

December Commissioners Meeting

By Yvette Bannen

During the public comment on current agenda items, a citizen asked whether there would be discussion regarding public beach accesses and the reply was that the subject was still in negotiations in closed session.

There have been at least 400 calls for fire and EMS so far this year. A year-end report will be given next month. Also a comparison of 2007 and 2008 police reports will be given at that time.

During discussion about septic systems, Commissioner Lindblad asked about the recommended frequency for pumping out septic systems and the response was about every five years.

Comments were made about the road patching and the fact that some of the work was done while the temperature was below 60 degrees.

Because there was confusion about the house number ordinance, a revised ordinance was passed and the new deadline for compliance will be next April 30. See related story on page one.

There was a lengthy discussion on widening the canal under the Mimosa Blvd. bridge when it is replaced, and as replacing the seawall. The cost of the change will be the town's responsibility. The board approved replacing the seawall and widening the canal under the bridge as much as is practical.

Appointments were made to the recreational advisory committee and JoAnn Shallcross was selected to be chairperson again. Martha Edwards and Joe Murphy were reappointed for another term. Three new members were approved: James Hunter, Betty Johnson and Melissa Klor.

Commissioner Lindblad was recommended for reappointed to the Carteret County Beach Commission for a two-year term.

There was discussion about the town's EMT service level changing to the intermediate level from the basic level. Four of the EMT's are already trained. The most common calls are for advanced life support cardiac, respiratory and diabetic problems. It was approved to make application for the higher level of service.

Bob Angle was appointed to the community appearance committee to serve the balance of a term that expires next September.

The second BOC meeting in January will be on the 22nd and discussion will start on the budget for 2009-2010 as well as capital improvements.

At the Library

New attractions at your library: Each month, Bogue Banks Public Library receives new additions to the adult book collections. The newly acquired books to the collection include: *First Daughter* by Eric Van Lustbader, *Murder Inside the Beltway* by Margaret Truman, and *Widows of Eastwick* by John Updike.

Activities for Children: Preschool Storytime is held each Thursday at 10 a.m. and every other Wednesday at 10 a.m. Thursday, January 8 will be featuring "Hello to the New!" Wednesday January 14 and Thursday January 15 will be "New Year/New Books @ BB." Thursday January 22 is "Run as fast as you can!" Wednesday, January 28 and Thursday, January 29 is "Happy Chinese New Year!" Preschool Storytime is for ages 3-5 years old. Programs are with Ms. Brita.

Featured Artwork: In January, the Art Gallery at the Bogue Banks Public Library will feature award-winning photographer Scott Taylor. Scott has spent his entire career in N.C., first with the Chapel Hill Newspaper, then at Duke University Marine Labs and finally as the owner of Scott Taylor

Photography in Beaufort. His images of the people and places of coastal North Carolina can be seen in regional and national magazines, books, and publications including *Our State*, *Wildlife in North Carolina*, *North Carolina Boating Lifestyle*, and *Coast Watch* magazines.

Taylor has also authored and coauthored a number of books including a coffee table book *Coastal Waters - Images of North Carolina* now in its second printing. His fine art prints hang in galleries and private collections throughout the country and the library is extremely fortunate to have a variety of his exquisite photographs on display in its gallery.

The display case will feature the handmade paper vessels by Ann Boyer LePere. Each unique vessel has been pulped, hand-formed and embellished in a variety of finishes from metallics to tropical colors. All are made from 100% recycled office paper and junk mail.

Please plan to join our gallery artists at the public reception on Friday, January 9 from 3-4 p.m. in the Art Gallery.

The library is open Monday through Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., 247-4660.

Friends of the Library

Invite The Public to Hear Historian

Sunday, January 11 will be an eventful day at Bogue Banks Public Library on Salter Path Road in Pine Knoll Shores. The Friends of the Library, the citizens group that provides year-round support to the facility, will hold its annual meeting beginning at 3 p.m.

The gathering, to which the public is invited, will be highlighted by a talk by Kevin Duffus, an author, researcher and documentary film maker who specializes in North Carolina maritime history. He will discuss wartime events off the Outer Banks during World War II. Duffus directed a documentary movie that brought to life those eventful days as remembered by those who lived through them.

The meeting will also feature election of officers and presentation of the organization's budget for the coming year. The Friends point out that the meeting will not only be interesting but a good way for prospective members to familiarize themselves with the group and its work. They hope to see many of you there.

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