#### **April 2010**

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#### Do You Know?

2010 Observed Holidays

Memorial Day

Monday, May 31, 2010

Village offices will be closed, and there will be no trash pick-up.

Trash pick-up for residents east of Hwy. 5 will be on Wednesday, June

Since adopting the Comprehensive Plan in 2003, the Village has miles of streets each year at an average cost of \$127,000 per mile.

#### **Budget Public Hearing**

The Village Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2011 on villageofpinehurst.org for more

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#### Village Council Reorganizes and Appoints a New Member

Upon the death of Mayor George Lane in February, the Village Council has reorganized and appointed a new member. Virginia "Ginsey" Fallon was appointed to the role of Mayor and

Joan Thurman was appointed to the role of Mayor Pro-Tem on Thursday, March 4th. the March 17th, Village Council appointed Mark Parson to the vacant Council member seat. Mr. Parson will serve on the Council until the 2011 municipal elections.

Ms. Fallon has mayor pro-tem, treasurer and councilmember. Mr. Parson has lived in the Village since 2003 and owns his own commercial and residential landscape and hardscape company. He was also a member of the Village's Historic Preservation

Commission the past three years.

In honor of the late Mayor George Lane, residents, friends and family may make a donation to the Mayor George Lane Village of Beau-Fund. may be mailed to 395 Road, NC

Pinehurst tification **Donations** Magnolia Pinehurst,

served on the Village Council since being elected in November 1993. She has served continuously since then in differing capacities as mayor,

28374. To date, the Village has received over \$2,875 in contributions made in memory of Mayor Lane.

### George P. Lane Welcome Center Opens

A ribbon cutting for the Village of Pinehurst's Welcome Center at the Sandhills Woman's Exchange was held Tuesday, March 2. 2010. The Center is inside the Sandhills Woman's Exchange cabin. This cabin has been the home of the Sandhills Woman's Exchange since 1923, which runs a handcrafted gift store and a restaurant in the building.

The Welcome Center was a dream of the late Mayor George Lane. His vision was to "let visitors see us as a welcoming community." The Center has been named the George P. Lane Welcome Center.

The Welcome Center is open Tuesday through Saturday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. and is run by volunteers. For further information

or to volunteer, please contact Gwendy Hutchinson at (910) 295-2581 ext. 238 or email: ghutchinson@villageofpinehurst.org.





#### FirstHealth Pregnancy Fair

April 22, 2010

#### Sandhills Children's Center Wine Tasting

April 30, 2010 Call 910-692-3323

#### Pinehurst Police Department Big Band

Benefits the Special Olympics May 28, 2010 Call 910-295-3292

#### FirstHealth Blue Jean Ball

Benefits the FirstHealth Cancer CARE Fund June 5, 2010 Call 910-715-1000

## FirstHealth Cancer Survivor Celebration

June 6, 2010 Call 910-715-1000

#### **Pinehurst Police Shag**

Benefits the Special Olympics June 11, 2010 Call 910-295-3292

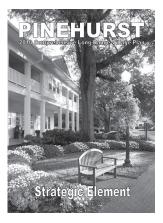
## Village of Pinehurst 4th of July Celebration

July 4, 2010 Call 910-295-0166

#### Flea Market

Hosted by The Pilot July 24, 2010

#### Long-Range Plan Update



The Long Range Plan for Pinehurst is nearing completion! At this stage, the Steering Committee may vote to endorse the Plan and forward it to the Village Council in April, and then the Village Council may consider it for adoption in April or May.

The Comprehensive Long Range Plan for the Village of Pinehurst is a two-part document. The main part – known as the "Strategic Element" - is a statement of the overall strategic directions which are considered important in order to preserve and enhance those things considered integral to the overall character, ambience, and quality of life in the Village. The Strategic element will be reviewed

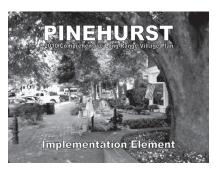
every 5-10 years to ensure the strategic directions for Pinehurst are appropriate.

The Strategic Element of the Plan is organized around four major themes:

- Enhance things we should try to enhance (such as community character and quality of life),
- Preserve things we need to preserve and protect (such as natural resources and open space),
- Guide how to address and guide future changes (such as the Village Center and overall growth), and
- Support What we need to support the kind of community we want to be (such as water supply, roadway capacity, and community facilities).

