

## Police Report

Lt. Rice gave the police report for the month of March. There were 64 calls for service including one vehicle crash, five assist other agencies, five assist Fire/EMS, one domestic, one town ordinance violation, 39 welfare checks, three alarms and three unlocked doors.

Sixty-six citations involving 82 charges were issued which included four for driving while impaired, 13 speeding, eight driving while license is suspended, 13 seatbelt violations, four drug violations, four alcohol violations and 36 for other violations; 27 warning tickets were also issued. There were 43 residence checks and 404 business checks.

Tourist season has started and that means more traffic and more people out and about.

With more activity it would be wise to be vigilant about keeping your car and home doors locked.

## Emergency Services

During March there were 15 EMS calls, eight of which required transport and five required paramedic assistance. Average response time was 4:08 minutes.

There were seven fire calls, five activated alarms and two structure fires, one in Atlantic Beach and the other in Salter Path. Average response time was 5:40 minutes.

Members logged 489.5 hours of training during March.

Four properties were inspected with no violations found and four operational permits were issued.

Hurricane season is approaching – do you know where your reentry permit is?

## If You Don't Do It Right, Preparing Yard Waste Can Be a Waste of Time

By Bill White

All year 'round the last Thursday of the month is yard waste collection day in Pine Knoll Shores. In springtime, an extra collection day is added in the months of March, April, and May. The extra effort is designed to take care of the much heavier volume of debris produced at this time of year as homeowners tackle the task of picking up the litter resulting from nature's winter cleansing of those components of growing things no longer serving a useful purpose.

In order to effectively deal with the heavier volume, even with added time, the town's waste removal contractor, Waste Industries, provides guidelines for the proper preparation of yard waste. When homeowners ignore these guidelines, as is often the case, it is virtually impossible for the job to be completed. Waste removal crews are there to "remove" the waste. They are not equipped to rake up loose piles of twigs, leaves and grass and weed clippings, or to wrestle with 10-foot chunks of tree limbs and such. Gathering the little things up and packaging them, and reducing large items to a size that can be handled and then bundling them together, is the job of the homeowner.

Not following the guidelines can become

a waste of and a drain on the time of all concerned. Remember, if the preparation guidelines are not followed the debris will not be picked up. It then becomes the responsibility of the homeowner to remove the debris, an added burden that need not be dealt with if the job is done properly from the start.

The guidelines dealing with yard waste are reprinted here, and copies may also be obtained at town hall. There will be two yard waste pickups this month, on the second Thursday (May 10) and the last Thursday (May 31). Let's make good use of them. In June the pickups will return to the once a month schedule.

### Guidelines for Yard Waste Collection

Yard Waste is collected on the last Thursday of each month.

Yard waste is to be placed on the right of way not more than 72 hours prior to the collection date.

Limbs, debris, leaves, straw, shrubbery and bush clippings, grass and weed trimmings must be bagged, boxed or placed in approved containers.

Limbs, shrubbery and other materials shall not be longer than four feet and must be tied in bundles not larger than 18 inches in diameter and not exceed 50 lbs. in weight.

## Lunch With Rodney

The popular "Lunch with a Dash of History" series with storyteller Rodney Kemp is held at noon Fridays at the History Place, 1008 Arendell Street in downtown Morehead City. The new spring series began Friday, April 27.

Future topics for the series are: Friday, May 25: Ten Things You Need to Know About Carteret County History; Friday, June 8: School Days; Friday, June 29: Dinner is Served in Carteret County; and Friday, July 13: Parade Rest/Military in Carteret County.

Tickets are \$9 for lunch and \$4 without lunch. Reservations must be made and tickets paid for before the Wednesday prior to each lecture by calling 252-247-7533 ext. 106, or stop by the Museum Store. All of Rodney Kemp's past lectures are available on video in the Museum Store for \$5 each.

## Aquarium Offers Free Sportfishing Clinic

Learn how to win the fight with game fish that really pack a punch! Join the North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores on Saturday, May 12 at 1 p.m. for a free Sportfishing Clinic on cobia and dolphin. The clinic is taught by local fishing guide Joe Shute. "It is a good topic for people with small boats who want to fish inshore and close to the beach," said Shute. "And, these are some of the first fish to show up here in May."

The monthly clinics are designed for all fishing skill levels and offer a range of information and hands-on rigging demonstrations. The clinic is free with paid admission. Call 252-247-4003 for more information.



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