



# Police Pages

## Town of Southern Shores Police Department

**Welcome** back to the Southern Shores Police Pages Newsletter. This newsletter is for you, the citizens of Southern Shores so please feel free to offer any suggestions for things that you would like to see us include or change. It has been suggested that Police Pages is not a very exciting name so if any of you have a suggestion for a new and better name for our monthly newsletter, please let us know by calling 252-261-3331 or e-mailing us at [infopd@southernshores-nc.gov](mailto:infopd@southernshores-nc.gov). We look forward to hearing from you!

### Special Event Parking

Having a party? Family coming for a visit? Having your friends over for poker or bridge? Whatever the case, too often residents do not have enough parking on their property. You can apply for a temporary parking permit for special occasions. Just contact Pat Forrester, Code Enforcement Officer, with the date, time and location of your event so that your guests can be worry (and ticket) free.

## Southern Shores gets NetSmartz!



**Sgt. Jon Slegel at K.H.E.S.**

In a world driven by technology, our children have a wealth of information and opportunity at their very fingertips. But with the good, comes the bad. As valuable a resource as the Internet can

be, it also provides even more opportunities for thieves, child molesters and con artists to take advantage of the innocent. The best weapon against them is us—the parents, the schools and the law. The Southern Shores Police Department, in conjunction with the Dare County School system and the help of NetSmartz, is coming to the classroom and teaching children about the dangers of the Internet. Colorful characters like Nettie and Clicky help the officer to teach the kids to look out for bad guys like Pot-



ty-Mouth Pete and Meet-Me Mack. If you are interested in NetSmartz, you can check them out at [www.netsmartz.org](http://www.netsmartz.org) or call the Southern Shores Police Department at 252-261-3331 to arrange for a presentation. Help us keep our children safe!

### Multi-Use Pathway

The multi-use pathway should be back in one piece just in time for the summer. The path is there for walkers, joggers, bikers and skaters and we ask that you all use common courtesy while traveling the pathway. By town ordinance, there are **NO** motorized vehicles of any kind allowed on the pathway. Failure to comply with this ordinance will result in a \$50.00 fine!

## Who Has the Right-of-Way at a Crosswalk?

This question has plagued many residents of Southern Shores after several crosswalks were installed on NC Hwy 12 last year. The law regarding pedestrian right-of-way at crosswalks according to the North Carolina General Statute is as follows:

§ 20-173. Pedestrians' right-of-way at crosswalks.

(a) Where traffic-control signals are not in place or in operation the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way,

slowing down or stopping if need be to so yield, to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within any marked crosswalk or within any unmarked crosswalk at or near an intersection, except as otherwise provided in Part 11 of this Article.

(b) Whenever any vehicle is stopped at a marked crosswalk or at any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection to permit a pedestrian to cross the roadway, the driver of any other vehicle approaching from the rear shall not overtake and

pass such stopped vehicle.

(c) The driver of a vehicle emerging from or entering an alley, building entrance, private road, or driveway shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian, or person riding a bicycle, approaching on any sidewalk or walkway extending across such alley, building entrance, road, or driveway. (1937, c. 407, s. 134; 1973, c. 1330, s. 32.)

Summer is on the way and with it comes a lot of beach goers



who will be using those crosswalks. Please allow them to cross the road as the law allows. Pedestrians beware!! The law is on your side but will not keep you from harm. Please use common sense and caution when crossing any busy street and do not assume that a car will stop for you. Let's make this a safe and happy summer.

# Safety Tips for Seniors

Southern Shores is largely a retirement community and as people grow older, their chances of being victims of crime decrease dramatically. But a lifetime of experience coupled with the physical problems associated with aging often make older Americans fearful. Although they're on the lookout constantly for physical attack and burglary, they're not as alert to fraud and con games—in reality, the greatest crime threat to seniors' well being and trust. If you want to conquer fear and prevent crime, take these common-sense precautions...

## BE ALERT WHEN OUT AND ABOUT

- Go with friends or family, not alone.
- Carry your purse close to your body, not dangling by the straps. Put a wallet in an inside coat or front pants pocket.
- Don't carry credit cards you don't need or large amounts of cash.

- Use direct deposit for Social Security and other regular checks.
- Whether you're a passenger or driver, keep car doors locked. Be particularly alert in parking lots and garages. Park near an entrance.
- Sit close to the driver or near the exit while riding the bus, train or subway.
- If someone or something makes you uneasy, trust your instincts and leave.

## MAKE YOU HOME SAFE AND SECURE

- Install good locks on doors and windows. Use them! Don't hide keys in mailboxes and planters or under doormats. Instead, leave an extra set of keys with a neighbor or friend.
- Ask for photo identification from service or delivery people before letting them in. If you are the least

bit worried, call the company to verify.

- Be sure your street address number is large, clear of obstruction, and well lighted so police and other emergency personnel can find you home quickly.
- Consider a home alarm system that provides emergency monitoring for burglary, fire and medical emergencies.

These are but a few of the things that you can do to make yourself and your home safer. There will be more tips in the future so please watch for them. As always, if you have any questions about these tips or any other concerns, please do not hesitate to call on us.

**\*NOTE: The information found here is courtesy of the National Crime Prevention Council.**



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## from the Chief's Desk ...

Though I have been here only a short time, I must say that I have been overwhelmed by the support from not only the officers and employees of Southern Shores, but from the community as well. I thank you and I look forward to serving Southern Shores.

Spring has arrived, and with that comes more traffic. With the warmer weather arriving, you will see more children playing, and riding their bikes along with families taking walks in our neighborhoods. I would ask the motoring public to please be extra cautious when traveling on our streets this time of year.

The police department is also preparing for the nicer weather; we are in the process of servicing the police boat for patrol. We are also hoping to get another year out of the police department's ATV for summer beach patrol.

I would like to take a moment to thank the police department's administrative assistant, Jennifer Couture, for her hard work in putting together the police department news letter each month.

Sincerely,

**David M. Kole**