The second part – known as the "Implementation Element" – is a more detailed compilation of tasks and programs which will be considered to accomplish the overall

strategies. That element identifies specific tasks to be completed, the entity responsible for completing the task, and the anticipated timeframe for completing the task. The Implementation Element will be reviewed and updated every year to clear completed tasks, to add new tasks, and to ensure that the work program and tasks for the coming year (and beyond) reflects fiscal and operational capabilities.



Both elements are available for review at the Given Memorial Library and on the Village website ( www.villageofpinehurst.org ) under Village Government – Updating the 2003 Plan.

These elements were prepared by a Long-Range Plan Steering Committee made up of Pinehurst residents and based on community input from a number of public meetings and a telephone survey. The most recent meeting was held March 8 at the Fair Barn.

#### Thanks to Volunteers

In recognition of National Volunteer Week (April 18-24, 2010) the Village of Pinehurst would like to thank our citizen volunteers for their service and dedication. These individuals give their personal time and talent to make Pinehurst a better place in which to live, work, and play. Thank you for all you do!

## CONSERVATION CORNER

#### The Songbird Trail



Longer days, warmer temperatures, and increased bird activity signal the beginning of spring. Flocks of birds are turning into mating pairs looking for a good nest site. The Songbird Trail along the Pinehurst Greenway is certified by the North Carolina Bluebird Society and provides nesting boxes that are used by bluebirds, chickadees, titmice, nut-

hatches, and Carolina wrens. These trails were established to provide nesting boxes for bluebirds when populations started to dwindle due to the decreasing number of nesting sites, but other birds are welcome occupants too. If you walk the Trail you may see someone monitoring the nest boxes to check on the health of the nestlings and to take a count of the number of eggs in the nest, the number of hatchlings and the number that finally fledge. This information is recorded and reported to the NC Bluebird Society.

If you are interested in watching spring nesting behavior, look for the nest boxes in the Rassie-Wicker Park area, near the road behind the Village Hall and along the Greenway Trail in that area. Or better yet, consider purchasing a bluebird box to place in your own yard. You can purchase nest boxes for \$10 from the Greenway Wildlife Habitat Committee, which uses proceeds to help support the Greenway Trail. Check at the desk at the Village Hall or call 295-1900 for information on how to purchase the boxes.

#### **Recycling Participation Climbs**

If you haven't started recycling, chances are one neighbors your has. Village residential counts for participation in curbside recycling are currently running around 40%. The Village has a goal to ultimately reach a target of 65% participation in curbside recycling, and we need those of you who don't recycle to get started in order for us to reach our goal.



During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009, the Village recycled 966 tons of materials which represented approximately 19.5% of all trash collected by weight. In other words, if not for the efforts of the Village residents, the Village would have deposited an additional 966 tons or 19.5% more trash in to the landfill.

For the fiscal year that will end June 30, 2010, the Village is on track to recycle approximately 1,375 tons of materials and reduce the amount going to the landfill by approximately 30%.

To get a list of all the materials that can be recycled, please visit the Village's website, <a href="www.villageofpinehurst.org">www.villageofpinehurst.org</a>, and look under Village Government for Departments and then Public Services. Or you may call the Pinehurst Public Services Department directly at 295-5021. The Village accepts a vast array of items for recycling and best of all, it's easy to do. All your recyclable materials can be placed in the same container or bag for weekly curbside collection. You do not need to sort or separate the items. That is all done at the recycling plant.

Don't delay getting started recycling....we need your help to reach our goals!

#### **Village Beautification News**



The Beautification Committee continues to meet regularly on the 3rd Monday of each month. The expanded scope of projects has necessitated an increase in membership, and we now have approximately 20 members. The group consists of Civic Group members, Garden Club members, Village staff, elected officials, and interested citizens.

The late Mayor George Lane proposed the start of the

Beautification Committee early in his tenure because he wanted to see Pinehurst look even more beautiful. The efforts of the committee and the generosity of many have made his dream a reality. In honor of their past president, George Lane, the Pinehurst Civic Group has donated \$3,000 for the purchase of new, high end baskets for the lamposts downtown.

The flowers for the downtown planters and baskets have been selected and will be planted the first week in May. Watch for their refurbishing under the guidance of Bart O'Connor and his son Bart. These will provide beauty even when the flowers are fading and require minimal maintenance over the years.

The Civic Group has also agreed to subsidize replacement liners for the baskets when needed. The Pinehurst Garden Club also deserves credit for their continuing efforts to help beautify the Village. They will again purchase the Christmas swags for Old Town that enhance the Christmas spirit. Other sources of income for beautification are the Pinehurst Elementary School Hat Program, and the George Lane Memorial Beautification Fund.

