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*History, Charm, and Southern Hospitality*

## Holiday Closings

March 25 Good Friday  
May 30 Memorial Day

The 2016 “One and Done” solid waste collection maps and calendars are posted on the Village website. From the website, select the Residents tab and “Solid Waste Pickup Schedule” to view more information.

## Recycling Reminder

The Village is ranked #11 out of 294 North Carolina municipalities that recycle and #1 out of 12 for similar-sized communities. Thanks to positive resident response, over one-third of the Village’s waste stream is diverted from the landfill and is instead recycled. While there is a cost related to the collection of recycled materials, there is also a savings in reduced landfill fees. For every ton of trash taken to the landfill, the Village pays \$45.16 in transfer fees. Conversely, a ton of recyclables taken to the landfill for transfer to a recycling center costs the Village nothing. Recycling 2,100 tons last year saved the Village over \$94,000 in transfer fees. If you do not have a recycling cart but wish to receive one, call the Public Services Department at 910-295-5021 to have one delivered to your home.

## Volunteer Today

The Village of Pinehurst has over 200 active volunteers currently serving the Village and we continue to seek additional volunteers throughout the year. The volunteer application is posted on the Village website under the residents tab and “Volunteer Opportunities.” If you have questions, contact Lauren Craig, Village Clerk, at 910-295-8644 or [lcraig@vopnc.org](mailto:lcraig@vopnc.org).

## Stay Connected

Remember to visit Open Village Hall, the online platform to engage residents on important Village issues, at [www.vopnc.org/openvillagehall](http://www.vopnc.org/openvillagehall). New topics are posted each month, allowing residents to share their feedback with Village staff and Council.

Stay connected with other Pinehurst happenings by signing up for a monthly e-newsletter, download the Village’s mobile app, and follow the Village on social media using Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Visit the Village website to register for the CodeRED Emergency Notification System in order to receive recorded messages in emergency situations.

## 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.

## Pinehurst Concours d’Elegance Returns April 30

The fourth annual Pinehurst Concours d’Elegance takes place on Saturday, April 30, 2016, with some of the most historic and rare automobiles staged on the fairways of Pinehurst Resort. Gates to this field of exclusive show cars open at 9:00 a.m. with opening ceremonies at 12:00 p.m. and the “Best in Show” crowned at 4:00 p.m. The Commodores will showcase their immense talent following the awards ceremony. As one of Motown’s most prolific funk/soul bands of all time, and with generational hits such as “Brick House,” “Three Times a Lady,” and “Nightshift,” the band has sold more than 70 million albums and recorded seven No. 1 hits. The concert is included as part of the Pinehurst Concours d’Elegance event ticket. Advance tickets are available at Pinehurst Village Hall or online: [www.pinehurstconcours.com](http://www.pinehurstconcours.com).



## Spring into Action with These Pinehurst Events

Spring is approaching and we welcome the return of warmer weather and many outdoor community events in the Village. Mark your calendars to attend these special events:

### Saturday, March 12: St. Patrick’s Day Parade



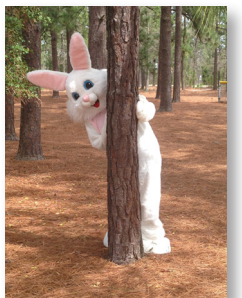
On Saturday, March 12, colorful parade entries, music, dancing, and Irish good cheer await you at the Village of Pinehurst Saint Patrick’s Day Parade. The parade begins at 11:00 a.m. sharp! Following the parade, stick around for entertainment, children’s activities, and concessions at Tufts Memorial Park until 3:00 p.m. Parade entries include non-profits, businesses, civic groups, churches, and families, so put on your green, decorate your golf cart, car, or float and join us for the celebration. Parade entry forms can be downloaded at [www.vopnc.org](http://www.vopnc.org) or picked up at Dugan’s Pub or the Pinehurst Village Hall.

### Saturday, March 26: Easter Egg Hunts

One of the most exciting annual events for Pinehurst’s youngest residents will take place on Saturday, March 26. The Parks & Recreation Easter Egg Hunts kick off with a visit from the Easter Bunny, music, crafts, and games. The Easter Egg Hunts are scheduled by age group (listed below). Please plan to arrive at least 10 minutes before your child’s start time as children will not be allowed to participate outside their age group. Special prize eggs will be hidden for each age group. Bring your Easter basket and don’t miss out on this morning of family fun!

10:30 AM – Kick off activities with Easter Bunny, games, and more  
11:00 AM – Ages 3 & Under (Field #1)  
11:15 AM – Ages 4 to 6 (Field #2)  
11:30 AM – Ages 7 to 9 (Walking Trail) Cannon Park

Rain Date: March 27 (Kick off activities begin at 3:00 PM; Hunts begin at 3:30 PM, 3:45 PM and 4:00 PM)



### Friday, April 8 and Friday, May 13: Pinehurst Live After 5



Pinehurst’s Live After 5 Concert Series kicks off this spring on Friday, April 8, with a night of classic beach music by “The Embers”, a group boasting numerous albums and single releases that span decades. Bring your dancing shoes for our 2nd Annual Shag Dance Competition at 7:00 p.m.

