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Holiday Closings

April 10 - Good Friday
May 25 - Memorial Day

The “One and Done” solid waste collection maps and calendars are posted on the Village website at www.vopnc.org/solidwaste.

VOP Logo Merchandise

Stop by the Welcome Center in the Theatre Building, 90 Cherokee Road, from 10:00am-4:00pm Wednesdays-Saturdays and snag stemless wine glasses, mugs, golf ball & tee sets, soaps, candles, tote bags, and puzzles! These make great gifts for loved ones or for yourself. For questions, contact Communications Specialist Melissa Holt at mholt@vopnc.org or call 910-295-1900.

Village Code Reminder

Due to liability and safety concerns, basketball hoops may only be located on private property. In most instances, placing the hoop back at least fifteen feet from the edge of the road will keep the structure out of the Village’s right-of-way. If you observe a hoop that appears to be too close to the roadway, please report it to our Code Compliance Specialist at 910-295-8665. Thanks for helping to keep our streets safe!

Parks and Recreation Spotlight

The Parks & Recreation Department has moved to the Community Center, located at 210 Rattlesnake Trail. All program registrations and facility rentals, including the Arboretum, now take place at the Community Center. The department has also implemented new registration software. Visit www.pinehurstrec.org and create your account today. Don’t miss out on your favorite trip, camp, class, or league!

Vision

The Village of Pinehurst is a charming, vibrant community which reflects our rich history and traditions.

Mission

Promote, enhance, and sustain the quality of life for residents, businesses, and visitors.

Spring Events in the Village

Warmer weather is headed our way, so get ready to be out and about this spring! We have so many fun events planned for you.

March 14: St. Patrick’s Day Parade

Help us fill the streets and Tufts Memorial Park with Irish cheer from 11:00am until 1:00pm. Parade entries are still being accepted, so decorate your golf cart, car, or float and join us for the celebration. Hang out at the park following the parade for live entertainment, kids’ activities, and delicious treats!



April 3: Live After 5 with The Embers featuring Craig Woodlard

We will be “beachin’ it” at Tufts Memorial Park from 5:15pm-9:00pm with The Embers featuring Craig Woolard! Local performer, Jordan Cranford, will open the show, so be sure to arrive early for a good seat. Jason’s Mini Donuts, The Grazing Buffalo, and The Marketplace will be on-site with a wide selection for all to enjoy. Beer, wine, and additional beverages will also be available for purchase. Picnic baskets are allowed; however, outside alcoholic beverages are not permitted.

April 4: Easter Egg Hunts in the Village

Children ages nine and younger are invited to “eggsplore” Cannon Park during our annual Easter Egg Hunt from 10:30am-12:30pm. Multiple times are designated to stagger the egg search by age groups and rare eggs will be hidden for each age group. Pictures with the Easter Bunny, kids’ activities, music, and food trucks will be on-site for extra entertainment.



April 4: Spring Matinee Races

After the Easter Egg Hunt, head down to the Pinehurst Harness Track for the 71st Annual Spring Matinee Races from 1:00pm-5:00pm. General admission is \$5 per person (ages 12 and younger are free), which includes bleacher seating. Food and beverages will be available for purchases, and picnic baskets are also welcome.

April 15–September 26: Sandhills Farmers Market

The Sandhills Farmers Market will fill Tufts Memorial Park every Wednesday and Saturday beginning April 15. The market features some of the many wonderful farms, nurseries, bakeries, meat and egg providers, cheese-makers and specialty food producers our area has to offer.

April 18: Celebration of the Military Child

We are celebrating the 10th annual Celebration of the Military Child, co-sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of the Sandhills, at the Village Arboretum. This fun-filled afternoon will include a free cookout, kid-friendly activities, and live entertainment. This event is open for everyone to enjoy an afternoon of family fun!

May 8: Live After 5 with The Band Punch

Get ready to party the night away with The Band Punch at Tufts Memorial Park from 5:15pm-9:00pm! Local trio Berryfield will open and are sure to put on a great show. Beefy Buns, Fully Loaded Fritters, and Polar Ices will be on-site with a variety of food for sale. Beer, wine, and additional beverages will also be available for purchase; however, outside alcoholic beverages are not permitted. Don’t forget to bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and dancing shoes! Thanks to our Live After 5 stage sponsor, The Gentry Team at Remax Prime Properties!

