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Citizens Weigh In With Opinions on Budget Needs

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Unlike the federal government, North Carolina law requires a balanced budget whereby annual income equals budgeted expenses. When expenses exceed income, a dilemma is created. This is the quandary that is facing the PKS town manager and its board of commissioners (BOC) as they craft the 2008-2009 town budget. Citizen input was sought as to how this predicament might be resolved at an evening meeting on May 8 in town hall.

At this meeting it was revealed that the predicament was born five years ago when the town benefited from the beach renourishment program. At that time the BOC resolved to transfer approximately one half of the sales/use

tax to a new Beach Escrow Account established to accumulate funds to pay-off the \$8 million loan needed to pay for the sand deposited on the beach. This transfer has been routinely made in each of the subsequent years with the anticipation of an early pay-off of the loan, thus saving the town significant money. For some reason the sales/use funds transferred to the Beach Escrow Account were not subtracted from the income projections utilized when building the subsequent annual budgets. As a consequence the town budgets have been based upon inflated income figures for the past five years. This slip-up did not surface because funds from the town's

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Ready, Set, Paddle!

Kayak for the Warriors Race

Pine Knoll Shores hosted the inaugural "Kayak for the Warriors" race on the waters of Bogue Sound on Saturday, May 17. Spearheaded by the town's recreational advisory committee the kayak race raised over \$700 for wounded servicemen and women currently convalescing at Camp Lejeune.

The race was intentionally held on the same day as Camp Lejeune's "Run for the Warriors", an annual 5K/10K road race that raises funds to help servicemen and women and their families who have suffered combat wounds in Iraq or Afghanistan. This was PKS's initial foray into the organized recreational event field. By all measures it was a success. The entire event was planned and executed by volunteers with the PKS town staff chipping in with police, fire and EMS and administrative support.

The race started at Garner Park. The racers paddled a little over four miles into a brisk wind from the west and finished at the Beacon's Reach Marina. The winner was Garrett Smith, a part-time resident who lives in Raleigh.

Volunteers made this event happen. Citizens from town made signs, manned desks and safety stations, operated safety vessels in the waters of the sound, made banners and generally added cheer to the event. The PKS fire and police kept the entire event safe and secure. It was a total team effort.

A presentation of the funds raised at the event to the Hope for the Warriors will be made at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 10, at the town's monthly board of commissioners meeting.

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These veteran PKS tennis players, all over 80, can boast of nearly three centuries of experience between them. From left are John Hudak, Jeanne Mays, John Adler and Essie Carbee. See story on page 3

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