On Friday, May 13, join us for a totally rad 80s Party in the Park featuring the band, “Hipshack”. Grab your acid-washed jeans, funky leg warmers, and muscle shirts for an 80s costume contest as we celebrate the most radical decade yet. Costume judging will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Food and beverage vendors will be on-site with a great selection of sandwiches, pizza, and desserts. Beer, wine, water and sodas will also be available for purchase. Lawn chairs, blankets, and picnic baskets are welcome; however, outside alcoholic beverages are not permitted. Both concerts will feature opening acts from 5:30-6:00 p.m. and the main show will run from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at Tufts Memorial Park in the Village of Pinehurst. For more information, contact Ashley Hunt at [ahunt@vopnc.org](mailto:ahunt@vopnc.org) or 910-295-2817 or visit the Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/pinehurstliveafter5](http://www.facebook.com/pinehurstliveafter5).

### Sunday, April 10: Spring Matinee Races



The Pinehurst Parks and Recreation Department and the Pinehurst Driving and Training Club invite everyone to the 67th Annual Spring Matinee Races on Sunday, April 10, at the Pinehurst Harness Track. Admission is \$5 per person (ages 12 and under are free), and gates open at 11:00 a.m. for parking. Opening ceremonies are scheduled for 1:00 p.m., and the first of eight races is scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m. Bleacher seating will be available for general admission. Food and beverages will be available for purchase, and picnic baskets are also welcome.

### Village of Pinehurst

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[WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/VOPNC](http://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/VOPNC)  
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# Upcoming Events:

March 4-6- Spring Home & Garden Expo at the Fair Barn

March 12- St. Patrick's Day Parade in the Village Center

March 26- Easter Egg Hunts at Cannon Park

April 8- Live after 5 Concert featuring "The Embers" at Tufts Memorial Park

April 10- Spring Matinee Races at Pinehurst Harness Track

April 15- Family Movie Night at Rassie Wicker Park

April 16- Celebration of the Military Child at Village Arboretum

April 29- Xtreme Game Night at Rassie Wicker Park

April 30- Pinehurst Concours d'Elegance at Pinehurst Resort

May 6-8- Dressage in the Sandhills at Pinehurst Harness Track

May 7- Camelot Playground's 20th Birthday Bash at Cannon Park

May 13- Live after 5 Concert featuring "Hipshack" at Tufts Memorial Park

May 13-15- Pleasure Driving Show at Pinehurst Harness Track

May 14- Spring Wine Walk & Food Festival in the Village Center

May 15- Antique Horse Carriage Parade in the Village Center

May 20- Family Movie Night at Rassie Wicker Park

# Village Council Meeting Dates

March 8, 2016      March 22, 2016

April 12, 2016     April 26, 2016

May 10, 2016      May 24, 2016

All Regular Meetings are held at 4:30pm in Assembly Hall at Village Hall, 395 Magnolia Road, Pinehurst, NC 28374 and are open to the public. All Council meeting agenda packets are posted 5 days in advance on the Village website. Videos of Council meetings are also posted to the Village website within 24 hours of the meetings.

# Welcome New Village Employees

Stephanie Abbate, Police Officer, Police Department

Brandon Harner, Maintenance Worker, Public Services

Brooke Hunter, Assistant Financial Services Director, Financial Services

Brandon Martin, Police Officer, Police Department

Bruce McLean, Maintenance Worker, Streets & Grounds

Jeremy Monroe, Maintenance Worker, Streets & Grounds

# Pinehurst Garden Club Plant Sale

The annual Pinehurst Garden Club Plant Sale will be held on April 23, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Pinehurst Fire Department 91. Proceeds from this sale will provide a scholarship for a Sandhills Community College horticulture student and will also contribute to area beautification projects. To place a pre-order or for questions, please contact Mary Rhodes at 910-235-5297 or go to [www.pinehurstgardenclub.com](http://www.pinehurstgardenclub.com).

# Pet Microchip Clinic

The Animal Advocates of Moore County will offer a pet microchip clinic on Saturday, May 21, 2016 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Village Hall, 395 Magnolia Road. For more information, please contact the AAMC office at 910-944-5098.

# Given Memorial Library and Given Outpost News

The Given Memorial Library and Given Outpost offer many free activities and events throughout the month such as Book Lovers Unite, Outpost Artistry Song & Poetry Circle, Story Time for young children, Gathering at Given, and many others. To see a full listing of all activities and events, please go to <http://www.giventufts.org/activities-events.html>. For questions, contact Lisa Richman, Program Director and Outpost Manager, at [lisa@giventufts.com](mailto:lisa@giventufts.com) or 910-585-4820.