Keep your eyes out for other new projects around the Village.

## Police Lieutenants Graduate from Executive Program

Two Pinehurst Police Lieutenants graduated from the Law Enforcement Executive Program (LEEP) offered through the NC State University School of Public and International Affairs in Raleigh, NC. Lieutenant's Michael Wilson and Michael Tew were recognized on March 10, 2010 during a ceremony held at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh.

The purpose of the LEEP program is to build proactive leadership among law enforcement executives and prepare them for the challenges of running a law enforcement agency. The program gives the participants an opportunity to explore current ideas and techniques of public management as they apply to police agencies; sharpen personal skills necessary to excel as police managers and step outside of their daily activities and responsibilities to think creatively about the job of managing a law enforcement agency in an increasingly complex, uncertain, and changing environment. The Law Enforcement Executive program focused on providing Lt. Wilson and Lt. Tew with the tools to help them resolve issues that arise on a day-to-day basis. The program is designed to ensure that all participants are ready to apply the relevant skills they learn when they return to their departments.



Lieutenant Michael Wilson & Lieutenant Michael Tew graduate from Law Enforcement Executive Program (LEEP)

## 4th of July Parade Returns

The Village of Pinehurst will resume the tradition of the 4th of July parade this year. The parade will be held on Saturday, July 3rd. Pet owners are encouraged to bring their pets for the pet parade that will be followed by the main parade at 10:00 am.



All area businesses, residents and guests are welcome to participate in the celebration. Dress up your pet, your golf cart, or your car and join in the neighborhood fun. There will be music, dancers, antique cars, new cars, military and civic organization demonstrations.

The parade is sponsored by the Village of Pinehurst and friends. Anyone interested in being involved in the parade should contact Helen Neil at (910) 235-0874 or (910) 315-1440.

#### **COMMUNITY WATCH**

Law enforcement indicate a reports substantial decrease in crime when neighbors look out for one **Programs** another. like Community Watch, Neighborhood Watch, Town Watch, or whatever name is used, is one of the most effective tools enforcement



has in stopping crime. These groups build neighborhood togetherness which helps overcome the isolation that criminals target.

Community Watch programs are the extra eyes and ears for reporting crime and suspicious behavior to law enforcement. You and your neighbors are a vital link in stopping crime. Being the first one to spot a burglar or strange car in your neighbor's driveway is an effective means to assist law enforcement. It is essential that you report any suspicious activity immediately to your Police Department. Waiting even a few hours to report suspicious activity can hinder or make useless further police investigations.

Village of Pinehurst Community Watch is always in need of volunteers to act as Area Coordinators or Block Captains. Once established, volunteering will require no more than a few hours a month to fulfill the required duties and will be a great help in reducing crime in your neighborhood. Please consider volunteering your time to make your family and neighborhood safer.

Pinehurst Community Watch program is divided into three Zones. Zone "A" boundaries are: South of Highway 211; East of Highway 5; South of Linden Road and West of Highway 15-501. Vice Chairman for Zone "A" is Jim Williford, 692-6801.

Zone "B" boundaries are: West and South of Highway 5; and will include the Pinewild residents after March 31st. Vice Chairman for Zone "B" is John Gaida, 295-0591.

Zone "C" boundaries are: North of Highway 211 and north of Airport Road. Vice Chairman for Zone "C" is Mike Pellish, 215-5729.

Help keep your neighborhood safe, "If you see something, say something!" Call the Pinehurst Police Department immediately at 295-3141. In an emergency, call 911.

#### Pinewild Annexation Has Occurred



On Wednesday, March 31st, the Pinewild Country Club of Pinehurst officially became part of the Village of Pinehurst. This was after the NC Supreme Court denied a request for discretionary review of the NC Court of Appeals case which ruled the Village has the right to annex the gated community.

At the request of the Pinewild Property Owner's Association (PPOA), Pinewild streets and gates have remained private.

The Council, management, and staff of the Village look forward to serving the Pinewild community and welcome the residents of Pinewild into the Village of Pinehurst.



# Street Paving to Begin in the Spring

The Village Council has awarded Boggs Paving of Monroe, N.C. a contract to rehabilitate approximately 4.2 miles of Village-owned streets. The contract has an estimated value of \$630,000. Work on this project will begin in early to mid April and will continue into early Summer. The work encompassed by this project represents the Council's commitment to ongoing re-investment in our public infrastructure to help ensure a continued high-quality of life within the community.

