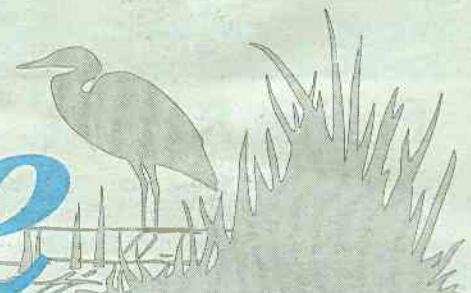


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Burglars Bedevil Beacon's Reach

By Charlie McBriarty

Four days after Christmas and somewhere between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. four oceanfront homes and three cars in Pine Knoll Shores were burglarized. Three of the homes were in Maritime Place and the fourth in Forest Dunes, all located in Beacon's Reach. Every one of the homes was occupied and one of the occupants was awakened in the early hours of the morning by a burglar in their bedroom.

The thieves appeared to take only cash and gift cards. Chief of Police Joey Culpepper disclosed that a series of similar burglaries have been reported recently in other Carteret County communities. He noted that this rash of burglaries is

somewhat unusual in several respects. More often the thefts occur in unoccupied homes and the loot includes jewelry, credit cards, cameras and electronics in addition to the cash. Other burglaries have involved forcible entry and even property damage. This did not occur with these recent thefts. In fact in one PKS home, entry was apparently gained by means of an unlocked door while access in the others appeared to have been gained by inserting a screwdriver or similar device between the door jam and door itself. The chief noted that all of the autos afforded the thieves easy access. They were parked in driveways or carports and were not locked. He also stated that none of the four homes had engaged their exterior door dead-bolts and that although some of the homes were equipped with security alarms none had been activated.

Culpepper further noted that the number and severity of crimes being dealt with by the police has been increasing during the last several years. Although there was no reason to believe that weapons were utilized in these recent PKS robberies, the chief did report that in the past two to three months a total of nine guns have been confiscated by police. He believes it is important that the citizens be informed of what is happening in the community. He is hopeful that awareness can result in citizens taking steps to reduce the risk of crime. He pledged that the PKSPD is dedicated to the safety and security of its citizens and offered the following suggestions of how citizens could assist in this process:

- First, if you experience some activity in or around your residence, call 911 immediately! Quick police response time significantly increases the chances of apprehension.
- Lock your doors, including the dead-bolts, whenever you leave and each night before bedtime.
- If you have a security system, activate it when you leave for any period of time and when you go to bed.

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And It Comes Out Here – A slurry of sand and water gushes out of the oceanfront end of the pipeline carrying shoal material dredged from sections of the Intracoastal Waterway in Bogue Sound across Bogue Banks for deposit on the ocean beach in Pine Knoll Shores. Some 11,000 truck loads of sand are scheduled to be spread across a 2,000-foot section of beach at the extreme eastern edge of the town.

Latest Sand a Real Bonanza

By Bill White

It might not have been esthetically appealing, but the big black pipe that snaked down the edge of the fifth fairway at the Country Club of the Crystal Coast, burrowed under Highway 58, emerged on the other side and ran down to the beach was a welcome sight to Pine Knoll Shores residents. It meant that additional sand was being pumped onto the town's beaches to help ward off the ravages of erosion induced by storms and tides.

The new sand was doubly welcome because it was being pumped ashore

without any direct cost to Pine Knoll Shores taxpayers. It is all part of a federally-financed project to dredge several sections (reaches) of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway (AIWW) to keep them deep enough to accommodate shipping. This round of maintenance dredging, done periodically under the direction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, includes work on several reaches of the AIWW between Morehead City and Cape Fear.

Pine Knoll Shores is the beneficiary of the sand being dredged up from four sections

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Keeper of the Keys – Not only keys, but items of jewelry, garage door openers and an assortment of other odds and ends that people have lost or misplaced along the way. Julie Anderson, deputy town clerk who mans the receptionist desk at town hall, displays the current collection of oddball items in the town hall lost and found. At present the contents include a strand of rosary beads, a medical alert ID tag, a copy of a Hardy Boys mystery, one glove and, always a big item, a supply of sun glasses. Missing something? It might be fruitful to check in at town hall.

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