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# Do You Know?

### **Upcoming Holidays**

Good Friday Friday, April 22nd

Memorial Day Monday, May 30th

Independence Day Monday, July 4th

Village offices will be closed, and there will be no trash pick-up. Trash make-up day is Wednesday of the same week.

### Home Grown on the Village Green Farmers' Market

When: Fridays 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Start Date: April 15th

Where: Village sand parking lot on Village Green Rd West across from the Theatre Building

Who: Sandhills Farmers' Green Market vendors

What: Local produce, meats, eggs, baked goods, plants, and crafts

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# Vince Gill Returns to the Arboretum



2010 Vince Gill Concert at The Village Arboretum

Country music Hall of Fame Member, Vince Gill, will perform on May 7, 2011 at the Village Arboretum in Pinehurst at 8:00 p.m. One of the most popular and most recorded singers of the past quarter-century, Vince Gill has become the measure of excellence in country music.

The concert is co-sponsored by The First Tee Sandhills and the Pinehurst Parks and Recreation Department. Proceeds from the concert will benefit The First Tee Sandhills. Mr. Gill will once again be donating his performance. The mission of The First Tee Sandhills is to provide the youth of the Sandhills area, ages 5-high school, with a learning facility and educational programs



that promote character development and life enhancing values through the game of golf.

Concert tickets are available locally at Robert's Golf Shop (Aberdeen), Moore Music (Southern Pines), The Country Book Shop (Southern Pines), Pinehurst Village Hall, and the Theatre Building in Pinehurst Village. Detailed concert information, ticket prices, directions, parking, etc. is available on the concert web site <a href="https://www.vincegillpinehurst.com">www.vincegillpinehurst.com</a>.

Vince Gill tee shirts and hats are now available on the web site and at Robert's Golf Shop in Aberdeen. They will also be sold at the concert.

This year, Mr. Gill has provided a Fender electric guitar which will be raffled off and the proceeds donated to The First Tee Sandhills. The guitar will be presented and autographed to the winner by Vince at the concert. Raffle tickets are available at Robert's Golf Shop and by telephone (with a credit card): (910) 944-3870. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00.

## **Sponsorship**

Individuals and businesses interested in becoming a Sponsor for the concert are urged to contact the Concert Office as soon possible at <u>info@vincegillpinehurst.</u> com or (910) 944-3870. There are limited Sponsorships available ranging from \$250 to \$5,000. Sponsor donations in excess of ticket value may be tax deductible. Sponsorships include preferred seating, parking, tee shirts, public recognition in the media, promotional materials, concert program via a jumbo video tron presentation at the concert. Sponsors at \$2,500 and above will also receive back stage passes to a pre-concert cocktail reception with Vince Gill.

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# What's Happening at the Fair Barn?

# Located on Hwy 5 at the Harness Track

### FirstHealth Pregnancy Fair

Thursday, April 21, 2011 www.firsthealth.org.

### SilverArts of the Pines

Thursday, April 28, 2011 Time: 6:00 pm

Registration forms will be available in
March at the Senior Enrichment Center and the
Aberdeen, Pinehurst and
Southern Pines government offices.
www.southernpines.net/recreation

### Run for the Roses Wine Tasting

Benefits the Sandhills Children's Center
Friday, April 29, 2011
Cost is \$75 per VIP ticket or \$50 per general
admission ticket. Tickets can be purchased
at Sandhills Children's Center.
For more information, please call (910) 692-3323
www.sandhillschildrenscenter.org

### FirstHealth Blue Jean Ball

Benefits Cancer Research
Saturday, June 4, 2011
Time: 6:30 pm - 11:00 pm
www.firsthealth.org.
For more information, please call (910) 695-7510

### **Pinehurst Fourth of July Celebration**

Monday, July 4, 2011 The Pinehurst Harness Track For more information, please call (910) 295-0166

### **Harvest the Promise**

Benefits Family Promise of Moore County.

Thursday, October 6, 2011

Featured will be a live and silent auction and food tastings from some of the area's best restaurants.

