

CAUGHT DOING SOMETHING GOOD

Service Project Benefits PKA

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Kudos to Scott Grant for a job well done

The Board of Directors of Pine Knoll Association (PKA) is divided into groups that oversee different parts of the management of the recreational areas, which include Ocean Park, Brock Basin, Hall Haven, Davis Landing, Ramsey Park and King's Corner. Frequently, we have sufficient volunteers to tackle a task, and, if not, we will contract out a job. In early June, we received an urgent call that a young man who had been nominated as a candidate to join the Junior National Honor Society and needed to perform a community service project as part of his application.

Scott Grant, a rising 7th grader at Morehead City Middle School and son of Pine Knoll Shores residents Shari and Donald Grant, was in a pickle as the project had to be assigned and completed by the following Thursday. Scott needed to fulfill a five-hour service requirement, and Parks Captain Susan Phillips and Parks Director John Gallagher thought of our cosmetically rundown equipment at Brock Basin that desperately needed a facelift. Scott met with us to take inventory of what was needed and chose three items to tackle: a picnic table and separate bench seat that needed to be refinished and fencing that needed to be removed.

First, he removed the old rundown split rail fencing that surrounded the swing sets so that we could open up the area for more play and then tackled the two pieces of furniture, which had been moved to his house with the help of his dad and his truck. The two pieces of furniture got a good power washing and were set aside to dry out. While working on the bench, he learned that several of the screws needed replacing as they had rusted through, making the boards loose. A trip to the hardware store with his chauffeur dad produced the screws and some fresh paint for the bench. The picnic table needed staining as well, and he was able to use the stain we had on hand in our storage shed.

After a couple of days, Scott had a superior result and ended up with a letter of commendation from me as evidence he had completed his required project. We on the PKA board are very pleased and so happy to have, perhaps, our youngest ever volunteer to work on our never-ending list of jobs. Thank you, Scott, for your excellent work and congratulations on your nomination to the Junior National Honor Society.

We hope all of our members enjoy these additions to the ambiance of the park. As a reminder to parents of teenagers, if your child needs to complete a service project for school or wants to enhance college applications, they need look no further than Pine Knoll Association to find what they need. We are glad to get the assistance and will provide any documentation needed to certify the work was completed.



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Scott Grant with the picnic table and bench he repaired for Pine Knoll Association (inset photos show condition of each before being refurbished).—Photo courtesy of the Grants