

Police Report

During October there were 81 calls for service including two accidents, seven assist other agencies, 13 assist fire/EMS, two town ordinance violations, 48 welfare checks, six alarms and three unlocked doors.

Eighty-two citations were issued involving 98 charges, two for driving while impaired, 11 speeding, nine driving with a suspended license, 20 seatbelt violations, 10 drug violations, nine alcohol violations, 37 other and 14 warning tickets were given out. There were 93 residence checks and 419 business checks.

Emergency Services

During October, there were 13 emergency medical service calls and eight fire calls in town, including a structure fire on Oakleaf Drive and a vehicle fire on Dogwood Circle. There were four mutual aid fire calls, one was for a structure fire in Salter Path.

There was a total of 467 training hours in October.

Six fire inspections were conducted and five permits will be issued.

Mayoral Election

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from one to the other.

In the end, the board reviewed all the votes cast at the polls and through the growing number of early voting programs and certified that Lamson was the winner by a vote of 363 to 350, increasing her winning margin to 13.

There was no doubt about the outcome of the race for two seats on the town's board of commissioners, in which there were six contenders. Leading the way into the winner's circle was Clark Edwards, a member of the town planning board, with 369 votes. He was joined by incumbent Robert Danehy, who won a second four-year term with 355 votes. The unsuccessful runners-up were Charlie McBriarty, named on 213 ballots; Ed Erickson, 185; Bob Angle, 138, and Bruce Flynt, 116.

The newly elected officials will be sworn in and take their seats at the regular monthly meeting of the board of commissioners Dec. 11. Mayor Lamson will be beginning her third two-year term.

There was also little doubt that the question of the future of wastewater treatment in PKS had a huge effect on the outcome of the voting. It is an issue that has polarized the community, pitting condo associations that depend on multi-unit package treatment plants against owners of single-family homes with individual septic systems.

The election is over, but the wastewater treatment situation continues to bubble below ground and is very likely to rise to the surface again somewhere down the road.

Storm-Resistant

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their thoughts about recreational needs made a point of lamenting the loss of such family-oriented recreational spots as Jungle Land in Atlantic Beach and the Iron Steamer Fishing Pier in PKS, demolished in 2005. In its place there is now a public beach access parking lot and a development of high-priced single family homes.

The proposed new fishing pier on Bogue Banks would not be in PKS, but eight miles down the road in Emerald Isle. Not as convenient for PKSers as one on their doorstep, but certainly within easy reach. The aquariums are partnering with the town of Emerald Isle to build the pier at the Eastern Ocean Regional Access. The 4.1 acre site was home to the Emerald Isle Pier until it was torn down after two 1996 hurricanes. The site stretches from ocean to sound across Bogue Banks at about the island's midpoint. The aquariums plan a fishing dock, kayak launch area and other amenities on the sound side section of the property in addition to the ocean pier and facilities.

Don't expect that the new pier will magically emerge out of the mists overnight. The aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores plans to begin design and development of its pier next summer. How long after that will the pier actually become a reality? Consider that the

most advanced of the pier projects is at Nag's Head, where construction is scheduled to begin in the middle of next year. The site, where a fishing pier has stood since 1939, was acquired by the North Carolina Aquarium Society, the aquarium's membership-based support group, in 2003 and turned over to the state. The new pier is expected to open in 2010. The Bogue Banks pier will be somewhat after that.

The proposed piers will extend 1,000 feet into the Atlantic, with concrete pilings to withstand crashing waves and high winds and timber decks to reflect tradition. Anglers and vacationers won't be the only users. The proposed complexes include pier houses, exhibits, meeting and event rooms, accommodations for other water-based activities and staging areas for data collection and research. The sites will also provide bathhouses, parking and access for beachgoers.

Each pier is estimated to cost \$12 million. The aquariums have asked for \$4 million from the state's Waterfront Access and Marine Industry Fund. The aquariums plan to pay for the projects with money from aquarium admission receipts, pier user fees, grants, contributions from other government agencies, and donations from the aquarium society.



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