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*History, Charm, and Southern Hospitality*

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## COVID-19

The last few months have been difficult ones as we've faced the new reality brought about by COVID-19. We know this has not been an easy time and many people and businesses have suffered. We appreciate your efforts to remember social distancing, wear masks in public, and washing hands frequently. We will get through this together!

## Holiday Closings

July 3 - Independence Day

September 7 - Labor Day

"One and Done" solid waste calendars are posted on the Village website at [www.vopnc.org/solidwaste](http://www.vopnc.org/solidwaste).

## Village Code Reminder

Did you know that lawns with tall grass over 8" in height are considered a public nuisance? Help keep your property well maintained by making sure your lawn is routinely mowed and cared for. Please report any overgrown lawns to our Code Compliance Specialist at 910-295-8665 and report overgrown areas in the Village's right of way to Public Services at 910-295-5021. Thanks for making Pinehurst such a beautiful place to live and work!

## Parks and Recreation Spotlight

The Pinehurst Parks and Recreation Department is committed to connecting and enriching our community through exceptional experiences even when you need to play at home! From nature exploration and yoga, arts and crafts, videos, and virtual events, our Parks & Recreation Connection page gives you resources to have fun and stay active. Visit [www.vopnc.org/connection](http://www.vopnc.org/connection) to check it out!

## 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.

## Values

Service · Initiative · Teamwork · Improvement

## Fourthfest Fireworks & Parade Canceled

After careful consideration, the Village of Pinehurst made the difficult decision to cancel the Fourthfest fireworks display scheduled for July 3 and the Fourthfest parade scheduled for July 4. Both events were canceled due to concerns with anticipated crowd size in relation to the COVID-19 mass gathering limitations currently in place.

"This decision was extremely difficult as we know the Village's Fourthfest celebration is a treasured community tradition. Village staff considered every option and came to the conclusion that the best decision for the health and safety of our community is to cancel these events," said Village Manager Jeff Sanborn.

"The decision to cancel our Fourthfest events had to be made well in advance because of the amount of time and effort that goes into planning them," said Parks & Recreation Director Mark Wagner. "Planning and executing these events involves many people – from our staff, to the vendors, to all the parade participants. We had to make the call early enough so that people can plan accordingly."

The Village will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation and follow the guidance provided by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services and Governor Cooper. Additional closings or interruptions in service may be necessary and that information will be posted on our website and social media.



## Celebrating 125 Years of Pinehurst



In recognition of the Village of Pinehurst's 125th anniversary, from June to December we will tell the story of how the Village came to be. Through a series of articles, we will document the unique events that led to the founding of our Village. Although the story of Pinehurst has been told in numerous publications and writings, we will focus on those events that are less well known, but fundamental to the creation of the Village 125 years ago.

These stories will be presented as a series of short articles published monthly to a special 125th anniversary page on the Village web site: [www.vopnc.org/125](http://www.vopnc.org/125). As new articles are added, we will announce them through social media and our e-news. Special thanks to former Councilmember

Jack Farrell for the hours of research and writing that went into compiling these articles.



*Photos courtesy of Tufts Archives*

125th anniversary articles will include:

- The Sandhills of Moore County: how the area was formed and why this unique geological formation is a factor in our Village history
- The Longleaf Forest and the tar, turpentine and lumber industry - the major industry in the area in the late 1800s
- Railroads that supported the area and industry in the Sandhills and then became a factor in the formation of the Village
- The life of James Walker Tufts, founder of Pinehurst, and his development of the soda fountain business that created the wealth to build Pinehurst
- What led James Walker Tufts to decide to build a "Health Resort," his efforts to discover a location for the project, and how he came to decide the best place to build his village was the Sandhills
- James Walker Tufts' property acquisition for the Village and an early assessment of the site
- The role of the famous landscape designer Fredrick Law Olmsted and his assistant Warren Manning in the design and the plans for the Village
- The Village construction scene during the second half of 1895
- How the Village came to be named "Pinehurst"
- Mr. Tufts' communications advertising the Village to Boston physicians and letters to his wife about the venture in the fall of 1895
- The opening of the Village and what was available to the first guests

We hope our readers will enjoy the 125th anniversary series of articles, which will include little-known facts and history. Look for new articles each month at [www.vopnc.org/125](http://www.vopnc.org/125).

### Village of Pinehurst

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# Upcoming Events:

Wednesdays & Saturdays: Sandhills Farmers Market in Tufts Memorial Park

August 14: Live After 5 in Tufts Memorial Park *\*subject to change\**

## Library Needs Assessment Update

The Village of Pinehurst is currently performing an in-depth Library Services Needs Assessment to determine the community's need for public library services in Pinehurst. The Given Memorial Library, located in the heart of the Village, is operated by a private 501c(3) non-profit organization. The Village currently augments private funding of the library with a \$150,000 annual contribution to help provide free library services to Pinehurst residents. This private funding model may not be sustainable long term so the Village Council is investigating ways to ensure current and future resident needs for library services can be met.



