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Local Realtor on HGTV



Home and Garden Television (HGTV) spent four 12-hour days with local REALTOR® Marian Goetzinger of Pine Knoll Shores Realty last May as part of a feature called "Beachfront Bargain Hunt." When the initial call came from HGTV, Marian was skeptical. She remembers, "The first time they called I thought it was a scam or at least a joke. But, no, Beachfront Bargain Hunt had discovered the Crystal Coast, and they wanted me to be the real estate agent for a segment. I decided to step outside my comfort zone and give it a go."

Marian Goetzinger Marian has been waiting to hear when the episode would air—and the notice came just in time for Christmas. The episode featuring Pine Knoll Shores and Marian, titled "Pining for a Peaceful Paradise in Pine Knoll Shores," will air on HGTV on January 25 at 8 p.m.

CodeRED Notifications

By Bob Danehy

CodeRED is an important Carteret County Emergency Services program available free of charge to all property owners and residents in Pine Knoll Shores. Whether you live here full time or part time, this program has up-to-date information about emergency and health situations and serious weather conditions valuable to all.

I recently registered with this program and was surprised to learn that only 126 people from Pine Knoll Shores had signed up as of December 1. When signing up you may list all the phone numbers and email addresses on which you wish to be notified. The service does not give out any information about your contacts to any other parties.

Information from the Carteret County Emergency Services Facebook page includes:

CodeRED is a telephone communication service that allows us to quickly notify citizens and visitors about emergency and health situations. You may also choose to be notified by email or text message.

We have recently upgraded our CodeRED Community Notification System to include CodeRED Weather Warning, an automatic severe weather notification service to alert citizens in the path of severe thunderstorms, flash floods and tornados.

Citizens may register to receive these warnings by going to the Carteret County website (carteretcountync.gov/138/Emergency-Services) and clicking "Emergency Notification" on the right side of the page. There is no charge to register for this service.

Jen Sawyer, Emergency Management Coordinator/Planner advises that those who do not have internet service or who need help signing up may call the Carteret County Emergency Services office at 222-5841.

Wild Animal Guidelines

By Ryan Thompson, Pine Knoll Shores Police Chief

There have been a few reports of wild animals encroaching on homesites, and a few guidelines may be helpful. If a wild animal that is behaving erratically or appears to be sick or injured is observed in Pine Knoll Shores, residents should report it to the County Communications Center at 726-1911, and a Pine Knoll Shores police officer will respond to evaluate the situation.

When responding to a call regarding a sick, injured or erratically behaving wild animal, a Pine Knoll Shores police officer takes action (or not), based on two factors: whether the animal is suffering or if it is a potential threat to a person or a domestic animal. If the animal is not suffering and is not a potential threat, no immediate action will be taken, but the officer will attempt to contact various wild life organizations to assist with the animal if possible and appropriate. If the officer determines that the animal is suffering and/or poses a potential threat, it will be euthanized and removed from the property.

Not every wild animal that appears to be sick has rabies. Mike Hardy of the county animal control office advises that an animal suffering from distemper and one suffering from rabies will exhibit the same behaviors. Still, residents should call for assistance and not approach a wild animal. In addition, it is important that pet owners be proactive to ensure that household pets are vaccinated and that shots are kept up to date.

North Carolina animal control laws require dogs and cats to have their first rabies shot at four months of age, another at one year and then at one-year or three-year intervals depending on the vaccine given. It takes about three weeks for the first shot to provide protection, and subsequent vaccines protect immediately. The Carteret County Health Department partners with local veterinarians from time to time to provide reduced-cost rabies vaccinations for family pets.

Mary Fournier of the county health department provides the following information to help residents and pet owners avoid issues with wild animals:

- The best prevention against rabies is to make sure pets are up to date with rabies vaccinations. Even with vaccination, if a pet is bitten or scratched by a rabid animal, it must be revaccinated within five days of the exposure. Unvaccinated pets exposed to rabies must be euthanized or quarantined at the owner's expense.
- It is best not to feed pets outside. Food bowls will attract other domestic pets or wild animals that may be roaming.
- Raccoons and foxes are becoming more prevalent and comfortable in neighborhoods and have acclimated to humans, so their presence does not necessarily mean that they are ill.
- The state Laboratory of Public Health will only accept animals for rabies testing if they have bitten or scratched a person or domestic animal. The lab does not have the capacity to test every animal that appears ill.

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