

## Early Alert

Would you believe that one of the critical parts of the process leading to the municipal elections in November is slated to begin on July 1? Yes, July 1 marks the opening day for candidates wishing to file for a place on the November ballot with the county Board of Elections. For those of us in Pine Knoll Shores there are three positions to be filled. One is for town mayor and the other two for town commissioners.

The four-year term of commissioners Bob Danehy and Clark Edwards and the two year term of Mayor Ken Jones expire this year. That means the voters of Pine Knoll Shores will go to the polls and cast their ballots this coming November to determine who will serve as mayor and to elect two persons to serve on the town's Board of Commissioners.

Though Election Day, Tuesday November 8, is nearly six months away, the Carteret County Board of Elections has already identified a series of important dates leading to these municipal elections in November and they include:

Candidate Filing will begin at noon on July 1 and end at noon Friday July 15.

- Absentee Voting by mail begins on Monday October 7.

- Voter Registration forms must be post-marked or hand delivered by 5 p.m. on Friday October 14.

- One-Stop Absentee Voting begins on Thursday October 20 and continues from 8 a.m. to 5 pm. Monday through Friday until Friday November 4.

- Last day to submit a written request for an absentee ballot is Tuesday November 1.

- Last day of One-stop Absentee Voting ends is Saturday November 5 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- Mailed Absentee Ballots must be received in the Board of Elections office by 5 p.m. on Monday November 7. Ballots postmarked by 5 p.m. on the day of the Election will be accepted until three days after the date of the election if received by 5 p.m.

- Election Day is Tuesday November 8. Registered Pine Knoll Shores vote at town hall.

- Canvass Day for verifying elections is Tuesday November 15.

Information about any of these dates can be obtained by visiting the Board of Elections web site at [carteretcountyboe.org](http://carteretcountyboe.org) or by calling 728-8460 during business hours.

## Beach News Notes

By Phyllis Makuck

**Threats to Sea Turtles.** According to Rebecca Kessler, writing for ScienceNow, although gill netting, line fishing, careless littering and building on "prime nesting beaches" do threaten sea turtle populations, a greater threat, especially for loggerheads, may be climate change and "natural oceanic cycles." Kyle Van Houtan of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center in Honolulu and John Halley of the University of Ioannina in Greece "measured the effect of certain ocean conditions on loggerhead nesting, using nest count data from Japan and Florida stretching back as far as the 1950s." Studying "two long-term warming and cooling cycles whose effect on sea turtles hadn't been investigated" and recent data on "ocean temperature of the sea surface near Japan and Florida the winter before a given breeding season," they discovered "a strong correlation between the nest counts in a given year and the state of the long-term oceanic cycles some 3 decades earlier... when most nesting females would have been in their first year of life..." The April 28 issue of *ScienceNow* contains more information.

**Dredging and Renourishment Project.** The dredging project in the outer harbor of Morehead City that began last November was completed in April. As indicated in the Carteret County Shore Protection Office online newsletter, "...rather than traditionally dumping the dredged sand offshore, the material was pumped to the beaches of Ft. Macon and Atlantic Beach." This is "...the first time ever Outer Harbor sand was delivered to the beaches of Bogue Banks at 100% federal cost." And, it is high-quality sand. This project represents Phase I of a three-year Interim Operation Plan. For more information, go to [www.protectthebeach.com](http://www.protectthebeach.com).

## Apprentice Program

In times past, apprenticeships were used to pass a trade down from generation to generation through family or taught by a master of the trade. Today's apprenticeships are focused on keeping the knowledge of these crafts and skills alive that in other times were passed on by family tradition.

Children ages 10 - 14 are invited to take part in the Beaufort Historical Association's Apprentice Program, Saturday June 11, from 10 a.m. until noon, at the Beaufort Historic Site Welcome Center. This program will include a guided and narrated building tour, a presentation on period clothing, an outline of the duties that are required for an apprentice and an overview of the opportunities that are available. Affording the opportunity to learn about the history of Beaufort and Carteret County first hand, this program is also a chance to earn scouting badges, good work habits and responsibility.

Children interested in becoming an apprentice for the Beaufort Historical Association are required to attend the June 11 program, have permission from their parents or guardian and reliable transportation to and from the Beaufort Historic Site.

For more information or to register to take part in the Beaufort Historical Association's Apprentice Program, call 728-5225, 800-575-7483 or visit [www.beauforthistoricsite.org](http://www.beauforthistoricsite.org).



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