

PKA News

By Amry Cox

Like most New Year's resolutions and schedules for volunteer work, there is the plan—and there is what actually happens. Our Pine Knoll Association (PKA) work projects are subject to the same vicissitudes of life that affect us all. Supply chain lags, personal schedules, weather, unexpected events and other not-so-believable excuses (and some we just make up) all get in the way now and then.

Given all that and a New Year, we are planning to finish the east dock work soon at Brock Basin (BB), mulch distribution at BB, fencing at BB, east dock at Hall Haven (HH), pavers at HH and BB, and other minor maintenance and sprucing up before spring arrives.

Thanks to Mike Di Lauro, Dick Belanger, Cindy Smith, JJ Wright and Rob McClellon for coordinating and supporting PKA's piece of the update to both PIKSCO and PKA homeowners associations' private park access gates, achieving remote update capability. This allows Cindy Smith the ability to provide gate updates without the previous requirement to physically go to each gate to upload the member information. She can now be in her bunny slippers at home and press "send" for a complete electronic update to all of PKA's gates. Big effort, and great job by all.

The deadline for our PKA board vacancy is Friday, January 7. Please contact the PKA Administrator if interested or if you want to be contacted by the PKA Nominating Committee with answers to your questions.

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From left, Ron Huggler, Dick Belanger and Darlene Sanchez working to resurface and reinforce the east dock at Brock Basin.—Photo by Robert Cox

2021 Pine Knoll Shores Flotilla

By John Clarke

On Saturday evening, November 27, we once again held our annual Pine Knoll Shores Flotilla, sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Committee (PARC). We assembled at Brock Basin at dusk for our trip out to the sound and then a brief stop at McNeill Park to drop off our special guest, Santa. This year,

on a wonderful clear and chilly evening, we had just short of 20 boats participating.

The boats, captains and their crews assembled around 4:45 p.m., and we left Brock Basin around 5:25. Santa was happy to join us this year, and we had him on the lead boat, *Dulcinea*, captained by John Clarke, with first mate Anne Clarke. Anne was in charge of getting the boats in order based on the sign-up sheet. With the sun setting quickly, we dropped off the jolly man and then turned our attention to a rapidly darkening trip down the canal. All the boats made it safely around the canal.

New PARC member Jane Cokeley served as the organizer for the activities at McNeill Park this year. We were happy to have Mayor John Brodman serve as our emcee and announce the boaters as we passed, and Cheryl and Bryan Smith loaned us their big chairs from their boat for Santa and the kids.

We were pleased at the turnout and happy to have so many join us for the event. We encouraged attendees to bring their own chairs or blankets to watch the event. We did get a few calls about when the

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Santa arrives by boat to join spectators at McNeill Park.—Photos by Julie Anderson

