Keeping Up With the Clerk

By Charles Rocci Pine Knoll Shores Town Clerk

Guidelines for trash and recycling in Pine Knoll Shores

As you are likely aware, the town decided to move its municipal trash service to Waste Removal at the start of January 2022. We are very excited for this new partnership and hope that Pine Knoll Shores community members will see the benefits of this transition.

As Waste Removal's first municipal customer, we recognize that there will be some challenges at the beginning. We hope that through steady communication between the town and Waste Removal, and patience and cooperation from residents, this will be an easy transition leading to quality service in Pine Knoll Shores.

Waste Removal would like to begin fielding calls for general questions, rental cans and reports of missed service. They can be reached at 252-499-9710.

Please note that Waste Removal begins pickup at 6:30 a.m. Property owners are asked to have cans out the night before, but expect pickup time slightly later than you may have grown used to.

As I write this article, we have seen one week of trash service and have already identified one major issue with pickup that needs to be addressed immediately. Our recycling load is full of plastic bags and is unable to be processed in recycling machines, forcing recyclables to go in the landfill. To address this issue, I am going to present some general information from the town's recycling calendar available for pickup at town hall, on the town website (townofpks.com/Resources/Document Library/Recycling Calendar) or at tinyurl.com/2p92t923.

Here are some general tips for recycling presented on the calendar:

- No plastic bags are allowed in recycling.
- Metal cans (food, soda, etc.), plastic jugs (milk, detergent, etc.), glass (bottles, jars, etc.) and paper (mixed and office paper, cartons and cardboard) can be included in all recycling.
- All recycled containers need to be emptied and rinsed.
- Cardboard should be flattened.
- Items to keep out of recycling include aerosol cans, all batteries, ceramic items, clothing, diapers, electronics, hazardous waste, household glass, medical waste, plastic bags and wrap, shredded paper, scrap metal and wood, and plastic foam (sometimes referred to as Styrofoam).

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providing us with the opportunity and support to utilize the latest in technologies and tactics to keep our community safe.

In other news, you will soon notice a new face patrolling our neighborhoods. Jeffrey "Chase" Kearney is our newest full-time police officer. Chase comes to us from the Wayne County sheriff's office, where he spent the last four years as a deputy sheriff. Chase is currently completing his field training program and will soon be patrolling the streets on his own. Please don't hesitate to say hello and introduce yourself if you have the opportunity to meet him.

What's Up With PARC?

By Jean McDanal

The final total collected for the Pine Knoll Shores Angel Tree project to benefit wounded warriors and their families was \$3,600. Thanks again to all of those who so generously contributed.

We welcome new members Karen Murphy and Mary Cox to the Parks & Recreation Committee (PARC) and extend thanks to Cheryl Smith for stepping up as chairperson and Jane Cokely for volunteering as vice chair.

The survey regarding the Turkey Trot provided good suggestions for improving the event. Most folks would like to see more route monitors. We know we need more volunteers to man all the pieces that contribute to a successful day. So keep in mind, when we ask for volunteers to help out next year, we need you.

This year's calendar of events is as follows:

- January through March—Planning months
- April—Pickleball Tournament, date to be determined
- April 16—Easter Egg Hunt or Egg My Yard
- May 14—Kayak for the Warriors (K4TW) Gala and Auctions
- May 20—K4TW Golf Tournament
- June 4—K4TW Kayak/Paddleboard Race
- July 1—Pine Knoll Shores 50th Anniversary t-shirt sales begin
- July 2—Fourth of July Parade
- July 5—Clean Sweep Beach Cleanup
- October—Fishing Tournament, date to be determined

 Resident-organized Halloween Party, date to be determined
- November 1—Angel Tree Project kick-off
- November 24—Turkey Trot
- November 26—Christmas Flotilla
- December—Christmas Parade, date to be determined

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 or come to one of our meetings. The next meetings are on Tuesday, February 1, and Tuesday, March 1, at 6 p.m. at town hall.

