

What's Up With PARC?

By Jean McDanal

Now that the deep freeze is hopefully over, your Parks and Recreation Committee is ramping up for all of our activities for the coming year.

One of our major endeavors is the completion of a nature trail on the Pine Knoll Tract. This is land adjacent to the aquarium and town hall that was deeded to the town by the Roosevelts with the stipulation that it be used for recreation activities only. We are pursuing working with the Boy Scouts to create a one-half-mile nature trail as a service project for them sometime in March or April. They will clear and mulch the area. We will have more information later when a date is set.

Remember to sign up for the Senior Games. Registration for the Carteret County Senior Games is now open. Early bird registration is \$15 per person, available until Monday, March 17; and regular registration is \$20 per person from March 18 until the registration deadline on March 28. Registration forms are available on line from ccparksrec.com, from Sarah Williams at town hall or from John Brodman at beach-bumpks@hotmail.com. Pine Knoll Shores will be hosting the bike race on Tuesday,

Events Calendar

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Contemporary Boatbuilding Carpentry Class. April 12-13, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the North Carolina Maritime Museum in Beaufort. The class teaches skills essential for building round-bottomed boats. 12 hours (2-day class) can be used as a prerequisite for Nine-Day Boatbuilding Class. Fee: \$135. Minimum age: 16 yrs. old. Advance registration. Call 728-7317 or visit www.ncmaritimemuseums.com.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt on the Beaufort Historic Grounds. April 13, 11 a.m. at the Beaufort Historic Site. Children ages seven and younger are welcome. Free. Call 728-5225 for more information.

Emerald Isle Easter Egg Hunt. April 13, noon, at the Emerald Isle Parks and Recreation Community Center. New this year, beginning at 12:30 p.m., children from 9-12 will participate in our first Scavenger Egg Hunt. Egg hunt begins at 1 p.m. Ages 3 and under and 4 to 8. Free. No registration is required.

Car, Truck and Bike Show. April 19, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Mac Daddy's, 130 Golfin Dolphin Drive in Cape Carteret. Tobacco Road Cruisers present the Women Veterans of Coastal North Carolina Car, Truck and Bike Show. All proceeds to the Women Veterans of Coastal NC. 50/50 Drawing.

Earth Day Celebration. April 19, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Fort Macon State Park. Music, live animals and fun activities. Call 728-2250 or 726-3775.

Pine Knoll Shores Easter Egg Hunt. April 19, 10 a.m. at Garner Park. Bring your own basket and enjoy a fun time with friends and neighbors.

Shackleford Banks: Horses, Hiking & History. April 23, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the North Carolina Maritime Museum in Beaufort. Not suitable for children under 6. Fee: \$25. Advance registration required. Call 728-7317 or visit www.ncmaritimemuseums.com.

8th Annual Bluegrass Festival. April 25-26 at White Oak Shores Camping & RV Resort in Stella. Bluegrass music at its finest! Tickets: \$30 per person at the gate, \$25 in advance or \$50 for the two days. Call 393-3244 for more information.

Kayak through History. April 30, 9 a.m.-noon at the North Carolina Maritime Museum in Beaufort. Paddle through the salt marshes and sandbars around Beaufort. Ages 12 and up, under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Some kayak experience is recommended. Reservations: \$45, \$25 with own kayak. Advance registration. Call 728-7317 or visit www.ncmaritimemuseums.com.

Alive at Five Outdoor Concerts. May 2, 5-8 p.m. at Katherine Davis Park in downtown Morehead City. Sponsored by Downtown Morehead City Revitalization Association (DMCRA). Free to the public. Call 808-0440 for more information.

Beaufort Music Festival. May 10-11. Bluegrass, country rock, folk, swing, surf rock, reggae, indie and other types of music. Visit www.beaufortmusicfestival.com for details.

April 15, at 9 a.m.; the kayaking event on Wednesday, April 23, at 10 a.m.; and the paddleboard event Wednesday, April 23, at 11 a.m. Pine Knoll Shores always fields a large, winning team eager to take home the gold. The games themselves, which include a free breakfast at the opening ceremony and a free lunch at the final awards banquet, take place between April 10 and May 1 at various venues throughout the county. For more information, contact John Brodman.

Our next big event is the April Easter Egg Hunt at Garner Park on April 19 at 10 a.m. Thanks to Missy Klor and Sloan Freeman for taking the lead on this activity. More information will be coming in next month's *Shoreline*.

June brings all the events associated with Kayak for the Warriors. Please see separate articles on these activities.

The new PARC cards have arrived and are on sale at town hall for \$20. Eat out a lot? There are great discounts at local establishments.

We are still looking for people to fill vacancies on this committee. Please email Brian Kramer (manager@townofpks.com), if you are interested in chairing an event or being on the committee.

If you have any suggestions for PARC, please do not hesitate to email me at PARCPR@ec.rr.com or come to one of our meetings. The next meeting is Tuesday, March 11, at 9 a.m. at town hall.

PKS Historical Committee Update

By Phyllis Makuck

Since the successful exhibit at Bogue Banks Library, Pine Knoll Shores Historical Committee members have been working diligently re-hanging the exhibit in town hall, gathering new historical information, identifying items in the collection, archiving historical records and writing stories that make up the town's history. They also have one new member, an official committee chair and an official nonresident member.

Jean Macheca, whose family has lived in the area a long time, joined the committee in the fall. Walt Zaenker moved from unofficial leader to official chairperson. Donna Rogers, a resident of Indian Beach who worked with the committee to set up the library exhibit, has agreed to stay on as a nonresident member, joining Ted Lindblad, Michelle Powers, Martha Edwards, Clark Edwards and Phyllis Makuck. From the town, Betty Carr and Scott Sherrill remain active with the committee and are valuable resources.

The timeline and other documents created for the library exhibit are still on display at town hall. Anyone who missed the original exhibit or wants to revisit it will find items of historical interest on the walls in the boardroom and in showcases in the foyer.

The committee has continued to gather new material, most notably historical documents from the country club, and is grateful to Chip Chamberlin for making this valuable material available to the town. Anyone with items pertaining to the area's early history is encouraged to consider donating them to the town. Committee members carefully go through all donated material, identify and file it appropriately, taking special care to protect valuable one-of-a-kind items. The large, attractive piece of furniture in town hall's small meeting room contains much of the collection.

In addition to gathering documents, committee members are doing a good deal of research to gather new information and verify existing data. They are finding old court records, maps, news articles, letters and vintage photographs to enhance local historical stories already written and to write new stories. The intent is to make the stories available to the public as blog posts on a Pine Knoll Shores History site, which Scott Sherrill and Walt Zaenker have devoted many hours to establish. The site will be ready to go public some time this spring. Stay tuned for more information about the "PKS History Blog."