

# 2019 Sea Turtle Nesting Season

By Peggy Deneau

Sea turtle nesting season has begun in Pine Knoll Shores. As of June 13, we have three loggerhead sea turtle nests on our beach.

Our first nest was discovered on May 28 by volunteer Lisa Park during her morning beach walk. While we were taking measurements, volunteers Kim Elliott and Carolyn Patton arrived, and soon we were digging for eggs. This can take anywhere from five minutes to several hours, and it is always a thrill when they are found. One egg was removed, the contents discarded, and the shell placed in a test tube of alcohol for DNA analysis.

This year, our first nest's analysis was done very quickly, and we have already learned much about this mother turtle. She laid a nest in Pine Knoll Shores on July 9, 2010; two nests in Atlantic Beach on July 8 and 21, 2013; two nests in Pine Knoll Shores on July 3 and 24, 2016; and our first nest of 2019. This particular mama loggerhead is a bit unusual, as she seems to lay only two nests per nesting journey, which for her seems to be every three years. Often loggerheads will lay four or more nests per trip.

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## Save the Date



Members of the  
Age-Friendly Advisory Committee  
wish you all a happy, fun-filled  
and safe summer.

*There will be no forums in July and August.*

Third Thursday Forums will resume on September 19.

Watch this space for new, exciting programs  
as we continue our journey to grow healthier,  
smarter and more informed together.

*We are thankful for all who have attended our forums in the  
past and look forward to seeing you in September.*

# What's Up With PARC?

By Jean McDanal

Our next event will be the Fourth of July Parade, which is on Thursday, July 4. The parade will kick off at Garner Park at 10 a.m. Please decorate anything that moves with the old red, white, and blue, and come out to enjoy a good time with friends and neighbors. Come back to the park to enjoy watermelon after the parade. Thanks to Martha Edwards for organizing this once again.

Our beach cleanup will be held Monday, July 8. We encourage residents and visitors alike to participate. This will be the 11th annual post Fourth of July beach cleanup. Here are the particulars:

- **Where and when:** Meet at the Iron Steamer beach access parking lot at 9 a.m. on Monday, July 8, for sign-in and a group photo.
- **What to bring:** work gloves, comfortable shoes, sunscreen and appropriate protective clothing. Plastic garbage bags and ice water will be provided.
- **Who should come:** Residents, visitors, young and old can participate. Do what you can without overdoing.
- **Program:** Working at their own pace, participants will choose a section of beach (for example a half-mile segment between public accesses) and pick up any trash they find. When the trash bag is full or too heavy to comfortably carry, place the bag on the dry sand on the beach close to the sand fence/vegetation line. Large items (lawn chairs, umbrellas, awning frames, coolers, lumber, etc.) should also be placed near the fence line in plain sight. Town staff will cruise the beach in an ATV later in the morning and pick up the trash collected by participants. Special mention will be awarded to those who find the strangest items . . . and strange items there are in abundance.

The Arts with Kids program will take a summer hiatus until September.

The Parks and Recreation Committee (PARC) welcomes suggestions for activities that will get people out, moving and involved. We are soliciting ideas for events of interest to residents and property owners. Let your imagination fly, and let us hear from you.

If you have suggestions for PARC, please email [PARCPR@ec.rr.com](mailto:PARCPR@ec.rr.com) or come to one of our meetings. The next meeting is on Tuesday, July 9, at 9 a.m. upstairs at the public safety building.

## ORIGINAL POETRY

### Feed the Meter

Submitted by Catherine Combs

*A traditional Japanese haiku is a very short form of poetry in three phrases, typically containing 17 syllables—and traditionally deals with tiny observations in the natural world. A haiku in English is a very short poem following the form and style of the Japanese haiku. Contributor Catherine Combs comments on her haiku this way: "When it's hot, I like to keep everything simple: my food, my activities, even my poetry."*

Bottlenose dolphin,  
Sea sawing wind-swept high waves,  
Lap dreaming sea oats.

Crazy met the door,  
Smiling like a friend in need,  
Ringing the silence.

*Poets among us are invited to submit original poetry to [shoreline@townofpks.com](mailto:shoreline@townofpks.com).  
Editorial deadlines are listed on page 3 of The Shoreline.—The Editors*