

Know the Law

What are the consequences of failing to get your vehicle inspected?

Under General Statute 20-183.8A, if a vehicle fails to pass a Safety and Emissions Inspection within four (4) months of the expiration of the existing inspection sticker, the vehicle owner will receive a civil penalty and be unable to renew the registration until the vehicle passes an emissions inspection.

You will receive one (1) official warning

letter through the mail within the four (4) month period before the Penalty and Registration Block is actually issued. However, if you are stopped by a law enforcement officer and the sticker has expired, you are subject to be cited with a traffic ticket any time you are driving the vehicle. The owner could be fined with a penalty of up to \$250, and not be allowed to conduct any business with the DMV until the vehicle passes the emissions test.

Prepare to Introduce Budget

The proposed Pine Knoll Shores budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1 will be introduced at the May 9 monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners and be available for inspection after that at Town Hall and Bogue Banks Library during regular business hours. The May 9 meeting begins at 2 p.m.

A public hearing on the budget will be scheduled for the June 13 monthly board meeting with a vote due to follow.

Town officials say the budget, still in preparation, is not expected to require a change in the tax rate, which they anticipate will remain at 18 cents per hundred dollars of assessed valuation.

Taking note that a tax increase is not envisioned, Mayor Joan Lamson said the stable tax rate can be traced to the tight rein the staff has kept on the operating expense portion of the budget. She said implementation and efficient use of advancing technology is helping cope with rising costs and permitting department heads to hold the line next year on operating expenses. Also contributing to the stable tax rate, she said, are the three percent reductions in operating expenses that were achieved in each of the past two years.

In keeping with the effort to make the best possible use of new technology, the Board of Commissioners last month approved a policy

to govern use of an electronic records storing system that will eventually free the Town from the necessity to keep bulky paper records.

On the capital expense side of the ledger, the budget will envision significant new spending. Officials stressed that the lion's share of expenditures here would be financed with grants from state and federal agencies. In this category are anticipated costs of such things as a new fire truck to replace a 22-year-old pumper and establishment of additional public beach access facilities to qualify the Town for beach nourishment programs.

It was emphasized that while the budget will reflect these anticipated costs, actual expenditures would hinge on when and at what level state and federal funding becomes available. State aid is also expected to be forthcoming to help provide for three additional firefighters, one on each shift, so that manpower requirements can be met. The need for more paid firemen, said Town Administrator Betty Carr, is largely a product of the fact far fewer citizens are volunteering to serve with the department. Commissioner Ted Lindblad voiced a call for more volunteers in last month's Shoreline and Emergency Services Director Bill Matthias is mounting a campaign to enlist more volunteers.

Water

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implications across jurisdictional lines.

Her message was essentially that we're all in this together and that we had better get the answers right.

Additional information was expected to be forthcoming at a special meeting of the board of commissioners April 27, just as The Shoreline was going to press. That meeting was obviously not expected to produce any conclusions. This is a topic that is bound to be before the public for sometime to come and bears following.

The question of storm water control is less cloudy. The town is proceeding with plans to combat flooding in the area of Juniper and Yaupon Roads in the eastern end of the community and at Live Oak Circle in the west end.

Herb Pierson, public works project manager, reported to the board of commissioners in April that construction of storm water abatement facilities on a Yaupon Road tract could begin before the end of the year. The system would be able to drain off water in major storm events within five days. Survey data is presently being collected so that the western project at Live Oak may be designed and possibly constructed at the same time as the Yaupon Road work.

Turtle Time

By Peggy Sagmiller

The 2006 sea turtle nesting season is fast approaching! Would you like to be directly involved in helping these magnificent threatened and endangered creatures? If you enjoy early morning walks on the beach, or sitting out under the stars, we need your help. Witnessing a hatch, and assuring that the hatchlings make it into the ocean unmolested is truly a unique and wonderful experience. Every hatch is different!

To find out how you can become a volunteer with the Sea Turtle Protection Program in Pine Knoll Shores for the 2006 season, please give me a call at 222-0237. Thanks for caring!

Club Members Mourn Loss of Manager's Wife, Pray for His Recovery

Disbelief and sadness gripped members of Bogue Banks Country Club Easter Sunday when it became known an auto accident the previous day had claimed the life of the wife of the club's general manager and golf professional and left him critically injured.


At this writing Reginald (Reggie) Colomb remained hospitalized at Pitt Memorial in Greenville in serious but stable condition. His wife, Irene, who taught the fifth grade at Newport Elementary School, was pronounced dead at the accident scene on Route 70 in Jones County between Kinston and New Bern.

Police said a rapidly deflating tire caused the Colomb's car to spin out of control and roll over several times. Also in the car were the Colomb's daughters, Jennifer, 23, and Janelle, 14. Colomb and his wife were thrown from the car. Neither girl was seriously hurt, although Jennifer had to be cut out of the vehicle.

The family was on its way to Raleigh-Durham Airport. Mrs. Colomb and Janelle were scheduled to fly to Vermont to spend the holiday with family there. Colomb and Jennifer planned to drive on to Pinehurst

Country Club to watch the Colomb's son, Chris, play in a golf tournament for UNC-Wilmington.

Neighbors, friends and associates from the Newport school community and the Bogue Banks Country Club membership crowded St. Egbert's Roman Catholic Church in Morehead City Saturday, April 22 for a memorial mass for Mrs. Colomb. She was buried in her native Vermont. The Colomb's established residence in Morehead City after he was named general manager at Bogue Banks in January, 2004.



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