Tickets are \$50 each or \$80

for a couple and can be purchased by calling

(910)944-7149 or by email at

susan.familypromise@gmail.com.

Beer and wine are included in the ticket price.

For more information, please call (910) 944-7149

### Firefighter Care Enough to Wear Pink Fundraiser and Fashion Show

Thursday, October 27, 2011 For more information, please call (910) 420-0077

### Companion Animal Clinic Spooktacular Halloween Gala

Saturday, October 29, 2011 For more information, please call (910) 246-2000

### **Annual Antiques Show**

Friday, November 4 - Sunday, November 6 For more information, please call (813) 228-0038

# **Farmers' Market Season**

Home Grown on the Village Green is back! The farmers' market begins April 15th in the village center in the lower part of the public sand parking lot on Village Green Road West, across from the Theatre Building. The market will be held on Fridays through the summer from 10 am - 1 pm.

All vendors are members of the Sandhills Farmers' Green Market non-profit association and only sell locally grown or produced fruits, vegetables, meats, eggs, baked goods, plants, and crafts. What better way to eat healthy and support our local small farmers? And while you're in the village center, be sure to shop and dine at our local businesses. There are several other markets throughout the county, including Monday afternoons at the FirstHealth fitness center.



# **Fair Barn Fitness Classes**

Sponsored by the Pinehurst Parks and Recreation Department



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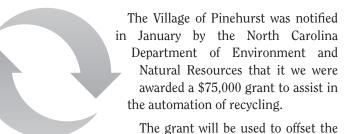
Every Monday, March 7 – May 23 from 9:15 am – 10:15 am AND Every Wednesday, March 2 – May 25 from 12:15 pm – 1:15 pm

### **FOUNDATIONS YOGA**

Every Wednesday, March 2 – May 25 from 6:15 pm – 7:15 pm
Pay at the door.

Punch Card - \$15/4 weeks/resident/class \$30/4 weeks/nonresident/class
Drop-in - \$5/class/resident/session \$10/class/nonresident/session
For more information, please call (910) 295-0166

# \$75,000 Recycling Grant Awarded to Village



cost of providing large recycling carts to single family households that participate in recycling as well as some duplexes and multi-family housing. Delivery of recycling carts to the residences is dependent upon completion of grant contracts and ordering of carts. It's anticipated that carts will be distributed in May for areas west of Hwy. 5 with collection using carts starting in June. Carts for areas east of Hwy. 5 will be distributed in June and collection using carts is planned to start in July.

Issuing recycling carts to residences will allow the Village to utilize its automated fleet of solid waste collection vehicles and increase the efficiency and safety of the overall collection process.

Approximately 45% of all Village residents currently participate in curbside recycling. The Village's goal for fiscal year 2012 is to increase this to 50%. In order to achieve our goal, the Village needs the help of all residents. If you currently recycle, we thank you for your efforts. If you do not, please consider starting.

Recycling in the Village is quite simple. All materials can go into one container, comingled. Separating items is not necessary. The Village collects a wide array of items including, clear and colored glass, paper of all types (newspaper, magazine, junk mail, etc.) and plastics #1-7 (if it has the recycle arrows on it, we take it!). With the new carts, residents are encouraged to put all items in loose. Bagging recyclables is not required with the recycling carts.

For a complete listing of materials, please visit the Village website at <a href="www.villageofpinehurst.org">www.villageofpinehurst.org</a> and check the Public Services webpage. The Village has a listing at this website for items the Village does not collect but may be recycled by others within the community.

# **VOP Workplace Gardens**



As a sponsoring organization of the MooreFit initiative, the Village of Pinehurst is supporting Ready, Set, Grow! by growing our own fresh vegetables and herbs.

To help promote a healthy workforce, the Village of Pinehurst has planted vegetable gardens at Fire Stations 91 and 92, container vegetable gardens at Public Services, and a container herb garden at Village Hall. Fresh vegetables and herbs harvested from the gardens will be shared with Village employees along with healthy recipes to encourage healthy eating.

