

Do You Know?

2009 Observed Holidays

In 2009, the Village of Pinehurst will observe the following holidays:

New Years Day
Thursday, January 1st

Martin Luther King Day
Monday, January 19th

Good Friday
Friday, April 10th

Memorial Day
Monday, May 25th

Independence Day
Friday, July 3rd

Labor Day
Monday, September 7th

Veteran's Day
Wednesday, November 11th

Thanksgiving
Thursday, November 26th and
Friday, November 27th

Christmas
Thursday, December 24th and
Friday, December 25th

The offices at Village Hall will be closed and there will be no trash pickup. Trash collection will resume on the next regularly scheduled collection day.

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Public Input Sought For Village Plan

Want to make Pinehurst a better place? Want to weigh in on important topics for the future of the Village? Want to throw your two cents into the pot? Well, public meetings scheduled by the Pinehurst Long Range Plan Steering Committee will give you an opportunity to do just that!

The Village of Pinehurst has scheduled public workshops to obtain input from Pinehurst residents for preparation of the 2009 Comprehensive Long-Range Village Plan. The workshops are intended to involve Village residents in exercises that will help identify issues and priorities for the Village to address in the coming years and an opportunity to provide ideas for consideration by the Steering Committee.

The workshops are scheduled for:

Monday, January 12

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Fair Barn

Tuesday, January 13

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
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All three workshops will have the same format and will cover the same material. The different dates and times simply provide an opportunity for Pinehurst residents to attend at a time which is

most convenient to you. Pick the meeting time that works best for you!

Pinehurst residents are encouraged to attend and to bring their friends and family. Events and activities have been planned for residents of all ages so that parents can bring children for supervised activities while they participate in the overall discussion. In addition, there will be age-appropriate activities for middle school and high school age residents to provide their perspective on living in Pinehurst. All viewpoints – both novice and veteran – are welcome! Light snacks and refreshments will be provided.

The Comprehensive Long-Range Village Plan being prepared is an update of the current Plan which was adopted in 2003. The Long Range Plan serves to guide the physical development of the Village so that the overall ambience is protected and the quality of life of residents is enhanced. Some of the strategies in the 2003 Plan which have had an important influence on the overall village include formation of the Conservation Commission, establishment of the greenway system, preservation of open space lots, establishment of the Historic District Commission, and other key programs.

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Phase 3 of Automated Trash Collection Scheduled

The Village will proceed to the next phase of the Village's automated arm collection of household trash in late March 2009. This will mark the beginning of Phase Three of a total of four phases that were originally planned for automated arm implementation. Phase Three will actually be rolled out in two steps, with the first step coming in March and the second step to be rolled out late in 2009.

Automated collection of household trash involves the use of a robotic arm trash truck and a Village issued trash cart to each residence in order to more safely and efficiently collect household garbage.

The sections that will see automated arm collection coming in March 2009 will be an area along Diamondhead Drive extending from the Lake Hills traffic circle southwest to the Lake Pinehurst dam inclusive of all the roads that extend off of Diamondhead in this area. The other section will be an area north of Midland Road and east of the traffic

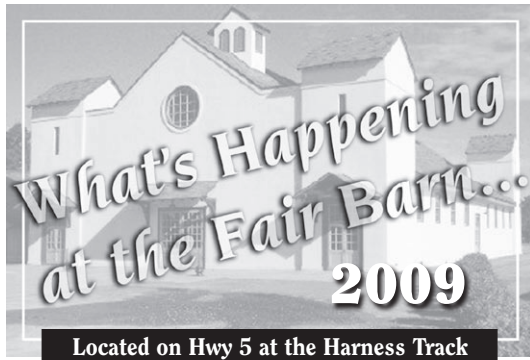
circle in the neighborhoods of Pinedale, Glen Meadows and Midland Country Club.

Automated collection will begin for the neighborhoods off Midland Road on Monday, March 30, 2009 and will begin on Tuesday March 31, 2009 for the areas along Diamondhead Drive.

