this the next time someone argues that a professional sports franchise is not important to a city's identity:

In the 1980's, as the steel mills and their supporting factories shut down from Homestead to Midland, Pittsburghers, faced for the first time in their lives with the specter of unemployment, were forced to pick up their families, leave their hometown and move to more profitable parts of the country. The steel

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New Moms in PKS... and the Next Generation

By Allison Taber

When my husband and I moved to Pine Knoll Shores almost two years ago we were somewhat skeptical about whether our young children would have neighborhood playmates. We have a four-year-old and at the time we

were expecting our second son. Shortly after moving we were excited to see a few other expectant moms walking around Pine Knoll Shores. Soon there was news of newborns everywhere. First there was Teresa "Tessy"

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