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History, Charm, and Southern Hospitality

Holiday Closings

July 4 Independence Day

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

New Businesses in the Village Center

The Village of Pinehurst would like to welcome the following new businesses to the Village:

Beyond the Shutter Gallery
105 Cherokee Rd, Suite 1G

Jacqueline's – A Ladies Boutique
105 Cherokee Rd, Suite 1F

Kirk Tours & Limousine
90 Cherokee Rd, Suite 2F

Restorative Pathways Bodywork & Massage
90 Cherokee Rd, Suite 1H

Sandhills Luxury Homes, LLC
105 Market Square

Village Paranormal Research Society
90 Cherokee Rd

Village Yoga
90 Cherokee Rd

Stay Connected

Stay connected with Pinehurst happenings by signing up for our monthly e-newsletter, downloading the Village's mobile app, and following the Village on social media using Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. In addition, the Village uses the Code RED notification system to alert residents in the event of emergency and safety-related situations. Not only can residents receive these notifications by phone call, but you can now also receive text alerts! Please visit www.vopnc.org/emergencynotifications to ensure your contact information is in the notification system and that you have checked the box to receive text alerts.

Volunteer Today

Join the team of over 200 Village of Pinehurst volunteers today! Volunteer opportunities range from assisting at Parks and Recreation events, staffing the Village's Welcome Center, or serving on boards and commissions. 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.

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.

Fourth of July Parade and Fireworks Celebration



A parade through the village center, live entertainment, fireworks and a whole lot more awaits you at this year's Fourth of July Celebration!

Bring your family and friends for the fun beginning at 9:30 a.m. with the Patriotic Pet Contest and Parade. Enter your pet to compete in categories such as cutest ears, best smile, most patriotic, and best costume. On-site registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with judging at 9:15 a.m. Prizes will be awarded.

At 10:00 a.m., our traditional parade begins with entries such as marching units, civic organizations, beauty queens, scouts, and local businesses. Families, businesses, and non-profit organizations are welcome to participate. Entries will be accepted until July 1st. Following the parade, make your way over to Tufts Park for music, an antique cars display, and summer fruit and vegetables offered by the Sandhills Farmers Market vendors.

The celebration continues in the evening at the Pinehurst Harness Track with a family-friendly beach music concert by the “Carolina Breakers”. Gates open at 4:00 p.m. and the event kicks off at 6:00 p.m. with pony rides, corn hole, games for kids, and an amazing fireworks display capping off the evening at approximately 9:15 p.m..

Please note that all traffic will enter the Harness Track grounds via the Monticello Road entrance and handicap parking will be available at the One Mile Track. There will be a drop off area available for chairs and picnic items near the handicap parking location. Pop up tents are allowed, but must be taken down before the fireworks begin.



In case of inclement weather, updated information will be posted on the Village of Pinehurst Facebook page, the Pinehurst Parks and Recreation Facebook Page, and at www.vopnc.org. 🌟

Public Services Facility Gets a Facelift

After several years of considering moving the Public Services facility to an outlying parcel of property, the Village has decided to remain in its current location on McCaskill Road and instead give the facility and site a facelift. These improvements, slated for completion by late fall, will cost approximately \$420,000, which is less than 10% of what it would cost to develop a new facility.

The intent of the enhancements is to make the facility more aesthetically appealing by painting the buildings, replacing the fence, and adding more landscape. The enhancements will also improve the facility's functionality by opening up interior building space to be more flexible, adding two bays for fleet maintenance, and grading and graveling portions of the property to be more useable for equipment and vehicle storage. Additional enhancements include organization of bulk stone, soil, and other material storage and development of a new dual purpose parking lot that will serve as employee parking during the day and public parking in the evening. 🌟



Village Holds Public Input Meeting on Village Acres Sidewalks and Streetlights



On April 13th, the Village held a public input meeting for Village Acres residents to discuss plans for sidewalks and street lighting in the neighborhood, following a survey on the topic that was mailed to all Village Acres residents. This was one of three public input meetings held this spring to address Village neighborhood needs and to enhance community engagement.

The public input meeting and survey were conducted to address high dissatisfaction levels with the availability of sidewalks and streetlights observed in recent annual Community Surveys. Approximately 1,300 surveys were mailed to Village Acres residents with a 26% response rate. 50 Village Acres residents also attended the public input meeting.

