

## Beach Access

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of the required parking. This access site will be located between the Ocean Glen and Beacon's Reach East sites. PKS has a five foot easement for a public beach access between the Clam Digger and the Iron Steamer. This will be called the Qualls public beach access site and is projected to be on-line in the fall.

The three remaining required sites are currently in various stages of negotiation. One immediately east of the Iron Steamer site will be located in the vicinity of Ocean Terrace, Genesis, and Dayton Place. Parking for this location will be provided in the recently cleared area next to the PKS Public Services building. A second access site, immediately east, is to be located in the Dogwood Circle area. Finally, a site between Memorial Park and Amerisuites access sites will be located in the vicinity of Hammer Park.

## Mosquito Problems?

Don't give mosquitoes a chance. It takes about one week for a mosquito to grow from egg to adult. Mosquitoes need water to breed and grow. It doesn't take much water and it doesn't take much time. Almost anything that will hold water for one week or more can produce these pests. Many places around your home may be causing mosquito problems. Steps that can be taken around your own home to reduce potential breeding places include:

- Throw away old bottles and cans
- Empty water from flower pot dishes
- Repair leaky faucets
- Clean leaf-clogged gutters
- Change water in birdbaths weekly
- Screen or cover rain barrels
- Clean overgrown ponds and stock with fish
- Throw away or destroy old tires
- Fill tree holes

The town will be doing its part by spraying neighborhoods beginning this month.

**In Memoriam**  
Gordon "Hoot" Gibson

## Garden Club

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member's home.

By 1998, interest in town-wide luminary had fallen off because of second-home owners who were not present on Christmas Eve, so the garden club then sponsored luminary in certain public areas. The garden club received a very generous donation in memory of former member Peg Hereth in 1998. After much thought and discussion, it was decided to plant a memorial garden in front of town hall in memory of both Peg and her husband Lee who had died a short time after his beloved wife. This was dedicated on the day of the garden club's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1999.

The year 2000 was a good one for the garden club, because five blue ribbons were won at the district, state, and regional levels. In 2004, the club's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary was celebrated with special guest President Ann Brown of the Garden Club of North Carolina. Mrs. Brown gave the club an award for its 30 years of service and presented charter member Vivian Macdonald a certificate of merit from the National Garden Club. At the State Garden Club meeting in Greensboro in 2006, our yearbook won a blue ribbon because of Sheryl Woodbury's diligent work. Over the years, the yearbooks won many awards at the district level, but this was the first at the state level.

In 2008, the garden club received a certificate of appreciation from the town for maintaining the public gardens within the town and especially the Hereth Garden at town hall. It was noted at the 2009 Arbor Day ceremony that this was the twenty-seventh year that the garden club has been planting trees in memory of deceased members.

The garden club celebrated its 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary on May 13, 2009. Pictured are some of the former presidents of the club.

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## Commissioners Meetings

By Yvette Bannen

The April 23 meeting of the PKS Board of Commissioners focused on the FY 2009-2010 budget. Departments showing increases and decreases in expenses were reviewed as follows:

- There are twelve take-home vehicles using town gas to go to and from home. Effective 7-1-09, each employee will pay for one tank of gas each month for an estimated savings based on \$2.00/gallon of \$5,200.

- An increase in inspection fees was approved. The fees have not changed since 2002 and should be reviewed annually. It is estimated that the 25% increase will realize an additional \$4,000.

- Currently, all ambulance transports are billed at an EMT-Basic level, but upon graduating to an EMT-Intermediate level, those transport calls requiring a higher level of care and response will be charged for advanced life support. The reimbursement is based on what Medicare approves. It is expected that this change will add an additional \$10,000 in insurance payments.

- Two capital improvement plans were discussed, one for the town hall heating and air-conditioning system and the other for a "bucket" truck for street maintenance.

It is estimated that the heating and air-conditioning system will cost \$110,000, and the funds will come from debt financing over a five-year period. The ductwork is original to the building, but various components have been replaced over the years. It was decided to go with a geothermal option that uses one-third less equipment. An engineering study with a cap of \$10,000 will be conducted.

Using funds from the Powell Bill, a used "bucket" truck will be purchased for \$10,000 and this will give the public

works crew a platform for trimming trees to maintain a 14' clearance along the right of way.

- There was discussion about water enterprise fund capital improvements for the 2009-2010 year. Four thousand feet of 6" water line replacement is scheduled for Pinewood Circle, Knollwood Drive and Bay Street as well as eight hydrants on those streets. Two purchases are being considered to aid in this type of work; namely, a \$4,000 trench box and a mini-excavator.

At the May 12, 2009 commissioners meeting, there was an update on the water audit presented by Gus Simmons from Cavanaugh & Associates. The audit of the water system is complete, and a capital improvement plan has been developed for the short and long term.

The amendment to the code of ordinances to have the board of commissioners appoint the chairpersons to both the board of adjustment and the community appearance commission was approved.

The preliminary plan for Oceanfront Resorts (former Holiday Inn/Best Western site) was approved after much work by the planning board. It was noted that the developers have been very cooperative in implementing the planning board's recommendations.

Julie Anderson gave the town manager's report in his absence. The dredging material from Beacon's Reach was deemed not to be of beach sand quality and, therefore, will not be used. The proposal to have Chris Jones perform inspections for Indian Beach was declined.

There was discussion about a sidewalk survey and that the commissioners should examine it before it is distributed.

## From The Police Blotter

By Jill Cross

The PKS flasher is back! Please be aware that this white male (in his late 40's or 50's) is flashing women (and even females as young as 12 yrs old) at the beach and at the beach accesses and was last seen in the Western part of Pine Knoll Shores.

If you see him, please call 911 immediately and watch where he goes

so you can direct the police who will respond within minutes.

Mark your calendar to join the police forces of Atlantic Beach and Pine Knoll Shores for the "Police National Night Out" Tuesday, August 4, from 6 to 9 p.m. for an evening of fun and merriment at the former Food Lion parking lot in Atlantic Beach.