

## Police Report

During May, there were 145 calls for service including two accidents, three assist other agencies, 13 assist Fire/EMS, two domestics, two motorist assists, 36 Town ordinance violations, 24 welfare checks, 13 alarms and 10 open doors.

Seventy-eight citations involving 89 charges were issued including three driving while impaired, 11 speeding, two driving while suspended, 44 seatbelt violations, two drug violations, two alcohol violations, 27 other; and 22 warning tickets.

There were 101 residence checks and 431 business checks.

During the weekend when the Aquarium reopened and the following weekend, the Police Department accumulated over 300 hours above the normal work week while directing traffic and the Bogue Banks CERT group logged over 350 hours of volunteer time assisting the Police. Chief Culpepper reported that there were no motor vehicle or pedestrian accidents associated with the traffic congestion.

## We're Aging Gracefully

With this issue, The Shoreline begins the third year of publication since being revived after an austerity-induced hiatus of several years. Of the eight original editorial board members, all volunteers, seven are still active participants in the effort to compile this newspaper every month.

When we started out, the average age of the "staff" was 71. Obviously that average has crept up - to 73. Is it any wonder we have spent a good deal of our time trying to convince some of our juniors to bring down the average by contributing articles to The Shoreline so we not-so-old-folks won't have to work as hard.

A great stride was taken last year when Cierra Tomaso became a frequent contributor. Cierra turned 11 last month. If you factor in her age, the bottom drops out of the average age of the

staff - all the way down to 65!

A more youthful point of view was also supplied this past March when Allison Taber sent along a great piece about younger moms in PKS getting together to sponsor activities for the next generation. We believe there are many more Allisons out there with interesting stories to tell. If you are one of them, why not pick up a pencil or sit down at the computer keyboard, record your thoughts, and send them along to us.

It is not my intention to belabor the youth movement too much. After all, to borrow a pitch from the circus, this show is for children of all ages. Why not join in the fun and contribute your two cents. We won't mind even if you bring up the average age.

~ *Bill White*

## June Commissioners Meeting

By *Yvette Bannen*

The Public Hearing on the fiscal year 2006-07 budget generated no questions or comments.

A new subsection to an ordinance to include floating docks caused this to be carried over to next month's meeting for a vote. All installations shall be made in a manner to preclude the structure from floating away especially during a storm.

There was discussion during both the morning work session and the afternoon meeting regarding commissioner vacancies and how a new commissioner would be appointed; also whether the new commissioner would serve the remainder of the term or until the next general election.

There was also discussion about why there was no name forthcoming for a vote to appoint a new commissioner. There was a tie and it was decided that since the sitting commissioners were supposed to appoint somebody, the mayor should not be involved in breaking the tie. Therefore, another month would be needed to make a decision.

A vote to approve a contract for a professional town web page passed 3 to 1 with Commissioner Ashland questioning the need to spend \$1,900 a year when there is a possibility that a talented volunteer might be able to do this.

The rezoning request for the Royal Pavilion property was approved. However, a clause

was added that there should be diversity in the configuration of the houses. Fred Bunn, the developer, wanted clarification about what was expected from this subdivision and after discussion, he understood that the Town did not want "cookie cutter" houses.

The Planning Board is considering how to calculate the 35 foot height of a building.

The Community Appearance Committee is considering the problem of invasive Beach Vitex since there is one known plant near a beach access.

Herb Pierson gave his report on the Public Works projects and said that everything is moving along. A Public Works Department has been suggested because of the heavy work load on Chris Jones, director of inspections & public property. This would separate planning, building & zoning from other projects, including the future water department. The vote was 3 to 1 with Commissioner Ashland opposed because of more personnel, salaries and expenses.

A motion passed for the creation of a community radio station installed at the Public Safety Building. This would be similar to what is used on highways to broadcast safety information and would be used primarily during hurricanes or other emergencies. The cost proposal is for less than \$30,000 with no annual maintenance charge.

## Emergency Services Report

During May there were 18 EMS calls; 12 required transport and 8 required paramedic assistance. There were 15 fire calls; eight activated alarms, five service calls, one vehicle fire and one dumpster fire. In April, the members logged 633 hours of training. Six commercial properties were inspected and 39 violations were cited and corrected.

Andy Smetana will temporarily fill the vacancy of communication liaison for the Emergency Management Team due to the death of Jay Kochoer.

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