## New and Improved Parks and Recreation Information on the Website



This year, the Village has improved the Parks and Recreation section of the Village website. Numerous enhancements have been made, primarily

in the organization and quantity of information included.

Information from the Spring/Summer Program Guide has been included on the site along with online registration forms. In addition, league schedules will be posted as they become available. Special events information along with current parks and recreation news are also now included on the website.

If you want to see what programs or events the Parks and Recreation department currently offers, just visit <a href="https://www.villageofpinehurst.org">www.villageofpinehurst.org</a>.

#### **Water and Sewer Utilities Update**



Some activity continues with regard to needed water and sewer improvements for the Village of Pinehurst. Moore County Public Utilities presently has two projects underway, and it is hoped that three other critical projects will soon be acted on by the County.

Construction continues on the 750,000 gallon elevated water tank being constructed on Monticello Road, and on the rehabilitation of five sewer lift stations located around Lake

Pinehurst. The elevated water tank is scheduled to be completed in 2011, and the rehabilitation of the lift stations around Lake Pinehurst is scheduled to be completed this year.

While the Village's initiative to acquire the water and sewer plants in Wagram, NC has stalled due to the inability to secure approval of the purchase from the Scotland County Board of Commissioners, the Village is exploring the possibility of the joint development with Moore County of additional public water supply wells in the Village's extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction between the Village of Pinehurst and Foxfire Village. A comprehensive study of the aquifer in the Village's ETJ has been completed and shows that significant amounts of groundwater could be obtained from the aquifer by a network of wells.

Other projects that Village officials hope will be started by Moore County soon are the rehabilitation and modernization of the water and sewer lines in Old Town, and the completion of wells 5A and 9 on golf course #2. Both the water and sewer systems in Old Town consist of lines in excess of ninety years old, and the two new water supply wells on course #2 await only the construction of new well houses to enclose the new wells.

Village Council members have taken every opportunity presented to them to discuss these matters with County Commissioners, and it is hoped that all of these long awaited projects will soon be completed.

# Upcoming Building and Zoning Workshops



Upcoming building and zoning workshops for the summer and fall of 2010 will include a session on Geothermal System Installation, 2009 North Carolina Energy Code (to include upcoming 2012 code), and "Green" Building Techniques. Also

included in the upcoming workshops will be a session specifically designed for our Citizens. The Planning Staff will review the application process (what requires a building permit), instructions on completing the application (what information is required), and the inspection process. Handouts will be available, and attendees will be given an opportunity to ask questions.

Information on the upcoming workshops will be made available via the Village's website at <u>www.villageofpinehurst.org</u> or you may contact the Planning & Inspections Department at (910) 295-2581.

Discussions are underway for plans to conduct an evening workshop that will focus on the permitting process. If you would be interested in attending an evening session, please contact Tresa Long of the Planning Department at (910) 295-2581, extension 274.

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# Census 2010

As the 2010 Census approaches, we need to remember the importance of this "count". Census data is used for legislative and congressional redistricting, as well as to determine funding and locations for schools, housing, child-care centers, parks, hospitals, services for the elderly, roads and much more. These improvements can have a significant impact on the lives of everyone in our community.

One of the shortest census forms in history, the 2010 Census form asks 10 questions and takes about 10 minutes to complete. Census forms were delivered or mailed to households in March 2010. Census Day is April 1, 2010, the official day of the population count. Households should complete and mail

back their responses upon receipt. Census workers will visit households that do not return their forms to take a count in person. Census forms will not be delivered to PO Boxes. If your household does not have mail delivery, a Census Official should visit your home to deliver the 2010 Census form.

The 2010 census is safe as your answers are strictly CONFIDENTIAL - the law guarantees that they are never shared with other government agencies, assuring your privacy and safety.

If you have not received a 2010 census form, you may go to a Questionaire Assistant Center or Be Counted Site located throughout Moore County. There will be forms and a box to put the completed form into at these centers or sites. Pinehurst Village Hall and The Douglass Community Center in Southern Pines is two of these sites that may be convenient for use. Also, households needing assistants with their form can call 1-866-872-6868. TDD 1-866-783-2010.

The counting of everyone is essential so that the Village of Pinehurst receives all of the proper funding. We can gain or lose benefits based on the number of people counted. It is safe, confidential, and important. For more information, please visit <a href="https://www.2010census.gov">www.2010census.gov</a>.