

American groups) would be needed to resume study of these remains? Perhaps an effort to raise money for continued research could be developed?

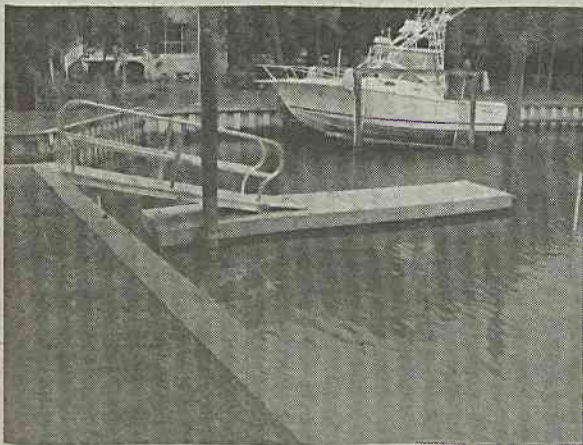
Not much is really known about Algonquins, since these were the first people to contact Europeans; they were also the first to die off rapidly from European disease for which they had no resistance. It was my understanding that even before the late 16th and early 17th centuries populations of Algonquins and other coastal tribes were already declining rapidly from incidental contact with European explorers and fishermen. To know the precise dating of the remains of the Salter Path excavation could possibly provide more insight into this theory.

I remember many folks in Salter Path believed initially the remains were of missing relatives, or unsolved murders. Remember, Salter Path or Bogue Banks had no police force to speak of until recent times.... Crimes went either unpunished or [were] solved internally by vigilante justice, so this assumption was not without some speculative history. As I know it, Salter Pathers were descendants of Diamond Shoals, a fishing and whaling village abandoned because of harsh erosion and storms in the late 1800's.

There was also another small town in Emerald Isle settled from this era, also abandoned long ago, called Belhaven near present day Archer's Point. There is a small cemetery there marked by rotting wooden grave markers. When I first moved to Emerald Isle, there were few paved roads, none leading to the western end of the island. One needed four-wheeled drive vehicles to get to the inlet and Coast Guard station. Along the way were remains of an old horse-drawn rail cart system, used to haul out wood and other natural materials to the sound side. We also found old gravesites and house foundations near the inlet, which I'm sure, are destroyed by now. It was a much different place back then, heavily wooded, filled with deer, foxes, bobcats, wild goats; even black bear and pumas were sighted occasionally. Much like the forested areas of the Roosevelt Natural Areas adjacent to Pine Knoll Shores (which was beginning to be developed), but much larger. Emerald Isle was really a special place to grow up, and I'm glad I was privileged to have experienced [it] when I did.... frankly, it breaks my heart to see it now, having lost so much maritime forest to development and storms. But as they say, that's progress, right?

I'm still working on this project to try to find a bit more depth to what is known about the site. Thanks for sharing what you have.... watching this excavation as a young boy left a deep impression on me, and I'm now grateful to have learned more about it.

Thanks, Michael



PKA

By Dick Belanger

April in Pine Knoll Shores is clean up, spruce up time. PKA volunteers have been busy over the last few months cleaning up the parks, removing winter debris and performing annual minor maintenance to insure our

parks are in pristine condition for the high-usage months ahead. We thank all of our volunteers for their efforts in this regard. Driveway repairs have been completed at Davis landing and Hall Haven, and new parking spaces are being completed at Ramsey Park. A new floating dock has been installed at Davis Landing, and a kayak launcher will also be installed there in early May. Finally, please take note that all of our park signs have been repainted and repaired. We look forward to everyone returning to enjoy our facilities in the coming months.



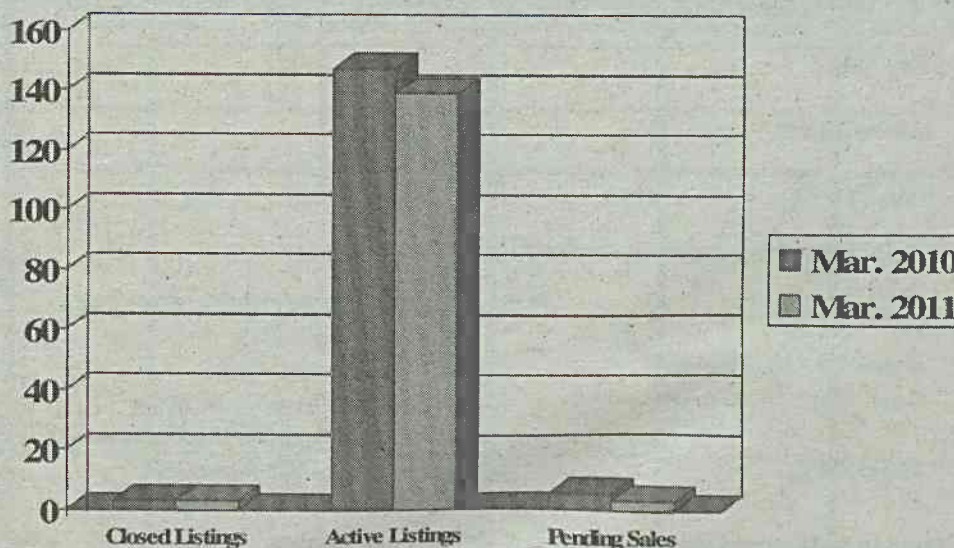
By Marian Goetzinger,
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How long will it take to sell my property? It only takes one qualified buyer to come along, and voilá, your property can be sold. However, qualified buyers are not as common as they once were and there are many properties for them to choose from.

One method we use to make an educated "guess" is "absorption rate". It's pretty simple:

1. Number of listings on market: 165
2. Number sold last month: 4
3. Number sold (4) X 12 months: 48
4. Divide number on the market (165) by the number sold times 12 (48)
5. Current absorption rate in Pine Knoll Shores is 3.437

So that means there is currently a 3 ½ year supply of properties for sale in Pine Knoll Shores at the current rate of closings. If you need or want to sell your Pine Knoll Shores property, it doesn't have to take that long. Talk to your real estate professional about how to make your property one of the ones that sells in a reasonable period of time.



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