Village staff reviewed the results of the Village Acres survey on sidewalks and streetlights, which indicated a strong desire for both improvements. Staff also provided a map of the Spring Lake Drive sidewalk that is planned for next fiscal year. Meeting attendees indicated their preferred density of street lighting, with 67% indicating their desire for at least low density street lighting, or 19 new street lights.

As the Village proceeds with implementing the Comprehensive Pedestrian Master Plan and expanding street lighting in other neighborhoods over the next several years, additional surveys and public input meetings are planned to obtain resident input. Neighborhoods targeted for sidewalk and street light improvements include Lake Pinehurst, Pinehurst No. 6, and the Monticello Drive area. 🌟

Village of Pinehurst

395 MAGNOLIA ROAD
910.295.1900
BUSINESS HOURS: 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM
WWW.VOPNC.ORG
TWITTER: @VOPNC
WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/VOPNC
MELISSA HOLT: MHOLT@VOPNC.ORG

Upcoming Events:

June 4 - Eats, Beats, & Brews (Food Truck Rodeo) at the Arboretum

June 23 - Prom for Special Needs Adults at the Fair Barn

July 4 - Fourth of July Pet Competition at Tufts Park followed by Pet Parade

Traditional July 4th Parade in the Village Center

Fireworks Celebration at the Harness Track

August 12 - Family Game Night & Community Safety Fair at the Arboretum

August 27 - Community Flea Market at the Fair Barn

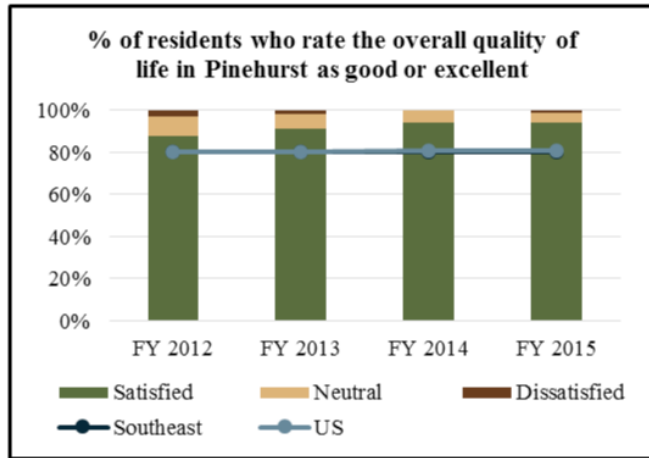
September 9 - Live after 5 with The Motown Legacy Revue at Tufts Park

September 17 - Arboretumfest at the Arboretum

Fiscal Year 2016 Year in Review

The Village of Pinehurst is committed to ensuring residents receive the highest quality services from Village staff. Employees in 16 departments are responsible for promoting, enhancing and sustaining a high quality of life for Pinehurst residents, businesses, and visitors. Under the leadership of the Village Council and professional management, the Village is effective at ensuring value for residents' tax dollars as evidenced by several key accomplishments in 2016.

Cost Savings and Efficiencies: The Village constantly looks for ways to streamline processes, save money, and provide efficient services. This year, recent process improvements such as "One and Done" single day solid waste collection, agenda automation, Harness Track operations, etc. have saved the Village over \$457,000 through cost savings or avoidance.



Community Engagement: The Village began conducting periodic public input meetings in FY 2016 to obtain resident input on decisions that affect their neighborhoods. Three meetings were held for the Pinewild, Monticello Dr., and Village Acres neighborhoods to increase community engagement. In 2016, the Village also evaluated how it handles complaints and service requests from residents and is in the process of launching a NEW mobile app, "My VOP," which will be available later this summer, along with a newly designed website. Finally, the Village also posted several topics to Open Village Hall to obtain resident input on a variety of matters.

Cultural and Recreational Opportunities: A new 2,500 sq. feet splash pad with 4,000 sq. feet of perimeter decking is currently under construction in Rassic Wicker Park. After assuming responsibility for the Live After 5 concert series last year, the Village has seen record breaking attendance levels this spring. The Village also continues to partner with the Given Memorial Library to provide public library services.

Mobility: To ensure adequate mobility, the Village added 2,587 lf of sidewalks on Community Road, McCaskill Road, and Rattlesnake Trail this year. In addition, the Village constructed 1,303 lf of greenways on Woods Road. Intersection improvements were also made at McKenzie Road & Hwy 5 to improve traffic safety.