MooreFit is a group that provides worksite wellness initiatives. The MooreFit Steering Committee consists of representatives from FirstHealth, Resorts of Pinehurst, Moore County Schools, Sandhills Community College, the Pilot, and the Village of Pinehurst. Additional information about MooreFit can be obtained at <a href="https://www.moorefit.org">www.moorefit.org</a>.

The Village's Wellness Committee, along with several members of the Fire Department are overseeing the gardens.

# **Greenway Expansion**

The Pinehurst Greenway system expansion is underway in two areas of the Village. A new section of trail has been added connecting the trail in front of Pinehurst Elementary School to the downtown Village near the Given Memorial Library. This new section of trail is approximately 2,600 linear feet and runs along Dundee Road, Palmetto, Maple and Orange before crossing to the Library. The other area to see expansion will begin where the trail presently ends at Chicken Plant Road and continue down Linden Road towards Pine Vista where future expansion will take the trails to the Pinehurst Marina.



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# The Facts About the Village Green

The Village Council has taken and

will continue to take appropriate actions

to protect the ambiance of the Village,

including the Village Green.

The Village of Pinehurst is concerned about some unfounded rumors regarding the use and preservation of the acreage commonly known as the Village Green. These rumors range from plans to "clear cut" trees, to secret intentions of the Village to construct massive structures on the Village Green. One rumor even claims that the Village can never make improvements to the Village Green without the consent of a corporation which was dissolved decades ago. It appears that much of this confusion stems from a misunderstanding of what the Village Green actually is, where it is actually located, and how it can properly be used by its owner, the Village of Pinehurst.

Here are the relevant facts which, hopefully, will put the rumors to rest.

As a basic orientation matter, assume you are standing in the parking lot of the Theatre Building looking across the street (Village Green West) towards the sand parking lot and grove of pine trees. Several hundred yards to your left will be the Given Memorial Library. Several hundred yards to your right will be a portion of the two acre tract conveyed to it by Pinehurst Inc.

the Village Chapel. The Village Green is located between the library and the Village Chapel. However, not all of the acreage between the library and the Chapel is part of the Village Green.

For many years, the acreage between the library and the Chapel was owned by Pinehurst, Incorporated. That corporation also owned Pinehurst Country Club, Inc., which operated the Pinehurst Country Club.

In the late 1970s, Diamondhead Corporation purchased Pinehurst, Incorporated and became the owner of the Pinehurst Country Club. Pinehurst. Incorporated later merged into Diamondhead's affiliated corporation, with all assets (including the Village Green) being transferred to a new corporation called "Pinehurst Inc." (no comma). After transferring its assets, Pinehurst, Incorporated was dissolved.

The Village Chapel has been in its current location since the late 1920s. In October 1982, Pinehurst Inc., by Deed of Gift, gave the Chapel an additional two acres, located on the backside of the Chapel. This two acre tract is not part of the Village Green. This 1982 Deed of Gift contained a provision prohibiting the Chapel from placing structures on the two acre lot. However, under the plain language of that restriction, only the Grantor (Pinehurst Inc.) and its successors have the right to enforce the restriction.

In January 1983, Pinehurst Inc., again by Deed of Gift, gave to the Village of Pinehurst the 7.31 acre tract known as "The Village Green." This 1983 Deed to the Village contained an identical restriction prohibiting the Village from placing structures on the Village Green. This restriction, too, is enforceable only by the Grantor (Pinehurst Inc.) and its successors.

The ClubCorp affiliate, Resorts of Pinehurst, Inc., purchased the Pinehurst Country Club in 1984 from Pinehurst Inc., and succeeded to the interests of the original owners of the club.

Resorts of Pinehurst, Inc. changed its name to Pinehurst, Inc. in 1998, and to Pinehurst, LLC in 2006.

It is important to note that the North Carolina Court of Appeals has already (twice) judicially determined that Pinehurst, Inc. (now Pinehurst, LLC) is the successor in interest to the corporations that owned the Club and the Village Green back in the 1970s and early 1980s. Stated differently, Pinehurst, LLC is the successor to Pinehurst Inc. – the corporation which originally conveyed the Village Green to the Village in 1983. As such, Pinehurst, LLC is the only entity which has the right to enforce, or not enforce, the deed restrictions.

