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By Charles Rocci
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Ideas for spring

I can't believe we are already in April. Spring gives us a great opportunity to change some things up around our homes with spring cleaning and yard work. To help with your spring cleaning, the town provides bulk item pickup through GFL to remove a piece of old furniture or an appliance. This year's bulk item pickup will be on April 27, and all items must be out the night before to allow for early-morning collection. No items put out after the pickup will be collected.

Along with spring cleaning, warmer weather brings us the opportunity to redesign our yards to enjoy the outdoors. This year you may want to consider some do-it-yourself solutions to mitigate stormwater pollution through smart yard strategies. The North Carolina Coastal Federation recommends three easy solutions to mitigate stormwater pollution and save on unnecessary maintenance and costs. Those solutions are rain gardens, rerouted downspouts and rain barrels.

Rain gardens are small, shallow vegetated areas that capture rain during storms. They are lower than the surrounding lawn and act like a bowl to collect stormwater from your roof or driveway, which could reduce stormwater runoff by 90% or more. Using native plants in rain gardens can significantly lower your maintenance and cost.

Reroute downspouts away from driveways, sidewalks or parking areas by adding a diverter to turn downspouts away from impervious areas and toward lawns, natural areas and, yes, rain gardens. Avoid routing downspouts to neighboring property or over septic or drain fields.

Rain barrels are containers that collect and store rainwater from your roof. They are placed under roof gutter downspouts and are typically 50-55 gallons. This offers a free source of water for plants and gardens, which, during the summer months, accounts for nearly 40% of household water use.

For more information on how to turn your yard into a smart yard, view an article published by the North Carolina Coastal Federation by visiting nccoast.org and clicking on Resources/Special Publications/Smart Yards.

Town emails. If you are not subscribed to the town email list, visit townofpks.com and scroll down to click "Sign up for Constant Contact" on the right side to start receiving updates.

K4TW Update

By Jean McDanal

Things are full speed ahead for two Kayak for the Warrior (K4TW) events. The Crystal Coast Country Club (CCCC) will host our 2nd annual K4TW Golf Tournament on Friday, May 21, with a four-person super ball format. Tee off is 8:30 a.m. with a shotgun start. Registration is \$75, which includes golf cart, 18 holes and lunch. There will be prizes for longest drive and closest to the pin, and first place and second place will be awarded. Lots of fun surprises are in store.

Forms for registration will be available at the CCCC clubhouse, in the side vestibule at town hall, and online at k4tw.org.

The Wheelbarrow of Booze will be raffled off at this event. You can win a wheelbarrow with 20+ bottles of liquor. The barrow can be seen at CCCC, and the \$10 tickets are available there as well. For questions regarding this event, please contact Kathy Blowers at kblowers@nc.rr.com.

The second event will be our signature K4TW Kayak/Paddleboard Race on Saturday, June 5, at 10 a.m. Registration is \$50 for a single paddler and \$100 for tandem. A barbecue lunch and t-shirt are included. Paddlers are encouraged to arrive early in order to complete the safety briefing. Registration forms are available on the back of our brochure and can be found in the side vestibule at town hall. Online registration, which is encouraged, can be found by visiting runsignup.com/Races, entering Kayak for the Warriors in the search bar and scrolling down to click on the listing.

Paddlers are asked to create teams and solicit donations from family and friends. Donations will be tallied for each team in order to win the coveted Warrior Trophy. The raffle for the Wine & Dine basket is returning. Tickets are \$10, and

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