

Police Report

During September, there were 80 calls for service including:

- 6 other agency assists
- 6 fire/EMS assists
- 1 domestic call
- 3 motorist assists
- 15 town ordinance violations
- 33 well-being checks
- 2 alarms
- 1 unlocked door

There were 20 citations issued involving 22 charges:

- 1 driving while impaired
- 9 speeding
- 2 driving while suspended
- 1 alcohol violation
- 9 all other

26 warning tickets were issued

There were 47 residence checks and 221 business checks.

During October, there were 73 calls for service including:

- 6 other agency assists
- 6 fire/EMS assists
- 1 domestic call
- 4 motorist assists
- 2 town ordinance violations
- 18 well-being checks
- 4 alarms
- 4 unlocked doors

There were 34 citations involving 43 charges:

- 4 driving while impaired
- 13 speeding
- 2 driving while suspended
- 3 seatbelt violations
- 2 alcohol violations
- 19 all other

19 warning tickets were issued.

There were 55 residence checks and 237 business checks.

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The Pine Knoll Shores
radio station broadcasts
24 hours a day with
weather and emergency
information.

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PKS Commissioners' Meeting October 27

By Yvette Bannen

There was no Pine Knoll Shores Board of Commissioners' meeting on October 13. Instead, the regular meeting was held in place of the second special meeting. The mayor read a proclamation acknowledging the life-saving services of six surfers. The six who were honored are Eli Black, Kit Cannon, Dave Revell, Bill Roach, Mark Smith and David Taylor.

Under unfinished business, there was an update on the Mimosa bridge project. The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has completed its review of the project, and a "letter of agreement" has been drafted. Everything is on track for the engineering phase in 2010 and construction in 2011.

Under new business, a resolution was adopted 4-1 (Danehy opposed)

supporting the application of the town's pedestrian plan (sidewalks) to be placed on the state's transportation improvements plan (TIP). No specific details will be included, and it is not a funding commitment. Commissioner Danehy wondered where the money would come from to eventually pay for the sidewalks since it is not in the capital plan.

There was a quarterly financial update presented by Finance Officer Anderson.

After many months of hard work, the Planning Board sent an amendment to the town's storm-water management ordinance to the commissioners for approval. The amendment was unanimously approved.

A revised fleet management policy and guidelines regarding take-home vehicles

were discussed and unanimously approved. Current employees are grandfathered in, but going forward, the new policy establishes a 20-mile limit from town hall for take-home vehicles.

Every two years, the NCDOT must inspect bridges located on public roads. A municipal agreement between the town and NCDOT concurring inspections was unanimously approved.

There was discussion of an agreement to partner with Carteret County in updating the hazard mitigation plan that will be due in 2010. A plan needs to be in place for local governments to be eligible for federal and state assistance following a presidential disaster declaration. The agreement was unanimously approved by the commissioners.

Christmas Flotilla

The Christmas boat parade is changing dates this year, from Christmas Eve to the Saturday before Christmas, which will be December 19. It is a break from tradition, but this year the date has been moved up in an effort to get more people from the town to participate in the event.

Please decorate a boat and join us for a parade through the canal. Santa will be on the Mimosa Bridge as boats go under. The parade will start at Brock Basin at dusk. Those interested in being in the parade should meet on their boats at Brock Basin 10 to 15 minutes before dark on December 19. In addition, please help to spread the word around town that the date has changed and try to get others to join this year. The number of boats participating in the parade has dwindled in the past few years, and the change may help to reverse the trend.

PKS Commissioners' Meeting November 10

By Yvette Bannen

Susan Suggs with Coastal Planning & Design PLLC is the project consultant for the town's pedestrian master plan, and she gave the commissioners a status report. Some issues have been identified: safety; aesthetics, retaining as much natural vegetation as possible; cost effectiveness; and compliance with the Department of Transportation's regulations. (A public open house on the draft pedestrian master plan was conducted on November 17, 2009.)

Ms. Suggs mentioned that the sidewalk cannot be between the roadway and the ditch but has to be on the other side of the ditch. Since there is a 100' right of way along NC 58, there is adequate room to accommodate a 5' sidewalk. In some places, the sidewalk will be concrete, and in other places it will be a boardwalk. From Atlantic Beach to Pine Knoll Blvd, the sidewalk will be on the northside,

and from Pine Knoll Blvd westward, it will be on the southside.

Priorities for the next five years will be a crosswalk at Oakleaf, a crosswalk at Mimosa, a crosswalk at Pine Knoll Blvd, and a sidewalk on NC 58 from Mimosa to Pine Knoll Blvd. Crosswalks have to be at least a half mile apart because of traffic flow.

There was discussion about the town's hazard-mitigation plan that must be updated in 2010. To reduce the cost of preparation and to facilitate easier and better management of the plan, the commissioners agreed to partner with Carteret County as well as Atlantic Beach and Indian Beach, and a resolution was adopted for inclusion in the multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan.

Under new business, there was discussion about a site plan for public beach-access parking on Trinity Center property. Through a lease agreement, the town acquired an easement to support the Beacons' Reach West public beach access, and after review by the fire department, the site plan was approved.

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