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From left: Mayor Ken Jones, CAC Vice Chairman Harold Green, CAC member Sue Ingram, Ranger Cody Ake, CAC Chairman Lois Jean O'Keefe, Assistant Town Clerk Sarah Williams, Building Inspector Jim Taylor and CAC member Mary MacDonald.—*Photo by Sarah Williams*

PKS Celebrates Arbor Day

By Sarah Williams

Did you know... the smallest Tree City community is Sibley, North Dakota, with a population of 28 people? New York City is the largest with 8.4 million people. Pine Knoll Shores is somewhere in the middle of these two extremes.

Thanks to Bob Curry and other hardworking Community Appearance Commission (CAC) members, we have been a Tree City community for the last 16 years. All of us recognize the importance of trees and the importance of effective urban forest practices.

This is the 40th year of the national program, with more than 3,400 cities participating. Sixteen of those communities are celebrating their 40th year along with the Tree City USA program. The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters. Pine Knoll Shores achieved Tree City

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PKS 9th Annual Kayak for the Warriors Events

By Jean McDanal

Pine Knoll Shores readies for this worthwhile fundraiser

Are your running shoes, kayaks and paddleboards ready for the ninth annual Kayak for the Warriors (K4TW) events? The events comprise the major fundraiser for Hope For The Warriors, an organization whose mission is to help those warrior heroes who have sacrificed so much.

Programs that Hope For The Warriors provides are varied. They include spouse scholarships; warrior's wish grants; immediate needs to aid in the recovery process and transition to life beyond; the Warrior House, which provides adaptive living quarters for wounded families until long-term arrangements can be made; the Family Support Program; Above and Beyond, a program designed to provide professional tools and guidance to move beyond recovery; and an outreach program providing education and other resources.

Hope For The Warriors is an organization servicing our wounded that has a four-star rating from Charity Navigator, which independently investigates and rates nonprofit organizations to determine transparency and how effective and efficient the organization is with donated money. Hope For The Warriors consistently spends 90% to 93% of funds raised to serve our wounded. Only 7% to 10% is used for administrative costs. Financial data is available at Charity Navigator (charitynavigator.org). Neither Kayak for the Warriors nor Hope For The Warriors is affiliated with The Wounded Warrior Project.

On Saturday, May 28, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., our 5K Beach Run will begin on the beach near the Clam Digger Inn in Pine Knoll Shores. The 5K will meander through the knolls of beautiful Beacon's Reach. There is also a 1K Fun Run/Walk that will stay on the beach. At 9 a.m. the serious, competitive runners will line up first, with casual runners next and finally the walkers. The event fee for the 5K is \$25 and includes a t-shirt and water. A \$15 fee will be charged for the Fun Walk/Run. T-shirts will be available for purchase for Fun Run runners/walkers. This year we will have digital timing by Run the East. To register for either event or to learn more about it, please sign up at either runtherast.com or by going to our website, K4TW.org, and clicking on the link to the race.

On Thursday, June 2, the Warrior reception and live auction will be held at the NC Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores, with doors opening at 6 p.m., and the actual auction beginning at 8 p.m. Light food and wine will be available, and you will have an opportunity to bid on some great items from local artists and businesses. Check out donations on our Facebook page, Kayak for the Warriors, (and "like" us while you're there). Entrance to the auction is \$10 per person.

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