

Police Report

During April, there were 91 calls for service including two for accidents, six to assist other agencies, five to assist fire/EMS, one for domestic, four town ordinance violations, 35 welfare checks, nine alarms and two unlocked doors.

Thirty-three citations involving 39 charges were issued: nine for speeding, four driving with a suspended license or no operator's license, nine seatbelt violations, two drug violations and 15 other; 27 warning tickets were issued.

There were 84 residence checks and 420 business checks.

On April 21, two officers responded to an alarm at the aquarium. Nothing unusual was found, but as they were leaving, they noted a suspicious-looking vehicle turning off of NC 58 onto Pine Knoll Blvd. After a brief high-speed chase, the car was stopped. The officer asked the driver if there was anything illegal in the vehicle

and the driver admitted that there was. Just under a quarter pound of marijuana was found and the driver and passenger were taken into custody and the vehicle was seized.

The two Indiana residents, with no fixed local address, were charged with two felonies and one misdemeanor and placed in jail under a \$7500 bond where they remain. Also found in the vehicle was \$900.

On April 30, a report was taken of a vehicle that had been broken into at Ocean Park. A cell phone had been left on the console and was missing.

A bright green sticker is available at the Public Safety Building to put on your phone with the emergency number for police and emergency services (911) as well as the non-emergency county dispatch number (504-4800).

Emergency Services

During April, there were 25 calls for service. Eleven were EMS calls and eight patients were transported, with six requiring paramedic assistance.

The fire department had 14 calls, three for activated alarms, seven service calls and four mutual aid calls.

One of the mutual aid calls was at the Ocean Club Resort, a 12-building oceanfront condo complex in Indian Beach. Twenty-five paid and volunteer firefighters from PKS answered the call; ten stayed at the public safety building to cover in case of another call and

fifteen went to the fire. There was a brisk southwest wind fueling the flames and blowing embers a mile away. The fire affected one building that was reduced to rubble but did not spread to adjacent buildings. Eight area fire departments responded to the call. The building did not have a sprinkler system because the state did not require them at the time of construction.

Of interest, this fire occurred a year and a few days after the Shutters fire in PKS with the same type of wind conditions. The cause of that fire is still undetermined.

Calling All WWII Vets

Are you a veteran who saw service in the "Big One" (WWII)? Do you have a friend or neighbor who served in the military during World War II?

Recently, a small committee convened to identify PKS residents who served their country between December 1941 and August 1945. Their goal is to develop

some mode of recognition that might be paid these veterans for the contributions they made to insure freedom and the American way of life.

If you served, or know of a PKS resident who did, please contact Jake Rife at candirife@cooper.net or Bill White at shoreline@townofpks.com.

May Board of Commissioners Meeting

By *Charlie McBriarty*

The concerns of at least two citizens were voiced at a public hearing at the May regular monthly meeting of the PKS Board of Commissioners (BOC). The public hearing was about a zoning amendment requiring street names and numbers to be posted and visible on the seawalls of the Pine Knoll Shores canals and on the beach side of oceanfront homes.

Questions and concerns focused on the need for the ordinance, additional costs to homeowners, need for standardization, privacy concerns and enforcement issues. Commissioners' responses focused on enhanced safety and security that would result. For example these postings would mean that a call for help could more precisely describe the location thereby enhancing the speed of the police or fire department's response.

A series of recognitions and resolutions were also presented, including: recognition of the PKS Garden Club for more than 34 years of continuous attention to the public gardens and landscape and resolutions supporting Safe Boating Week May 17 thru 23 and Seat Belt Awareness May 19 thru June 1.

The town manager reported on the schedule for the finalization of the 2008-2009 town budget. The budget message was scheduled to be read on May 30 and a public hearing will be held at the June 10 BOC meeting that will convene at 7 p.m. in town hall.

Under unfinished business the ordinance adopting and enacting a new code for the town was passed. In addition, a six month moratorium on construction of wind driven generators was enacted. Finally, rather than voting on the static line issue that was considered at the previous regular meeting a special meeting will be held for further discussion.



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