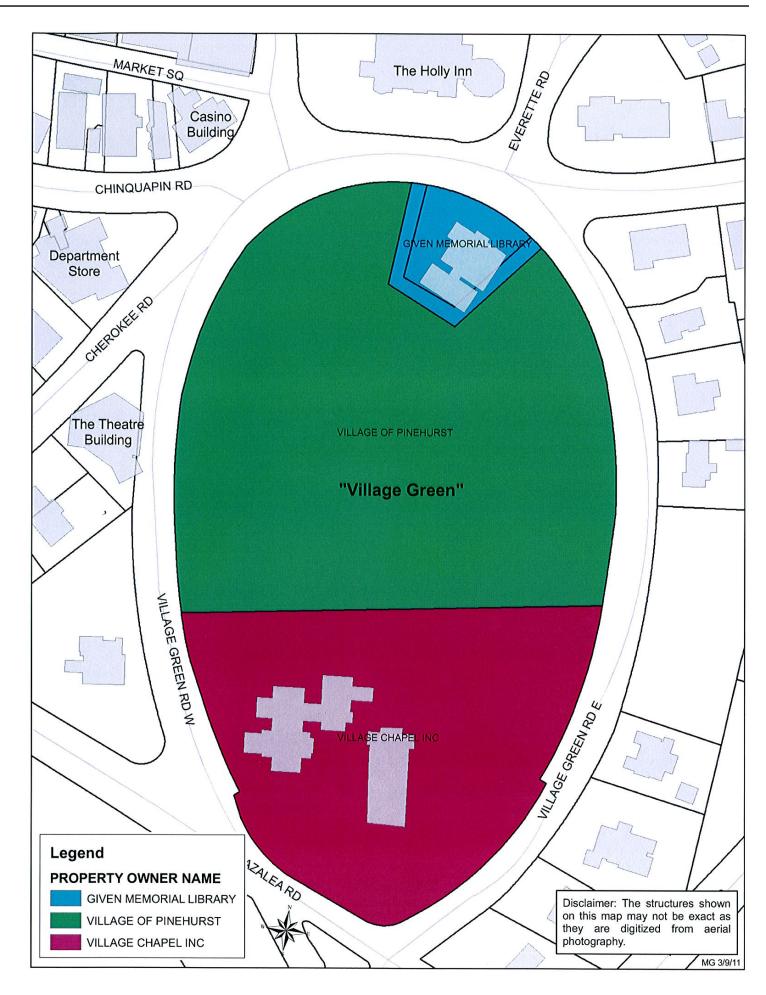
With these facts in place, the current rumors about improper or unlawful construction taking place on the Village Green are easily addressed. One such rumor is that the Village Chapel plans to construct its anticipated Learning Center on the Village Green. This is simply untrue. The Learning Center is to be constructed on the Village Chapel's property – including

> in 1982. All restrictions on the placement of structures on that two acre tract were properly removed by Pinehurst, LLC, in December 2008. After the issuance of the Major Special Use Permit by the Village Council, and the issuance

of a Certificate of Appropriateness by the Historic Preservation Commission, the remaining step in the public process for approval of the construction of the Learning Center is for the Village Staff to approve the Village Chapel's site plan. Under this approval, the staff will assure that adequate public water supply is available for fire flow purposes, and that storm water run-off from the Learning Center does not adversely impact neighboring properties. Exactly how the adequate public water supply is to be provided is a matter to be worked out between the Village Chapel and Moore County Public Utilities.

Likewise, rumors that the Village of Pinehurst plans to improperly alter or "clear-cut" the Village Green are simply false. In 2009, the Village Council appointed a commission (the Village Green Commission) to study ways in which the Village Green might be improved to become more attractive for residents and guests of the Resort. Several landscape architects submitted proposals to the Village in public hearings. However, no action has been taken by the Village. The restrictions contained in the Village's 1983 Deed were properly removed by Pinehurst, LLC in June 2009.

