

What's Up With PARC?

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Lace up those hiking shoes; Pine Knoll Shores has a new hiking trail. With the help of Cape Carteret Boy Scout Troop 446, Scout Master John Weidler and Eagle Scout candidate Jackson Blivins, a section of land was cleared on April 5 that extends from Municipal Court to Roosevelt Boulevard (the access road for the aquarium). The deeded tract of land, given to the town, stipulated that this land could be used only for recreation. Subsequently, a citizens' committee appointed by the Board of Commissioners decided that the best use was a nature trail.

The Boy Scouts, armed with eye protection, pruners, rakes, energy and biceps, worked on this tract for a day to clear a trail. PARC volunteers Dan Law, Teresa Stanton-Law and BJ Peter fed them lunch, and two town employees, Ernie Rudolph and Michael Maligisi, volunteered some time on their weekend to help out.

As a result of this group effort, we now have an extension of the Veterans Park trail. The trail is rustic (not a flat running path), which is exactly what we envisioned. It provides a nice walk through the maritime forest, complete with movement over thousand-year-old dunes that are now covered in vegetation. The trail does not yet run all the way to Roosevelt Boulevard because work is still needed on a swampy area that requires a bridge.

The goal is to one day enable a hiker to walk from the sound across this trail, move along Roosevelt Boulevard to the aquarium and then take the aquarium's spectacular path through the Roosevelt Natural Area. That will be a very cool walk through the woods.

We are receiving lots of questions regarding volunteering for the Kayak for the Warriors event. Here is a list of the team captains who are helping to coordinate various aspects of the auction and race. This community has been absolutely incredible in the past, so don't be shy. If you have volunteered in the past and want to help again, please email these folks.



From left (first row): Gatlin Weidler, Josh Wagner, James Phillips, Jacob Layton; (second row): Dakota Treadway, Lane Nickson, Nick Antonelli, Caleb Layton, Jackson Blivin (Eagle Scout candidate); and (third row): Paula Blivin, Steve Blivin, John Weidler, Rick Dougherty

Scouts from Troop 446 in Morehead City work to clear the new walking trail near PKS town hall. Eagle Scout candidate Jackson Blivin leads troop members in a walk through of the trail, marking and explaining clearing plans.



- **Overall team leader:** Bud Pitzer, pitzerdc@gmail.com
- **Team leaders, web and IT:** Bruce Carbrey, bearbrey@nc.rr.com, and Alex Williams, williams-service@ateamsvcmgmt.com
- **Team leader, Thursday night reception:** Celeste Lindley, celeste.lindley@gmail.com
- **Team leader, Thursday night live auction:** Kathy Furtner, kfurtner@hotmail.com
- **Team leader, Saturday morning family bike ride:** Gary Watkins, garokath@ec.rr.com
- **Team leaders, viewing tent at McNeill Inlet and general acquisitions:** Walter Schmid, walterschmid04@yahoo.com, and John Dowler, jedowler@gmail.com
- **Team leader, food preparation at Garner Park on Saturday morning:** Cam Anderson, mgunz6019@gmail.com
- **Team leader, raffle at Garner Park on Saturday morning:** Elaine Holt, eebholt@aol.com
- **Team leaders, parks setup:** Josh Race, moreheadcitychiropractic@centurylink.net, and Pete Flynn, flynp32@hotmail.com
- **Team leader, race details/time keepers:** Ted Goetzinger, tgoetzinger@ec.rr.com
- **Team leader, kayak loaner coordination:** Sam Scudder, sascudder@centurylink.net
- **Team leader, wounded warrior concierge:** Judi Matzke, judimatzke@gmail.com
- **Team leader, race safety:** Pete Trebbe, ktrebbe@aol.com
- **Team leader, publicity and PR:** Jean McDanal, jmcdanal@ec.rr.com
- **Finish line photographer:** Dan Law, dlaw2@hotmail.com

The next two events will be the Fourth of July parade and the beach cleanup on Monday, July 7. Watch for more information.

If you have any suggestions for PARC, please do not hesitate to email me at PARCPR@ec.rr.com or come to one of our meetings. The next meeting is Tuesday, May 14, at 9 a.m. at town hall.

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