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Correction — Near the end of the "July Commissioners Meeting" article on page 3 of the August edition of *The Shoreline*, the sentence beginning "The no-parking signs are not working. . ." was incorrect. The fact is the signs are working, but the problem is that cars park just beyond these signs.

Free Dog Seminar – A dog obedience seminar will be offered on Saturday, October 3 at 11 a.m. at the Paradise Acres kennel on Sam Garner Road in Newport. If you have a puppy that needs to learn manners or an adult dog whose manners need to be refreshed, now is the time to pre-register her or him in this free seminar. To pre-register or obtain additional information, contact the Paradise Acres kennel at DFPMac@aol.com or call 223-3007.

Charity Golf Event – The New Bern "Breakfast Rotary Club" is sponsoring its 2009 Children's Classic Golf Tournament on Saturday, September 19, at the River Bend Country Club. The shotgun format will begin at 9 a.m. At the conclusion of the event, lunch,

awards and prizes will be presented. To become a sponsor or register to play, call Keith Kelly at River Bend Country Club (638-2819 x23) or Jim Hoffman Jr. (638-9187), or visit the club's web site at www.NewBernRotary.com. All of the proceeds of this event will go to the following organizations: Guardian Ad-Litem, Shoes for the Needy, Big Brothers – Big Sisters and Coalition Against Family Violence.

Candidates Campaigning - The two candidates vying for mayor of Pine Knoll Shores (Ken Jones and Ted Lindblad) and the four candidates for commissioner (Doug Browne, Larry Corsello, John Halada and Larry Kacmarcik) have been sent a letter requesting each to provide The Shoreline with a photo and a brief bio. Those that are received will be carried in the October edition of the paper. If you wish to learn more about the candidates' views, watch for the date of the League of Women Voters' "Candidate Forum." These sessions typically begin with introductions of each of the candidates and allow time for each to make an opening statement. The balance of time is then spent with the candidates' responding to audience questions and may also allow a closing statement from each candidate present.

Go Green and Save - You are invited to join the town's Automatic Bill Payment Program for your water bill. There is no charge to your water bill for this service! Just fill out the agreement found as an insert in this edition of The Shoreline, and mail it with a voided check to town hall. Your water bill will be automatically drafted every other month. You will continue to receive a water bill every other month with the draft date on the top of your bill. By participating in this program you can not only help the environment but also help the water department reduce costs and also reduce your expenses. Your savings are the result of eliminating the bi-monthly need to write a check, locate and address an envelope and the cost of a postage stamp. The Automatic Bill Payment Program will save everyone time, money and energy.

Pumpkin Card Party – Sponsored by Carteret General Hospital volunteers, the Eighth Annual Pumpkin Card Party will be held on September 29, from 1 to 5 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church in Morehead City. Participants are welcome to play dominoes and any card or board game of their choice. Tickets are \$12 and include refreshments, snacks, delicious homemade desserts, 50-50 raffle, and fantastic door prizes.

Please join us for an afternoon of fun and games. To reserve a table, contact Carol Council at 726-4699 or Mary Anne Hotham at 222-4976.

Times are Changing - According to a State Library of North Carolina news release, Cary grew nearly 7% last year and is the third-fastest growing community in North America with a population of 100,000. Ranked eighth was Raleigh with a population increase of nearly 4%. A listing of the top ten fastest-growing metropolitan areas in the United States finds Raleigh ranked number one and Charlotte number seven. In releasing this information, State Librarian Mary Boone said: "In a state that is changing at such a rapid pace, historic census data is one way to gain insight into just how dramatic these changes are and how they might impact North Carolina's future."

New Boater Safety Law – Governor Bev Purdue recently signed a measure from the General Assembly session that will require persons under age 26 to complete a boater safety education course prior to operating a boat in state waters. The law becomes effective on May 1, 2010. Organizations offering approved boating courses include units of the United States Power Squadrons, United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Wildlife Resources Commission.