A public information meeting will be held on Monday, March 16th at 6:00 pm at the Village Hall to present all the information about automated collection and to answer any questions. Starting around March 16th, residents in these areas may notice small paint marks in front of their residence indicating a preferred placement location for the cart. Residents will receive their trash cart the week of March 23rd. Residents affected by the change will receive a notice from the Village the first week of March about these dates and implementation plans.

For any questions, please contact the Public Services Department at 295-5021.





**The O Neal School
Annual Dinner/Auction**

February 7, 2009
Call 910-692-6920

**Moore County Home Builder's Home
and Garden Show**

February 27, 28, March 1, 2009
Call 910-695-1464

**Moore County Community Flea Market
The Pilot**

March 14, 2009 8:00 am to 3:00 pm
Call 910-693-2510

Casino Night

Kiwanis Club of the Sandhills

March 28, 2009 6:00 pm
Call 910-235-0271

**Run for the Roses Wine Tasting
Sandhills Children's Center**

May 1, 2009 6:00 pm
Call 910-692-3323

Senior Games

May 28, 2009

Pregnancy Fair

FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital

June 18, 2009 6:00 pm -7:30 pm

Blue Jean Ball

FirstHealth Foundation

June 6, 2009
Call 910-695-7000

Beautification Committee Planning Culminates in Tree Lighting Ceremony

The Village's Downtown Beautification Committee, Chaired by Mayor Pro-tem Lorraine Tweed, spent the late summer and fall planning for an enhanced look to the Village this Christmas, and the results of that planning were evident at the Tree Lighting held December 5th.

This year's Christmas Tree was a nineteen foot Blue Spruce donated by Mistletoe Meadows of Laurel Springs, NC. Mistletoe Meadows has provided Christmas trees to the White House in the past and had a tree sales lot in Olmsted Village this year. The Committee and the Village worked with Mistletoe Meadows to sell wreaths to Pinehurst citizens this year and with the cooperation of the Business Guild, eighty-seven Pinehurst residents bought 134 wreaths.

Leading up to the Tree Lighting Ceremony, the Committee sponsored an Old Fashioned Pinehurst Christmas Home and Business Decoration Contest. Many homes and businesses in the core village participated and winners received gift certificates that were donated by local restaurants.

Increased decorative lighting was also evident this year, and in cooperation with the Pinehurst Garden Clubs, new swags decorated the street name signs throughout the Village. The hanging baskets, first installed by the committee this past spring, were redecorated with pansies as were the planters found throughout the Village.

A spring 2009 project is being contemplated by the Committee. The Village appreciates the work of the volunteers of the Downtown Beautification Committee for their efforts, and the work of the Pinehurst Business Guild in sponsoring and conducting the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony.

Police Department Awards



The Village of Pinehurst and the Pinehurst Police Department were awarded their second consecutive "Traffic Safety Community Award" by AAA's Foundation for Traffic Safety. The award recognizes that the Village and the Police Department are committed to creating a safe on-road environment for its citizens as well as providing programs that make traffic safety an ongoing priority. The Village and the Police Department competed against other communities with a population of 10,000 to 30,000. The award was presented at an awards luncheon at the Washington Duke Inn & Golf Club in Durham, NC on Monday, November 25th. Pinehurst Village Manager, Andy Wilkison, Capt. Floyd R. Thomas and Sgt. Ray Evans represented the Village and the Pinehurst Police Department at the awards ceremony.

The Pinehurst Police Department was also awarded the "Eastern North Carolina DWI Hero Award for 2007" by the NC Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD). The award is presented to the law enforcement agency that demonstrated excellence in implementing innovative and creative techniques in the detection and deterrence of impaired driving during the calendar year 2007. The Police Department competed against all other law enforcement agencies in the eastern half of North Carolina for the award. The award was presented on Friday, December 5th at a ceremony at the NC Legislative Auditorium in Raleigh. Capt. Floyd R. Thomas received the award on behalf of the men and women of the Pinehurst Police Department.