Library Needs Assessment Study

The Village’s consultants for the Library Needs Assessment held a successful three-day on-site public engagement period in mid-February and are now in the process of formulating potential recommendations.

Next, the consulting team will assimilate all of the public input, other data and information to formulate up to three alternative recommendations for the Village Council to consider. The alternative strategies include collaborating with other local government- operated libraries, expanding existing library facilities, combining library services with Village Parks & Recreation offerings; relocating current library services to an existing facility; constructing new facilities, etc. Alternative recommendations will include an order of magnitude capital cost, potential ongoing operating costs, and important considerations.

These alternatives, along with estimated costs and important considerations, will be presented to the Council and public before a statistically valid survey is sent to randomly selected households in March or April. The survey is designed to ensure a 95% confidence level which means that based on the sample size, we can be 95% certain that the results represent the true mean of the entire population with 400 completed surveys. In addition, all Pinehurst residents can provide their feedback on alternative solutions through engage.vopnc.org/library or public comments at Village Council meetings. Our consultants will consider the community’s preferences when formulating a final recommendation to be delivered to the Village Council in June.

Visit engage.vopnc.org/library to stay up to date on what the community is saying about library services in Pinehurst and to provide your thoughts and ideas as we complete the Library Needs Assessment.

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Upcoming Events:

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April 3: Live After 5 at Tufts Memorial Park

April 4: Easter Egg Hunt at Cannon Park

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Recycling Reminders

It's happened to most of us: you're holding a to-go cup, a greasy pizza box, or some used paper towels, and you realize you're not sure where it should go - recycling or garbage? Thinking of the environment, you toss the item into the recycling cart, hoping it'll get recycled. This is called "wish-cycling" and unfortunately, simply wishing for something to be recyclable doesn't make it so.

Wish-cycling begins with the best of intentions, but actually creates more waste in the long run. Wish-cycling contributes to contamination, and when a batch of recyclables is contaminated, it will most likely end up in the landfill. In other words, because of that one "iffy" thing you tried to recycle, literal tons of properly recycled items could be sent to the landfill. Even worse, introducing unrecyclable items can damage recycling machinery, shutting down the facility until the equipment is running again.

We know you care about the environment and want to do the right thing, which is why we created the Recycling 101 booklet. There, we answer the most common questions we're asked about recycling. Pick up a copy of Recycling 101 at the front desk of Village Hall, or go to www.vopnc.org/recycling101. If you still have questions after reading through the booklet, contact the Public Services Department at 910-295-5021.

Just a reminder: glass isn't accepted in the Village's recycling carts. Instead, drop off glass recycling at any of these locations:



Moore County's Glass-Only Recycling Container Locations

Aberdeen Site 456 Turning Leaf Way Aberdeen, NC	Cameron Site 276 Crane's Creek Rd. Cameron, NC	Carthage Site 5361 US 15-501 Carthage, NC
Eagle Springs Site 363 Eagle Springs Rd. Eagle Springs, NC	Midway Site 10496 NC 24-27 West Carthage, NC	Robbins Site 1465 Leaman Rd. Robbins, NC
West End/Seven Lakes Site 605 Love Grove Church Rd. West End, NC		

These self-service drop-off sites operate from 7:30am-7:00pm Monday-Saturday and are completely **FREE** to Moore County residents.

Please note: only food and beverage containers are permitted. No ceramic, dishes, drinking glasses, cookware, window pane glass, light bulbs, or mirrors.



Cannon Park Community Center

We are excited that the new Cannon Park Community Center, located at 210 Rattlesnake Trail, is open for business! All Parks & Recreation staff are now located at the Community Center where residents can register for programs or rent facilities such as athletic fields, shelters, the Arboretum, and rooms in the Center itself. The Community Center includes a full size gymnasium, a multi-purpose room, a small kitchen for classes and catering small events, an arts and crafts room, a program room, and a wellness room (there is no exercise equipment in this space). Find more information at www.vopnc.org/communitycenter.

Now that we're all moved in to the Community Center, we'd like to see what suggestions you have for new programs and athletics! We've launched a new topic on Engage Pinehurst, the Village's online platform for engaging residents on important Village issues. The new topic invites residents to provide feedback on programs/athletics they would like to see at the new Cannon Park Community Center. Go to www.engage.vopnc.org/communitycenter to be a part of the conversation.

