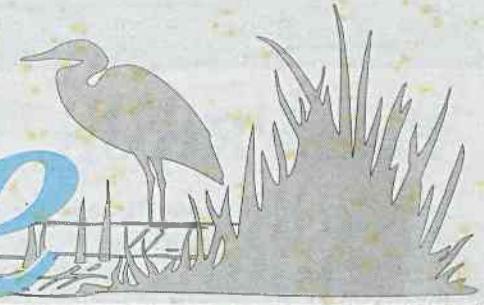


# The Shoreline



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## Well-Qualified Trio Fills Critical Posts for PKS

By Bill White

When town officials launched searches for candidates to fill three important positions in recent months they quickly discovered they didn't have far to look. Two of the eventual choices were literally right on the doorstep, and the third was just down the road a piece.

### Sonny Cunningham

The appointment of Sonny Cunningham to serve as chief operator of the town's water supply system was pretty much a foregone conclusion. Cunningham is just about the only chief operator, or responsible operator in charge as he puts it, the system has ever had, serving in that capacity for the past 30 years for successive owners.

Sonny, that's his given name as it was his father's, grew up in the Hoffman Beach area by Salter Path. When he graduated

from West Carteret High School back in 1978, he was recruited to train to become a water system operator by A.C. Davis, who he remembers fondly as a "good boss." Davis, an official of Southern Gulf Utilities, which then owned the water system, arranged for Sonny to pursue courses through which he learned everything there was to know about water system operations.

But the budding water system expert didn't stop there. He went on to develop expertise in wastewater collection and management and now holds top state certifications in those areas as well as in the water supply field. Over the years as an employee of Carolina Water, a successor to Southern Gulf, Cunningham has overseen the operation of not only the PKS water supply system but water

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## Three Veteran Rookies



Anderson - Cunningham - Thomas



**The Ranks are Growing** - This year's July 4 parade was a far cry from the first one more than a decade ago when Kim Riley of Yaupon Drive got a handful of families together to celebrate by decorating bikes, baby strollers and what have you and marching through the town to the blare of patriotic songs emanating from a boom box. As this year's photo shows, the handful has grown into hundreds. Mrs Riley still leads the way.

## Drawing a Line in the Sand

By Phyllis Makuck

"Static Vegetation Line" refers to the first line of stable natural vegetation on the oceanfront before any large-scale beach restoration project takes place. The NC Division of Coastal Management established a Static Vegetation Line for our beach in 2001 just prior to the first beach nourishment project. That project covered a seven-mile stretch in Pine Knoll Shores, Indian Beach, and Salter Path and was to

add more than the minimum amount of sand (more than 200,000 cubic yards at an average distribution rate of 50 cubic yards per linear foot) required at the time to establish a static line.

The term "static" indicates the intent that this line of stable natural vegetation function in perpetuity as a baseline for oceanfront setbacks. Since 1979, North Carolina's setback standard for oceanfront

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