Display Your Address Number

The Village is currently working with Moore County to ensure that correct addresses are in the addressing system for all properties within the Village for E-911 purposes. In conducting field inspections, it has become apparent that many houses do not have their house numbers posted in a conspicuous manner and in some cases not at all. It is extremely important that address numbers be displayed in a location visible from the street so that, in the event of an emergency, professionals are able to locate your property as promptly as possible.

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Trash Receptacle Storage Ordinance Is Tightened

The Village Council passed a more stringent residential trash receptacle storage ordinance geared towards requiring receptacles to be stored in a more inconspicuous place between collection days. The new ordinance, which took effect December 16, 2008, requires trash receptacles be stored between pickups either within a completely enclosed substantial structure such as a house, garage, or shed, or to be stored behind the principal structures' building lines extended for all sides of the structure that directly face a street. In addition, the receptacle can be no more than five feet from the principal structure itself. The new ordinance may not apply if a home is served by back alley or rear-lot trash collection or if there are uniform looking, designated trash receptacle storage bins as part of the development.

The ordinance also states that receptacles should not be placed curbside prior to 5:00 pm the day before collection. As has always been the case, trash receptacles should be placed curbside by 7:00 am of collection day and must be removed from curbside by the end of the collection day. In the event you are scheduled to be out of town, you may contact a neighbor or the Village's Public Services Department at 295-5021 to help you meet these requirements in your absence.

The ordinance is intended to try and help keep neighborhoods in Pinehurst looking clean and neat between trash collection days.



Beautification Grants Are Well Received

The Village's return to making small community beautification grants available has been well received as several neighborhood entrances have seen landscape enhancements as a result of the grants. The Village resurrected the program to offer incentives to neighborhoods to consider beautifying entrance areas within the public right-of-way.

Since July, five neighborhoods have taken advantage of the grant program and have completed beautification enhancements. In most all cases, the grants are mostly seed money with the neighborhood associations kicking in the additional funds needed.

The grant guidelines stipulate that the landscape beautification project must be within the public right-of-way and must be in an area of high visibility. Grant awards are capped at a maximum of \$2,000 but most fall between \$500 and \$1,000 in order to spread the funding around the community. Improvements to private property are not eligible for grant funds.

If your neighborhood has an interest in the program, the Public Right-of-Way Beautification Grant Policy guidelines are available online at www.villageofpinehurst.org. Look under the "Citizen Service Desk" for a link to the policy or you may call Jeff Batton, Assistant Village Manager, at 295-1900. The amount of funds available is limited so applications should be made soon before the funds are exhausted.

Sheppard Named 2008 Employee of the Year

The Employee Recognition Committee continued a tradition this year by asking for nominations for the Village of Pinehurst Employee of the Year. Eleven employees were nominated, and the winner was announced at the annual employee holiday luncheon on December 19th. A committee consisting of the Village Manager and two Council members reviewed all nominations that were submitted and selected the winner. Andy Wilkison introduced the ten nominees for the award before introducing the 2008 Employee of the Year, Sgt. Tina Sheppard of the Police Department.



Sgt. Tina Sheppard

Tina Sheppard has been a dedicated and loyal member of the Village and the Police Department for ten years. She was promoted to Sergeant this year and subsequently took responsibility for coordinating the 16-week field training for all new police officers in the department. Tina also developed a Special Populations book which allows the department to maintain a list and track citizens in the community with special needs.

Sgt. Sheppard not only excels in her duties at the department, she also dedicates much of her time to community activities as well. Currently, she is the Moore County Regional Representative for the Special Olympics. In 2008, she organized the Torch Run, the Motorcycle Ride, the Fashion show, and the Barbeque & Blues event to raise money for Special Olympics. She also serves on the Statewide Committee for Special Olympics.

Tina also volunteers in her spare time. She represents the Village and the Police Department on the Moore County Domestic Violence Committee as well as the Pinehurst Walks Task Force.

Sgt. Sheppard is a well-respected employee of the Village and certainly is a deserving winner of the 2008 Employee of the Year Award. Congratulations Sgt. Sheppard!