To see which programs and athletics are currently offered through the Parks & Recreation department for seniors, adults, young adults with special needs, and youth, take a look at pinehurstrec.org.

Splash Pad Re-Opens in May



The popular Splash Pad at Wicker Park is scheduled to open for the season on Friday, May 8. This year, operating hours will be 4:30pm-7:30pm Mondays-Fridays while school is in session, and 10:00am-7:30pm on Saturdays and Sundays! Once school is out for the summer, hours will be 10:00am-7:00pm daily until school resumes in August. Splash Pad season will run through the last weekend in September.

Picnic tables under the shelter are available on a first come, first served basis and no reservations will be accepted. We ask that everyone please be respectful of other patrons and limit your use of the tables so that everyone can enjoy the shade! There are also additional tables with umbrellas around the Splash Pad available for use. Please note that grilling at the shelter is not allowed, and you cannot bring in any personal grills. For additional questions, please visit our Splash Pad FAQ page: www.vopnc.org/splashpad.

Garden Club Plant Sale

The annual Pinehurst Garden Club Plant Sale will be held on April 18 from 10:00am-2:00pm at the Pinehurst Fire Department, 405 Magnolia Road. Proceeds from this sale will provide scholarships for Sandhills Community College horticulture students and will also contribute to area beautification projects. To place a pre-order, contact Barbara Huitzing at 910-420-1777 or visit www.pinehurstgardenclub.org.

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George P. Lane Welcome Center

Would you like to share your love of Pinehurst with the thousands of guests who visit our Welcome Center each year? Located inside the Theatre Building in Pinehurst's historic downtown, is the George P. Lane Welcome Center. Here, visitors can peruse books, view historic photos, and watch various videos on the history of Pinehurst. We are seeking volunteers to share stories, provide maps, and show kindness to our visitors. The Center is open Wednesday-Saturday from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Our volunteers set their own schedules, so you can volunteer as much or as little as you'd like. For more information on volunteering, or to apply, go to www.vopnc.org/volunteer or contact Village Clerk Beth Dunn at bdunn@vopnc.org or 910-420-1631.



Village Council Meeting Dates

March 10, 2020 March 24, 2020

April 14, 2020 April 28, 2020

May 12, 2020 May 26, 2020

All Council Meetings are held at 4:30pm in the Assembly Hall of Village Hall, 395 Magnolia Road and are open to the public. All Council meeting agendas are posted at www.vopnc.org/agendas five days in advance of the meetings. Council meeting videos are posted at www.vopnc.org/videos within 24 hours of the meetings.

Welcome New Village Employees

Amanda Lopez-Grajales, Police Officer
Lisa Schickedanz, Customer Service Rep
Megan Skjellerup, Engineering Technician
Michael Moretz, Firefighter
Nicholas Fortune, Maintenance Worker
Paul Canup, Admin Coordinator
Taylor Guertin, Firefighter

Volunteer Today

Village of Pinehurst volunteer opportunities range from assisting at special events, becoming an ambassador at the Welcome Center, to serving on boards and committees. Complete an application at www.vopnc.org/volunteer or contact Village Clerk Beth Dunn at 910-420-1631 or bdunn@vopnc.org.

Songbird Nest Boxes

Two types of songbird nest boxes are available for sale at the front desk of Village Hall: one that will attract songbirds including bluebirds, and one with a smaller entrance hole dedicated to nuthatches. Both types are \$15. Proceeds help support Greenway Wildlife Habitat Committee activities, including the Pollinator Habitat along the Greenway Trail next to FirstHealth Fitness Center.

Solid Waste Reminder

Please remember to place all yard debris loose in the brown carts provided by the Village. All material must fit within the cart, and bagged yard debris, whether inside or outside the cart, will not be collected. Branches less than four feet long may be bundled and placed next to the cart, with the cart placed out with the bundles. Yard debris must be free of all other refuse, including animal waste, plastic pots, dirt, stumps, etc.

Given Tufts

The Village of Pinehurst is in the process of assessing the community's need for library services and needs your input. If you receive a mailed survey during March/April, please fill it out to have your voice heard. For more information, please visit www.engage.vopnc.org/library.

Connect With Us

Sign up for our monthly e-news, download the Village's mobile app (MY VOP), and follow the Village on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Be sure to sign up for the Village's CodeRED Emergency Notification System at www.vopnc.org/codered to receive recorded or text messages in emergency situations.

