

Recycling Carts Now Available

By Sarah Williams

As many of you read in last month's *Shoreline*, the town is selling recycling carts. Since "Kramer's Korner" came out in August, the details have changed a little. A limited supply of recycling roll-out containers will be for sale at town hall in two sizes: 48 and 64 gallons. The carts are \$70 and \$90, respectively, with no sales tax. Once the supply is sold out at town hall, we will offer \$5 off coupons to Ace Hardware. The carts at Ace will be similarly priced. For those of you interested in a 32-gallon cart, that size will be available with the coupon as well at Ace Hardware. Come by town hall today to purchase your recycling cart or to pick up your coupon.

The Latest Buzz

By Henry Kahen

Here are a few things happening in the area that may be of interest:

If you are looking for a unique dining experience, try **La Perla Restaurant & Bar**. Located at 1103 North 20th Street in Morehead City, La Perla delivers an authentic and diversified taste of the Caribbean Islands. Signature dishes include Mofongo, a slow-roasted Cuban pork dish; West Indian lamb curry; ceviche nachos; octopus salad; and various seafood and vegetarian dishes. Chef/owner Kevin Davis has practiced his culinary art at several famous restaurants, including Le Bernadin in New York City, and is a winner of the Beaufort Wine & Food Chef's Competition. La Perla is open 5:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday for dinner, and on Sunday 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. for brunch. Visit the website at laperlarestaurantmhc.com for a look at their menu and more information. Call 222-3808 for reservations.

Planning a wedding? **Kassie Bella Bridal Boutique**, a specialty bridal shop, will open in October at 2213 Bridges Street (Suite 4) in Morehead City. The boutique will feature unique gowns and dresses by Enzoani, Davinci Bridal and other well-known designers, and will carry all sizes, including plus sizes. For further information, contact owner Mayra Jaimes-Ortiz at 619-274-2226 or kassiebellabridal@yahoo.com. The boutique will be open by appointment only.

For my fellow dog lovers, **Lollypups Dog Boutique** in Emerald Isle is operating under new management. New owners Elaine and Dan Kirk offer high-quality canine apparel and accessories, premium pet food and a gourmet doggie bakery. Cat lovers, don't feel left out; the shop also features kitty products. Please visit them at lollypupsonline.com or stop by the nicely decorated shop at 9104 Coast Guard Road. Their phone number is 354-7877, and they are open 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

The Boat House at Front Street Village in Beaufort will feature **Michael Santos** as guest chef on September 24 at 7:30 p.m. at a cost of \$50 per person or \$90 per couple. For more information about guest chef dinners, Thursday night dinners and other events, visit frontstreetvillage.com.

A newly remodeled **convenience store and gas station** will be opening soon at the old White Sands location across from the DoubleTree in Atlantic Beach. I am told the store will open sometime in September and will offer a variety of beverage and grocery products. No additional information is available at this time.

Carteret Community Theatre will present "Oliver" on September 4, 5, 6, 11, 12 and 13. Performances are at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and at 2 p.m. on Sundays. For additional information, call the theater at 497-8919, or visit the website at carteretcommunitytheatre.com. The theater is located at 1311 Arendell Street in Morehead City.

Mayor's Memo

By Ken Jones

Certainly you've heard the saying, "Change is the only constant." When we discuss change in Pine Knoll Shores, the first concern is the character of our town. Some changes are coming, but they will not alter our character. When we do see change coming, our first question is: "What's good for Pine Knoll Shores?"

Sometimes we need to have a vision to be able to look over the horizon 10 years or more to make a decision. This is quite often the case with development. What is it, what will it look like, and how will it be in 10 years? This is the case of the property at the corner of Pine Knoll Boulevard and Salter Path Road. The property has been on the market for a while and was owned by First Citizens Bank. The proposal is to put single story, age-friendly cluster homes, triplexes and quadruplexes on the site. There will be much more to come on this development later, but as it is planned we will make sure it stays within the character of our town.

Earlier this year your Board of Commissioners decided not to add your tax money to a grant and buy recycle containers for all single-family homes. Here's the resultant change. We have a standing order at Ace Hardware at Atlantic Station in Atlantic Beach for 48- and 64-gallon recycle containers. They are blue and have the white recycle symbol on the side. Before you go to get your container, come to town hall and get a coupon for \$5 off the retail price. They'll assemble it for you and deliver if need be. I hope you see this as a very positive change.

Looking over the horizon encompasses two other areas we have had a lot of discussion and debate on: sidewalks and storm water. We've looked at several sidewalk options. Thanks to our Pedestrian Planning Group, we are looking at whether or not changes need to be made to our state DOT-approved pedestrian plan based on the surveys. The priorities are not changing much. As you look to the not-too-distant future, you may note that as the population increases in North Carolina and transportation routes are improved, keeping pedestrians off Salter Path Road will become a more important safety issue.

Storm water management and control will not go off anyone's radar. You don't have to look very far into the past to see that the future will include more storm water concerns.

I'm also sure by now you have heard about the new ordinance that separates swimmers and fishermen. Most of this is about common sense and common courtesy. While we have certainly separated these two beach and ocean users, courtesy should be the word of the day when surfing or paddleboarding among swimmers. I am positive that between a child's head and a surfboard, the child's head would take the brunt of the hurt. These are public beaches for everyone, so like anything else, common sense and common courtesy in safety should prevail. I thank you in advance for observing them.

On August 14 we held our second annual Homeowners Association Summit at town hall. First, I want to thank all who participated and shared in our town's interest. We had a great turnout, and it was very nice to see many of the same faces as last year; that must mean you were reelected for doing an outstanding job. Without your help we would be missing a key ingredient to our town's success as a team.

Please enjoy the seasonal changes as fall rolls into our beautiful town. Fall is my favorite season. It won't be long before the days seem much shorter and we're remembering those hot days on the beach. Appreciate the change.