The Village Council has taken and will continue to take appropriate actions to protect the ambiance of the Village, including the Village Green. The Council and Village staff will also continue to work cooperatively with all historic commissions, as well as soliciting advisory opinions from National Historic Landmark personnel, regarding any future efforts to protect the Village Green. And, of course, any and all future plans regarding the use of the Village Green will be openly discussed and considered in public hearings.



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# **Cannon Park Improvements Made**

The ever popular Cannon Park has seen some recent improvements. The sand parking lot bordered by McIntyre and Woods Road has been reorganized and landscaped to improve the function, safety and appearance of the lot. There are now two designated entrances/exits, landscaped islands and concrete wheel stops designating the 85 parking spaces.

In addition to the parking lot, new perimeter fencing has also been installed as well as replacement of the ball field fencing. Field 1 fencing has been extended and replaced with a new vinyl coated chain link fence throughout while Field 2 had new backstop fencing installed. The old chain link perimeter fence has also been replaced with a wooden split rail fence that borders the new parking areas. We hope users of the park will enjoy the improvements made and welcome your comments and suggestions regarding the facility.



# **County Utility Embarks on Major Sewer Rehabilitation Project**

The Moore County Public Utilities Department will begin a a new sealed system and prevents ground water from entering major undertaking this Summer when 12.2 miles of sewer line around Lake Pinehurst and in the Historic District of Pinehurst begin to be rehabilitated. The \$6.5 million project is planned to get started in July and will involve a combination of pipe bursting technology and slip-lining technology.

Both technologies allow most of the work to be accomplished underground through the pipes themselves so there will not be long, open trenches and few road disruptions. There will be some excavation required for point repairs, lateral installation and to install the 78 new manholes.

Final schedules are vet to be completed but the intent is to have multiple crews working on the projects simultaneously and it will take up to 15 months to complete. The County is requiring the contractor avoid working in Old Town during special events.

The rehabilitation around the lake will be in the form of sliplining where the existing lines are thoroughly cleaned and new flexible lining is installed within the existing line. This creates

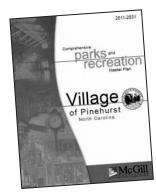
the sewer system and keeps sewage from leaching out into the soil. It is a very environmentally sound approach and provides minimal disruption to the areas in which it is being installed.

The Historic District will see a combination of slip-lining technology and pipe bursting. With pipe bursting, the lines are cleaned and then a bullet shaped tool is sent through the line that breaks up the old line creating a void sized appropriately for a new line to be pulled into place behind the bursting tool. This allows for a new larger line to be installed without digging trenches and closing roads.

Both technologies are more expensive to utilize than laving new pipe but cause significantly less disruption to the public.

More information will be forthcoming in the next few months including at least two planned public informational meetings for residents within the affected areas. For any questions, please contact the Moore County Public Utilities at (910) 947-6315.

# **Parks and Recreation Master Plan Adopted**



The Village Council adopted the Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan at their work session on March 8th. This plan will be used as a guide to meet the Village's recreational facility and service needs over the next 20 years. The process included surveys, public input meetings and presentations to gather comments and suggestions from residents on

the type of programs and facilities they would like to see the Village offer.

Over 200 surveys were received which represented approximately 700 respondents and the department hosted two public input meetings as well. Results of the surveys indicated the areas of highest need were more Jogging/Walking trails, Bicycle paths or trails, Preservation of Open Space/Natural Areas and a Community Center. A copy of the adopted 2011-2031 Parks and Recreation Master Plan can be found on the village website at www.villageofpinehurst.org.

# **Support the Village Arboretum**

The Village Arboretum, located adjacent to Village Hall, is a part of Rassie Wicker Park. Although the Arboretum is located on public land and is maintained by the Village's Parks and Recreation Department, it continues to develop and needs the assistance of private funding through the Village Heritage Foundation (a 501(c)3 organization).

Modeled after the vision of Frederick Law Olmsted, the 35-acre tract includes a Trail System planted with numerous native trees and shrubs, providing year-round interest for nature lovers and casual walkers. Many of the trails are accessible for wheelchairs. Dogs (on leashes) are always welcomed.