# Make a Splash at Rassie Wicker Park!

The Parks and Recreation department is making progress on plans for a soon-to-be constructed splash pad! Located in Rassie Wicker Park near the playground and behind the existing concession stand/restroom building, the splash pad will contain multiple water features for families to enjoy including: aqua tunnels, floor geysers, a big bucket dump, tall curtain, water post bollards and much more!

Aquatic Resource Group from Charlotte, NC will construct a zero depth, 2,500 sq. ft. splash pad with 4,000 sq. ft. of perimeter decking. Construction is scheduled to begin in March and be completed in June. We are very excited about this project and can't wait for the newest addition to our park properties.

Please keep an eye out for more information on a special Grand Opening Event once a more definitive completion schedule is determined. If you have any questions, please contact Parks and Recreation Department Director Mark Wagner at 910-295-2817 or [mwagner@vopnc.org](mailto:mwagner@vopnc.org). 🌸



# Provide Input on Village Decisions Through Open Village Hall



Since launching the new online civic engagement portal, Open Village Hall, over 530 residents have subscribed. But...we'd like to see that number increase. It's easy to provide your input on important Village decisions, just register online at [www.vopnc.org/openvillagehall](http://www.vopnc.org/openvillagehall) and give us your feedback when topics are posted.

topics, with a 92% approval rating of those who use the online civic forum.

Topics posted to date range from feedback on Village events and programs to input on changes in Village codes and regulations. Resident feedback on Open Village Hall has also been used to help staff evaluate the effectiveness of certain services such as solid waste collection and communication methods.

Village leaders and elected officials use input obtained through Open Village Hall to make more informed local government decisions. Since launching Open Village Hall in the fall of 2015, the Village has posted 13 different topics for public input, with over 1,900 topic views and 384 public comments. On average, 45 residents post a statement on each of our Open Village Hall

The Village encourages you to become involved in the political process and the issues that affect your community by accessing this easy to use online portal, Open Village Hall. New topics are posted each month at [www.vopnc.org/openvillagehall](http://www.vopnc.org/openvillagehall). Be sure to "Subscribe" to announcements under the "Info" tab to receive notifications when new topics are posted. 🌸

# Village Code Reminder

Pinehurst regulates the size, color and allowable placement location of construction and realty signs. Also regulated are signs advertising work being done on your property by contractors, from painters to roofers. We have regulations on off-site business signs, political signs, signs for special events and signs advertising yard sales or estate sales. Please call Angel Smith at 910-295-8665 for more details about temporary sign regulations. Thanks for keeping Pinehurst beautiful! 🌸

# Pinehurst Parks and Recreation Department Recycles

Many tennis enthusiasts find that the game is a lifelong sport. However, tennis balls can also last a lifetime, with approximately 125 million tennis balls thrown away each year taking up to 400 years to decompose in landfills. What can be done? With the help of Dick Korn, Pinehurst resident, avid tennis player, and recycler, the Pinehurst Parks and Recreation Department now has the answer. Mr. Korn shared that tennis balls cannot be processed with regular recycling methods so instead they are tossed into landfills. As a result, the Parks and Recreation department has partnered with Retour Tennis, a company that pays to have tennis balls shipped to them. The balls are then taken to their special recycling center for processing and are recycled into various playing surfaces such as playgrounds and tennis courts. If you would like to discard used tennis balls, please do so at the Andrew Wilkison Tennis Courts located at Rassie Wicker Park, 10 Rassie Wicker Drive. For more information, contact Athletic Coordinator Dave White at 910-295-2817 or [dwhite@vopnc.org](mailto:dwhite@vopnc.org). 🌸



# Recognize Village Staff and Volunteers

The Village has implemented the Applause Award, a reward and recognition program for staff and volunteers. The program is intended to acknowledge and demonstrate immediate and spontaneous appreciation for the contributions of individual employees and volunteers. Residents can participate by sending a word of thanks to a staff member or volunteer by using an "Applause Card" available at all Village facilities or on the Village's website [www.vopnc.org](http://www.vopnc.org) under the Residents tab. 🌸

## CORNER

# Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

In June, the Village of Pinehurst adopted bicycle and pedestrian plans that include the future improvement and/or construction of pedestrian and bicycle friendly transportation corridors throughout the Village. As plans move forward, it is important that we all keep safety in mind for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists. Below are some tips to ensure pedestrian and motorist safety:

- Look for cars in all directions—including those turning left or right—before crossing the street; never assume a driver will stop.
- Be careful crossing multiple lanes of traffic. Make sure each lane of traffic is clear before you cross.
- Enhance your visibility at night. Walk in well-lit areas, carry a flashlight or wear something reflective, such as stickers or armbands, to be more visible.
- Avoid distraction. More and more we see people texting or talking on cell phones when crossing streets; this diminishes the ability of two key senses—hearing and sight—that are used to detect and avoid cars.
- Be predictable to drivers and follow the rules of the road—obey signs and signals.