



## PARC Survey 2017

By Eli Valsing

Every five years the Pine Knoll Shores Parks and Recreation Committee (PARC) issues a recreation questionnaire to the residents and property owners in Pine Knoll Shores, and 2017 is a PARC survey year. This is your opportunity to share your views on recreation and related issues for our town.

The survey is available online at [surveymonkey.com/r/PKS2017PARCSurvey](https://surveymonkey.com/r/PKS2017PARCSurvey), and paper copies can be picked up at town hall and the public safety building between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. A clickable link to the online survey was distributed via town wide email on June 30. If you would like to have that link re-sent via email, call town hall at 247-4353 ext. 20, or email [intern@townofpks.com](mailto:intern@townofpks.com). Survey responses will be accepted through July 16.

This survey provides valuable information to the Parks and Recreation Committee, the town staff and elected officials and allows them to better understand the recreational needs of our citizens. The questionnaire also assists in future budgeting and planning decisions and is important to our citizens' ability to live, work and play in Pine Knoll Shores.

The 420 responses in 2012 showed an overall satisfaction with the recreational opportunities in town, largely based on the natural environment. Respondents frequently contrasted Pine Knoll Shores with the Jersey Shore or Myrtle Beach, which were cited as examples of unappealing beach front communities. Preserving our natural environment was a top priority of survey respondents. Many felt that we should not duplicate what is already available elsewhere in our area, and that we should not use taxpayer dollars to fund facilities that can be built and operated commercially.

Since 2012, Pine Knoll Shores homeowners associations (HOAs) have continued to maintain and improve their facilities. Wheelchair accessible ramps were added to the major beach accesses and new docks were built in the marinas and sound side parks. The annual Kayak for the Warriors event has continued to grow, the Bark Park was opened to the public, sidewalk sections were added, pickleball courts were constructed behind town hall and in Garner Park, and a fishing tournament was added to our list of events. Atlantic Beach has expanded its playground to include a splash pad, skate park and miniature golf course. The Country Club of the Crystal Coast has added soccer golf to its list of offerings. Fort Macon has constructed a 3.2-mile trail through the maritime forest, and Emerald Isle has continued to expand its multi-use pathways and repertoire of annual town-sponsored events.

The survey is open to everyone, full and part-time residents alike. Those who complete the survey online will automatically be entered into a drawing for a free dinner for two at a local restaurant. Responses will be tallied and the results will be made available to everyone through *The Shoreline* and the town's website. Don't miss this opportunity to express your opinions in the 2017 PARC Survey.

## 10th Annual Kayak for the Warriors

By Jean McDanal



Despite the high tide, runners came out on a picture-perfect morning to participate in the K4TW Beach Run on May 27. A special thanks to Chris Losack for this drone view of the event.—Image by Chris Losack with C-Lo Productions

"What high tide?" asked those who joined the Kayak for the Warriors 5K Beach Run and Fun Run as they gathered on the beach on Saturday, May 27, for the first of three events in support of Hope For The Warriors. Despite the encroaching tide, 109 folks ran or walked the beach and Beacon's Reach, beginning at 8 a.m. It was perfect weather for the event. The following were the winners in various categories and were awarded medals by Mayor Ken Jones:

Females 15 and Under		Males 15 and Under	
1. Annabeth McKinney	26:56	1. Marc Baroncini	18:37
2. Susannah Peterson	31:57	2. Connor Barritt	20:48
3. Charlotte Peterson	32:10	3. Tyler Barritt	21:00
Females 16-65		Males 16-65	
1. Millie Barritt	19:31	1. Joey Mossor	18:53
2. Anna Simmons	22:00	2. Ben Steere	19:24
3. Laura Koshel	22:18	3. Christian Gring	19:35
Females 65 and Over		Males 65 and Over	
1. Cheryl Gerhart	40:28	1. Walter Geist	27:36
2. Phyllis Ford	41:14	2. Jim Adcox	28:34
		3. Walker Long	30:20

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