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Exceeding Expectations

By Charlie McBriarty

One year ago, a campaign was launched in Pine Knoll Shores to appreciably reduce the amount of electricity consumed by the end of July 2009. Mayor Joan Lamson set a goal of reducing the kilowatt hours used by the town by 10%. With support and data provided by the Carteret Craven Electric Cooperative (CCEC), a month-by-month report was prepared, and progress or lack thereof was reported in *The Shoreline*.

The final report reveals that between August 2008 and July 2009 the overall average of kilowatts-per-day usage did indeed drop. The prior average kilowatt-per-day usage for 366 days of service, totaled 143,843, while recent usage totaled only 143,317 for 369 days of service. The reports reveal an overall drop of 526 average kilowatts over a period that included three more service days than last year. This is clearly a decline, but short of the 10% goal identified 12 months ago.

However, these numbers tell only part of the story. We all know that outside

temperature plays a significant role in our use of electricity. In colder winter time, we crank-up the heat. During the hot days of summer, the air conditioning is cranked down. In addition to measuring kilowatt usage, the CCEC data also compared the temperature differences based upon the "harshness" of the weather. If the temperatures during the winter of one year were colder and the summer temperatures were hotter in comparison to the previous year, that year would be identified as having harsher weather. That is exactly the situation that prevailed between August 2008 and July 2009. Pine Knoll Shores experienced harsher weather during both the winter and summer. In fact, the data reveal that this year the weather was more than 366% "harsher" than last year and the average daily kilowatt usage was 37% lower than what was projected.

Therefore, it is clear that the mayor's goal to reduce the town's consumption of electricity has exceeded all projections and

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Boogie Board "Body Surfing" An Ocean Safety Concern

By Richard Seale

Editors Note: Hurricane Bill has resulted in a significant increase of rip-tide related head and neck injuries which makes this article much more relevant.

They look safe enough and indeed provide some buoyancy in an undertow or to a tired swimmer, but all is not as rosy as it may seem.

Body surfing is an activity made for the ocean. Many of us grew up doing it with our only tool, our body. The skill was to time the wave and launch ourselves

into the swell so we were jetted toward the beach with arms outstretched in front of our heads and foaming water rushing around us. It was exciting and fun. Now and again we would misread a wave and either get a late start and "miss" the wave, or, very occasionally, get ahead of the wave. In a big wave, this could mean being pulled up the face of the wave and tumbled into the water below. We

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Some of the crowd attending the August 4 Annual Night Out presented by the police and fire departments of Pine Knoll Shores and Atlantic Beach. (See story on page 4)

Alice the Queen Part 4

By Barbara Milhaven

Alice Hoffman had a long history of legal problems involving litigation. The most talked about and remembered are battles she waged with Salter Path residents. Alice knew squatters were already here when she bought the property. She made friends with some of them and employed others. The problems stemmed from her desire to protect trees from being cut unnecessarily and to keep livestock from roaming freely and destroying

her garden crops. She filed suit against Salter Path squatters, and when she lost her suit, she attempted to make them pay taxes for the land they lived on or be evicted. Here again she was not successful. You can imagine that this whole debacle did not endear her to many Salter Path residents. Some news articles reflect this feeling.

Although some people referred to Mrs. Hoffman as reclusive, there is much evidence that she regularly entertained

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