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History, Charm, and Southern Hospitality

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Holiday Closings

July 5 - Independence Day Observed
September 6 - Labor Day

“One and Done” solid waste 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. The popular burlap gift bags, stickers, and hats have recently been restocked! We also have many gift ideas for the entire family.

Village Code Reminder

As we gear up for summer, it's a great time to remind our residents to please be considerate and curb your pets. Our regulations state that dog owners must clean up after their pets on public streets, sidewalks, and parks. Please let the Police Department know if you observe anyone not following these regulations - violators could face a \$50 fine per incident. Thank you for keeping Pinehurst a beautiful place to live!

Parks & Recreation Spotlight

Looking for some summer fun? We have something for everyone and fun for all ages. Register now for adult kickball and softball leagues that play in July and August. Sport-specific youth camps such as tennis and golf are also open for registration. Looking for something different? We're offering yoga, tai chi, and a variety of other activities this summer. Also, don't forget to renew or sign up for your Open Gym Membership on July 1. Visit www.pinehurstrec.org for a full listing of activities and programs.

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

Celebrate the USA in the Village of Pinehurst

This year, all Fourthfest activities will take place on Saturday, July 3.

Fourthfest Parade

Join us for a day of fun as we celebrate the United States of America. Start the morning in downtown Pinehurst with our annual Independence Day Parade. Help us fill the downtown streets with red, white, and blue while watching all the creative parade entries.

Want to be part of the parade? Applications are now available at www.vopnc.org/events for any non-profits, businesses, civic groups, churches, families, or pets - that's right, pets.

This year, we also have an official Pet Parade application. All types of pets are welcome, but must be on a leash or in a carrier.

Roads will close at 7:30am to prepare for the parade. The patriotic pets will kick off the fun at 9:45am with the official parade beginning at 10:00am. Following the parade, stick around Tufts Memorial Park for the Sandhills Farmers Market, which features some of the many wonderful farms, nurseries, bakeries, meat and egg providers, cheesemakers, and specialty food producers our area has to offer. Stay downtown and shop around until the evening fun.

Concert & Fireworks

We are excited to be back at the Pinehurst Harness Track for our annual Concert & Fireworks celebration. This year, the Village has partnered with Pinehurst Resort to allow for an even bigger celebration with more space to spread out. The fireworks will now launch from the first hole on Course No. 1—a perfect vantage point from the infield party.

The concert, fireworks viewing, and food trucks will all be located on the ½ mile track infield. Visitors can park at the mile track. There will not be a drop off area, so please carry all your items from the parking lot to the party. The band, Night Years, will rock the stage all night with their multi-decade range of music and high-energy performance. Outside food is allowed, but please remember this event is alcohol-free. Gates open at 4:00pm for parking, the concert kicks off at 6:00pm, and fireworks begin at approximately 9:15pm.

You won't want to miss out on all the excitement. For more information, go to www.vopnc.org/events.



Village to Acquire Given Memorial Library



The Village of Pinehurst and the Given/Tufts Organization are moving forward with plans for the Village to acquire the Given Memorial Library and Tufts Archives later this year.

The Village plans to assume responsibility for the assets and operations of the Given Memorial Library and Tufts Archives and is initially budgeting \$1 million for initial improvements to the existing building and services.

The Given Tufts Organization will donate its collections, furnishings and iconic building on the Village Green to the Village for the perpetual benefit of all Pinehurst residents. The Organization will also continue to hold and manage its \$2.8 million endowment and lead future capital campaigns to contribute incremental funding for library and archive improvements.

The Village plans an expansion for the Library and Archives with the design work expected to be initiated in 2022. Construction is slated to begin after the June 2024 U.S. Open. This collaborative effort between the Village of Pinehurst and the Given Tufts Organization will expand Library services, maintain our unique history, and benefit our community for years to come.

NPS Integrity & Condition Study

In November 2020, the National Park Service (NPS) announced the launch of a comprehensive study to aid in the preservation of the Village of Pinehurst - a local and national treasure. The Pinehurst National Historic Landmark (NHL) District Integrity and Condition Study will document the condition of Pinehurst and identify damage or threat to the integrity of our community as a NHL.

A cornerstone of the NHL program is monitoring the condition of NHLs to identify those that exhibit damage or face threats to the integrity of their resources. The data generated from the Pinehurst NHL study will enable the NPS, stewards, policy makers, civic planners, and the public to better understand the district and take appropriate action, where necessary. Designated as a NHL district in 1996, Pinehurst is significant for its role in the development of the sport of golf and the collection of buildings, structures, and landscape features.