Community Safety: The Pinehurst Fire Department recently submitted their application for international accreditation and hosted examiners for a site visit in May, signaling their commitment to providing the highest quality fire protection and suppression services.

Community Appearance: This year, the Village began renovations of the Public Services Facility site on McCaskill Road, which includes closure of the recycling yard and creation of a public parking lot, reorganization of the site, bay additions, fencing, and building façade improvements.

Awards and Recognitions: The Village continues to be recognized for providing high quality services, as indicated by the following awards and recognition:

- Certificate of Achievement in Financial Reporting – 25 consecutive years
- Distinguished Budget Presentation Award – 9 consecutive years
- Life Safety Achievement Award – 13 consecutive years
- Tree City USA – 10 consecutive years
- Traffic Safety Community of the Year – 9 consecutive years
- One of the "Safest Communities in North Carolina" – 3 consecutive years

In addition, the NC Secretary of Commerce, John Skvarla, presented the Village with the Level 3 Milestone Award for the NC Awards for Excellence in May 2016. Pinehurst is the only local government in NC to achieve this level of recognition for continuous process improvement efforts. For additional information on the Village's accomplishments in 2016, please see "Performance Information" under the Government tab on the Village website at www.vopnc.org.

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.



For more information, please visit www.vopnc.org/customer-service-center/golf-cart-registration.

Seasonal Above Ground Pools Now Permitted



The Village Council has amended the Pinehurst Development Ordinance to allow seasonal above-ground swimming pools. The following rules will apply to seasonal pools: (1) pools may only be erected from May 1 to September 30; (2) pools must be located in the rear yard and maintain a 10 foot setback from all property lines; (3) from October 1 to April 30, pools must be removed and stored in a location not visible from a street or adjacent property; (4) pools may not exceed 48" in height; and (5) pools containing greater than 24" of water must meet the barrier requirements of the NC Building Code. A Development Permit from the Planning and Inspection Department is required each season the pool is erected and the permit must be obtained prior to installation.

CORNER

Village Code Reminder:

Did you know that tall grass and weeds in excess of 8 inches are considered a public nuisance according to the Pinehurst Municipal Code, Section 92.01(A)? Please consider that in addition to being an eyesore, tall grass and weeds may make your home appear unoccupied. Keep your yard looking sharp by maintaining the grass in accordance with the Pinehurst Municipal Code regulations. We appreciate your efforts to keep Pinehurst beautiful!

COMMITTEE

Beautification Committee

The Pinehurst Beautification Committee works throughout the Village to enhance the attractive landscape and increase its unique ambience, providing resources and partnering with other Village organizations to enable beautification projects. Committee projects range from hanging floral baskets and wreaths on Village lampposts, decorating the Historic District for Christmas, designing floral containers in the Village core, and creating and maintaining major gardens throughout the Village right-of-ways. Coming soon: new Village entrance signs and Harness Track entrance improvements. Interested in being a part? Volunteer applications are available on the Village website under the Residents tab and "Volunteer Opportunities".

Village Council Meeting Dates

May 10, 2016 – Work Session
 May 24, 2016 – Regular Meeting
 June 14, 2016 – Work Session
 June 28, 2016 – Regular Meeting
 July 12, 2016 – Work Session
 July 26, 2016 – Regular Meeting
 August 9, 2016 – Regular Meeting

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

Welcome New Village Employees

Benjamin Williams, Reserve Firefighter, Fire Department

Bonnie MacDonald, Reserve Firefighter, Fire Department

Curtiss Wood, Harness Track Specialist, Harness Track

Glenn Boles, Reserve Firefighter, Fire Department

Justin Cole, Reserve Firefighter, Fire Department

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 or 910-585-4820.

Police Department Citizens' Academy

The Pinehurst Police Department is now accepting applications for the next session of Citizens' Academy, the first step to joining Citizens on Patrol. Classes begin on September 6, 2016 and run through November 1, 2016 on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Participants will learn about patrol functions, investigations, firearms, and more. Applications are available on the Village website or in person at the Pinehurst Police Department.

File of Life and Yellow Dot Programs

During a medical emergency, File of Life and Yellow Dot kits enable first responders to obtain important information for providing emergency care - especially if the patient is unconscious or unable to speak. Yellow Dot information is stored in a vehicle's glove box for roadside emergencies, whereas File of Life kits are for the home. Both are free and available at the Pinehurst Fire Station at 405 Magnolia Road on Wednesdays or Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.