Since its creation in 2003, more than 300 private donors have contributed the million dollars spent for the creation of the footpaths, wooden fencing and bridges, pergolas, a longleaf pine savanna, the meadow, and various unique garden areas, including the Magnolia Garden at the Main Entrance (on the corner of Magnolia and McCaskill Roads).

Future plans include an Education Pavilion, an understory of flowering trees to be planted along McCaskill Road, signage, and the establishment of an Endowment Fund that will support continuing improvements and plantings. You can join this effort by becoming a Friend of the Arboretum. Questions? Contact Ann McAllister at 295-7111; apmca@nc.rr.com.

SUPPORT THE ARBORETUM	
wish to become a Friend of the Arboretum with a donation at the following level:	
☐ Pine (\$50) ☐ Azalea (\$100) ☐ Camellia (\$200)	
☐ Holly (\$300) ☐ Dogwood (\$400) ☐ Magnolia (\$500)	
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# **Volunteers Needed at the Welcome Center**

If you have 2.5 hours a week of time that you can contribute to the operation of the Pinehurst Welcome Center, we'd love to have you sign up to be one of our volunteers.

The Welcome Center is open from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm Tuesday through Saturday. We have two shifts. The first is from 10:00 am -12:30 pm and the second is 12:30 pm -3:00 pm. Summer and January hours are shortened.

To be a volunteer you only need to have some knowledge of area locations/events or how to find them, a willingness to help visitors, and a big smile.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer at the Welcome Center, please contact Gwendy Hutchinson at the Village of Pinehurst, (910) 295-2581.



### **Historic District to Receive Trash Carts**



The Pinehurst Public Services
Department will be issuing trash carts to residents in the Historic District in April (dates TBD) in order to semi-automate the collection of household trash in this section of the Village. The issuance of carts in this part of the Village will mark the completion of the implementation of automated trash collection within the Village that was begun just over four years ago.

Residents will have their household trash collected in the exact location that they currently do. Residents in the Historic District that are served by back alleys and those that are serviced via the driveway will continue to be serviced in that manner.

Residents should begin using the new trash carts as soon as they receive them and all trash that goes into the carts should be bagged as currently required.

Please contact the Pinehurst Public Services Department at (910) 295-5021 should you have any questions.

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# Annual Street Resurfacing Project to Begin

The Village's annual street resurfacing program will be underway this spring in a number of areas around the Village and should wrap up in late June. As you traverse Village streets please pay close attention to road crews that will be making repairs to roadways in advance of the resurfacing project.

The Village sets out to pave somewhere between 4 and 5 miles of roads annually and this year the Village will pave 4.73 miles of roads. The exact amount of roads annually repaved is driven by costs and that cost is directly linked to fuel prices. Given higher prices at the pump, the Village is pleased with the number of miles we are able to resurface this year.

The Village uses an outside consulting firm to rate all roads within the Village and provide a score for each. Roads are scored from 0 to 100 based on a number of factors. The lower the score, the worse shape the road is. The average score for Village roads is 82.3 while the average for other municipalities runs approximately 80. Road scores combined with other factors such as traffic volume and build-out help determine exactly which roads are getting resurfaced each year.

All or parts of the following roads are being resurfaced this spring: Sakonnet, Golfers Way, Chatham, Pace, Wheeling, Ashford, Regional, Harlow, Presbrey, St. Andrews, Knollwood, Camelia Place, Tamarisk, Oakmont Circle, Quail Run, Fox Hound, Dove Minikahada, Timuquana, Cohasset, Knickerbocker, Beryl Circle and Crystal.

# Recreation Department now accepting Online Registration

The Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to announce we are now able to accept registrations online for our various programs, events and athletics! With just a few clicks of a mouse you can create an online account, register for a program and pay your fees online, or you can request a facility reservation for your next birthday party or other event in one of our parks! Please visit our new website www.pinehurstrec.org for more information to register for your favorite programs and activities. We are excited to offer you this new feature and hope it will be a convenience to you. We also welcome your feedback on the new process and any suggestions on how we can better serve you in the future!