During the past several months, NPS has hosted virtual public meetings, participated in listening sessions, and provided opportunities for the public to submit written comments in regards to the history preservation of the Pinehurst NHL District. NPS will use the information from the study to determine any action needed to continue preserving Pinehurst for future generations. The public will be able to view the preliminary findings of the study later this year.

For more information about the Pinehurst NHL District Integrity and Condition Study, visit www.parkplanning.nps.gov/pinehurst.

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Upcoming Events:

Wednesdays and Saturdays: Sandhills Farmers Market at Tufts Memorial Park
 July 3: Fourthfest Parade in the Village Center
 July 3: Fourthfest Concert & Fireworks at the Pinehurst Harness Track

August 13: Live After 5 with The Band Punch at Tufts Memorial Park
 August 20-22: Shakespeare in the Pines Twelfth Night at Tufts Memorial Park
 August 27-29: Shakespeare in the Pines Twelfth Night at Tufts Memorial Park

Golf Cart Tips

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 Rd., or Linden Rd.
- Golf carts may not operate in the hospital district: Page Dr., Avimore Dr., Memorial Dr., and Regional Dr.
- Golf carts may not operate on greenway trails.
- Golf carts must have a rearview mirror and lights to operate on Village streets.
- Golf carts must be registered at Village Hall (395 Magnolia Road) for a lifetime registration fee of \$20.



For more information, including a map of approved golf cart crossings, please visit www.vopnc.org/golfcarts.

In Case You Missed It (ICYMI)



Follow @vopnc on Facebook for hyper-local information you don't want to miss.



The Pinehurst Fire Department hosted the Fire Officer I program offered by Sandhills Community College.



The Pinehurst Police Department welcomed Captain Justin Guthrie to Team VOP.



The Splash Pad at Rassie Wicker Park opened for the season.



Public Services staff were recognized for their dedication during National Public Works Week.



The 2021 Law Enforcement Torch Run was a record-setting event for the Village of Pinehurst.

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Beautification Committee

The Beautification Committee serves as an advisory committee for the purpose of enhancing the appearance of the Village Center and surrounding areas through initiatives such as the establishment and maintenance of public planting areas and planting receptacles, managing litter pick up, and overseeing the appropriate seasonal decoration of the Village Center, all in cooperation with other appropriate entities. The Beautification Committee is also known for enhancing the Christmas decorations within the historic Village Center and sponsoring the annual Village-wide Christmas decoration contest for residents and businesses.

Would you like to be a part of keeping the Village beautiful? For more information on volunteering or to apply, go to www.vopnc.org/volunteer or contact Village Clerk Kelly Chance at kchance@vopnc.org or 910-420-1631.



Village Council Meeting Dates

June 8, 2021	August 10, 2021
June 22, 2021	September 14, 2021
July 13, 2021	September 28, 2021
July 27, 2021	

All Council Meetings are held at 4:30pm in the Assembly Hall of Village Hall, 395 Magnolia Road and are open to the public. 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

Francisco Sanchez, Police Officer
 Justin Guthrie, Police Captain
 Joseph Taillacq, Grounds Maintenance
 Kelly Chance, Village Clerk
 Keyoshi Smith, Solid Waste Operator
 Kristin Bunton, Communications
 Lynn Williams, Finance Technician

Greenway Wildlife Habitat Committee

Get involved with preserving the natural beauty of the Pinehurst Greenway and join the Greenway Wildlife Habitat Committee. The committee, organized under Pinehurst Parks and Recreation, needs volunteers to maintain the gardens and songbird trail along the Greenway. Join today to learn about native plants and pollinators. To volunteer or request more information, e-mail parksandrec@vopnc.org or call 910-295-2817.

Solid Waste Reminder

As a reminder, recyclable materials must be placed loose (not bagged) in your green cart and placed curbside no later than 7:00am on your collection day. Glass is currently not allowed in your green cart, and plastic/metal items must be emptied and rinsed of all food debris. Still have questions about recycling? Go to www.vopnc.org/recycling101 for additional information and answers to Frequently Asked Questions.

Given Tufts

Given Tufts connects the community by supporting literacy and lifelong learning, while sharing the rich history of Pinehurst. For the little ones, Given Story Time is back with a new time! Visit on Thursdays at 10:00am (seating opens at 9:45) for a wonderful Story Time. For the whole family, explore downtown Pinehurst with monthly Scavenger Hunts. Pick up Scavenger Hunts at Given Book Shop, Given Memorial Library or download from <https://giventufts.org/scavenger-hunt/>.

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.



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