

# What's Up With PARC?

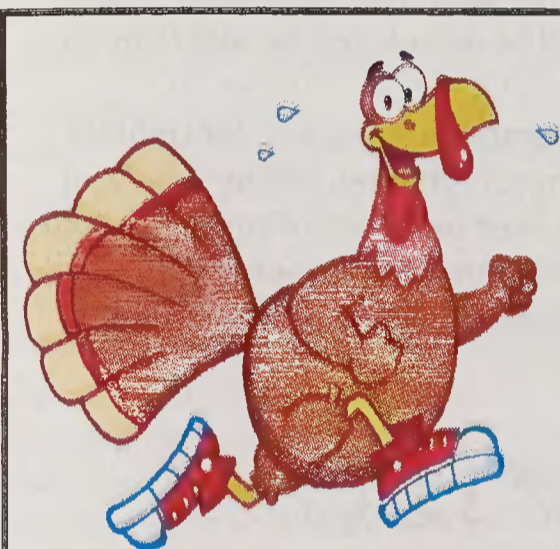
By Jean McDanal

The Pine Knoll Shores Family Fishing Tournament will take place on October 17. Please see "PKS Fifth Annual Fishing Tournament" on page 20 in this issue for details.

As regulations regarding COVID-19 are in a state of flux, we are postponing any decisions regarding the Angel Tree, Turkey Trot, Christmas Parade and Christmas Flotilla until a later date. Watch town emails and future issues of *The Shoreline* for announcements on these events.

The Parks and Recreation Committee (PARC) is pleased to welcome two new members—Jeanie Donoghue and Maureen Young. Thank you for your willingness to serve on the committee.

Your Parks and Recreation Committee welcomes any suggestions for activities that will get people out, moving and involved. If you have suggestions for PARC, we want to hear from you. Please email [PARCPR@ec.rr.com](mailto:PARCPR@ec.rr.com) to submit a suggestion or to request information on how to join our next meeting on Tuesday, October 6, at 9 a.m. (probably via conference call).



Given the current climate with COVID-19, the Pine Knoll Shores Parks & Recreation Committee is considering options for this year's Turkey Trot. Watch town emails and the November issue of *The Shoreline* for details.

## Honoring Our Librarians

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They brought their unique talents to the job they loved and shared them with all who visited. Brita's husband, Peter, expressed just how lucky we have all been to have community members in this role who knew and cared about their patrons, hand selecting books they knew would suit our tastes. This is small town living at its finest.

When asked what they will do with their newfound free time, Donna said she had already read a book and plans to stay in touch with all the friends she has made during her years at the library. Brita plans to spend more time in her garden, and Andrew will help out the family, especially with homeschooling the grandkids.

Since the crowd size had to be limited due to COVID-19 restrictions, Susan Philips recorded the event for those who were unable to attend. Go to [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and search for PKS Honors BBPL Librarians to view her video.

Thank you, Brita, Donna and Andrew, and best of luck with whatever your futures hold.

# Real Estate News

By Marian Goetzinger, Pine Knoll Shores Realty



## Kitchens sell houses—make yours say "Come on in . . . make yourself at home."

The kitchen has always been the heart of the home. Since the beginning of the 2020 pandemic, with folks staying at home and eating in more, that is even more true. If you plan to update your kitchen to make it more attractive to potential buyers or simply for your own enjoyment, here are some ideas that will make a big difference, according to the National Association of Realtors' *Realtor* magazine. Kitchens can be expensive to upgrade, so it is important to find ways to improve the kitchen that will stand the test of time. Don't fall for trends. Some thoughts on choices with universal appeal:

- **Quartz** is popular now and will be a popular countertop option for a long time. It is less damage prone and less likely to stain than other countertop materials, making it a long-lasting choice.
- **Granite** is still popular and offers the same reliability as quartz. Ted and I chose granite for our new home in Maritime Woods. Sticking with the light, bright theme, we chose "fantasy brown." It is more white than brown and looks great with our white cabinets.
- It seems that the **all-white kitchen** will be with us for many years to come. For a splash of color, use rugs, towels and utensils in bright colors.
- With the popularity of going green, *Realtor* magazine recommends using **sustainable materials**, such as reclaimed wood and bamboo. The color green itself is gaining in popularity, especially the dark arsenic hue that was the rage back in Victorian times. Consider using it on pantry doors and accent pieces.
- **Dark floors.** To balance the predominantly white kitchen, use darker floors. Stained dark hardwood, dark tile or even linoleum will make the room feel more cozy. Luxury vinyl plank (LVP) is a very popular flooring option today and has many darker options from which to choose. I chose "aged oak" for our new home on Evergreen Lane and used it not only in the kitchen but throughout the house. It is water and pet proof and looks fantastic.
- **Texture** can help break the monotony of an all-white space. Some good ways to add texture are beadboard, shiplap, brass, strap hinges, latches, marble and various wood essences. Just don't overdo it. We used shiplap to wrap around our island bar and painted all the walls sea-salt. Another popular wall color choice is gray.

If you can't do all these things, don't worry. Tackle the ones that need the most reviving first, and get started.



**Daylight Saving Time ends Nov. 1 at 2 a.m. ... Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour!**