As part of the assessment process, the Village obtained public input through a variety of means and is currently in the process of conducting a mailed survey of randomly selected households. To date, hundreds of Pinehurst residents have provided input on the Library Services Needs Assessment through four primary public input methods:

1. Online Survey – 386 residents completed an online survey that was conducted from January 28 to March 2, 2020.
2. Public Input Meetings – 115 residents attended two Public Input Meetings at Assembly Hall on February 18 and 19.
3. Community Conversations – 53 volunteer residents who were carefully chosen from more than 100 applicants to provide representation from a variety of Pinehurst neighborhoods and diversity in age, gender, occupation, children in the household, and library users/non-users participated in one of four 1 ½ hour Community Conversations.
4. Personal Interviews – 26 individuals representing Village Council Members, Village staff, business leaders including the Pinehurst Resort, West Pine Middle School students, education leaders, and Given Memorial Library leaders participated in personal interviews.

Residents can find information obtained through the public input methods and other information in the Library Needs Assessment Background Information Report on Engage Pinehurst at [engage.vopnc.org/library](http://engage.vopnc.org/library).

In late summer or early fall, the Village Council will use the results of all public input received to determine what library services Pinehurst residents need and how the Village can best meet those needs.

## Parks & Recreation Program & Facility Updates



Due to COVID-19 restrictions, spring Parks & Recreation programs and special events were canceled, and the Community Center was closed to the public through June 15. The phased re-opening plan outlined by Governor Cooper allows us to gradually return to normal operations, which includes holding youth day camps and opening the Splash Pad.

Youth day camps will be held with reduced numbers at the Cannon Park Community Center the week of July 6th through the week of August 7th. During this time, per the North Carolina Department of Health & Human Services' COVID-19 guidelines and recommendations, no

other activities will be held in the Community Center. Should the Governor's Phase 3 guidelines allow more flexibility, staff will be prepared to offer additional in-person classes, programs, and open gym times to the public.

The Splash Pad at Wicker Park is tentatively scheduled to open on July 6th as we anticipate being able to accommodate larger crowds during Phase 3. Attendance may still be limited and will be monitored by staff to ensure compliance with guidelines and recommendations based on the available square footage of the wet decking. More information regarding the Splash Pad and opening of other facilities will be available once the announcement to transition into Phase 3 is made.

Even though things aren't quite back to normal yet, the Parks & Recreation team remains committed to providing opportunities for the community to stay active and engaged. Visit the Parks & Recreation Connection page at [www.vopnc.org/connection](http://www.vopnc.org/connection) for arts and crafts, weekly challenges, videos, recipes, and virtual events.

## Golf Cart Smarts

An enjoyable part of living in Pinehurst is having the option to drive golf carts on Village streets. However, it is important to remember that drivers must meet the following requirements:

- Drivers must yield to all vehicular and pedestrian traffic.
- Drivers must possess a valid driver's license issued by the state of North Carolina.
- Golf carts may cross over, but not operate directly on NC 211, US 15-501, NC 5, NC 2, Morganton Road or Linden Road.
- Golf carts may not operate in the hospital district: Page Drive, Avimore Drive, Memorial Drive, and Regional Drive.
- Golf carts may not operate on greenway trails.

For more information, including a map of approved golf cart crossings, please visit [www.vopnc.org/golfcarts](http://www.vopnc.org/golfcarts).

### CORNER

## Neighborhood Advisory Committee

The Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC) is made up of volunteer representatives from Pinehurst neighborhoods. The NAC routinely communicates information and raises awareness of issues with the Village Council, staff, and their neighborhood's residents, leading to solutions that result in improvement to the quality of life in all neighborhoods. The NAC is currently missing representation from several neighborhoods including: Cotswold, Linden Rd., Kings Grant/Airport Rd., Lost Tree, Old Town East, Walker Station, Pinehurst No. 7, Pinehurst Manor, and Taylorhurst. Help the NAC get connected to your neighborhood by completing a volunteer application at [www.vopnc.org/volunteer](http://www.vopnc.org/volunteer) or contact Village Clerk



Beth Dunn at 910-420-1631.

## Village Council Meeting Dates

July 14, 2020      September 8, 2020  
July 28, 2020      September 22, 2020  
August 11, 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](http://www.vopnc.org/agendas) five days in advance of the meetings. Council meeting videos are posted at [www.vopnc.org/videos](http://www.vopnc.org/videos) within 24 hours of the meetings.

## Welcome New Village Employees

Aleece Bumgardner, Admin Assistant  
Brad Lasher, Track Specialist  
Derrick Clouston, Deputy Fire Chief  
Johnathan Priddy, Grounds Specialist II  
Justin Smith, Firefighter  
Matthew Magid, Track Specialist  
Vincent Garzo, Grounds Specialist II

## Support Local

Many of our local small businesses are struggling after weeks of COVID-19 restrictions and closures. Please support them by shopping and dining locally.



## 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](http://www.vopnc.org/volunteer) or contact Village Clerk Beth Dunn at 910-420-1631 or [bdunn@vopnc.org](mailto:bdunn@vopnc.org).

## Solid Waste Reminder

Confused about what should go in your recycling cart? We understand. That's why we created Recycling 101 - to answer the most common recycling questions. Go to [www.vopnc.org/recycling101](http://www.vopnc.org/recycling101) to take a look. Also, be on the lookout for a mailer coming soon to help inform residents about recycling dos and don'ts.

## Given Tufts

Given Memorial Library and Given Book Shop are taking "to-go orders" by phone or email. Visit [giventufts.org](http://giventufts.org) for more information. Pick-up hours for both are 10am-2pm Mondays – Fridays. Donated books will not be accepted at this time.

The Tufts Archives is open for appointments only at this time.

## 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](http://www.vopnc.org/codered) to receive recorded or text messages in emergency situations.