2008 Employee of the Year Nominees Included:

Gary Thomas	Ricky Lea
Laura Tomanelli	Meredith Silhol
Sharen Bryant	Mike Tew
Jeff Maxwell	Ronnie Davis
Joe Whitlock	Bruce Gould

Public Input Sought For Village Plan

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Residents in Pinehurst are encouraged to bring their views, concerns, and questions to this workshop to ensure that the 2009 Plan addresses local issues and accurately reflects the community's vision. "This Plan is an important document which will be used to guide the Village of Pinehurst over the next decade and beyond." said George Lane, Mayor.

Preparation of the Plan is being coordinated by Planimetrics, a Connecticut-based consulting land use planning and consulting firm that helps communities prepare strategic plans.

Questions about the public meetings may be directed to the Planning and Inspections Department at the Village of Pinehurst at 910-295-2581.

Upcoming "Walk to School" Days



The Pinehurst Parks and Recreation Department in cooperation with FirstHealth of the Carolinas and Pinehurst Elementary School is encouraging students and their parents to participate in "Walk to School" days for the remainder of the school year. This is an effort which is being funded through a Fit Community Grant the partnership received in 2008 to promote healthy lifestyle changes and to combat growing childhood obesity rates.

Upcoming dates planned for parents to walk their children to school are as follows: January 30th; February 27th; March 26th; April 24th; May 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th; and June 5th. Parents are asked to park in the sand parking lot at Cannon Park and use the new Greenway Trail along Craig and Dundee Roads. We also ask that vehicular traffic keep an eye out for children walking to school on these days and adhere to the posted speed limit of 25 mph at all times so that our children can safely walk to school. If you would like to volunteer on one of the planned walk to school days, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 295-2817.

New Animal Control Ordinance For Pinehurst

On December 16, 2008, the Village Council adopted the new Animal Control Ordinance of Moore County by reference. Significant issues addressed in the County's new ordinance included cruelty to animals, confinement and control of vicious or dangerous animals, animals creating a nuisance, impoundment and redemption of animals, placement for adoption of animals surrendered by owners, and rabies control. There are other animal control regulations that are specific to Pinehurst and those include required licensing of dogs and cats, prohibition of dogs running at large, apprehension of identifiable dogs, and the establishment of a bird sanctuary in Pinehurst. The Animal Control Ordinance is available on the Village website at www.villageofpinehurst.org and went into effect upon its adoption.

Village Seeking Volunteers for its Various Boards

The Village has several volunteer boards that oversee development in Pinehurst and the preservation of natural resources. These boards are always looking for good help. If you are interested in volunteering, please visit the Village Government/Boards and Commissions section of the Village's website to get additional information. Applications for board appointments can be found under the Community Resources section of the Village's website. The various volunteer opportunities include the following:

- The Board of Adjustment considers requests for variances and appeals of administrative decisions or interpretations of the Pinehurst Development Ordinance.
- The Community Appearance Commission reviews and makes recommendations regarding all plans for single family building permits. The Commission also performs final inspections on all sites to see that development is carried out as indicated during the initial meetings.
- The Conservation Commission promotes and coordinates the acquisition, preservation and enhancement of the Village's unique natural resources and includes several subcommittees.
- The Historic Preservation Commission reviews and either approves or rejects plans for new construction and remodeling in the Local Historic District.
- The Planning and Zoning Board studies all aspects of physical development in the Village, and either takes action on requests for development, or makes recommendations to the Village Council on development issues.

For a list of specific meeting dates or to obtain a Volunteer Application form, visit the Village's website at www.villageofpinehurst.org.

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Village Receives Budget Award

For the second year in a row the Village's Financial Services Department has earned the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its Fiscal Year (FY) 2008-2009 Budget!

This high honor represents a significant achievement, and reflects the Village's commitment to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. In order to receive the budget award, the Village had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well the Village's budget serves as a policy document, financial plan, operations guide, and as a communications device.

The FY 2008-2009 Budget is available for review on the Village's web site under Community Resources/Document Library/Financial Information.

Fewer than 4% of all North Carolina municipalities receive this recognition. Please join us in congratulating the Financial Services staff for their accomplishment!

