

## Do You Know?

### 2009 Observed Holidays

Good Friday- April 10- Village offices will be closed, and there will be no trash pick-up on this holiday.

### Municipal Code Changes

The NC General Statutes give to municipalities the authority to enact certain rules and regulations specific to each municipality. The rules and regulations adopted by the Village Council for Pinehurst are contained in the Municipal Code. This code book is organized and presented in a readable format by an outside firm. Newly adopted ordinances are sent to this outside firm and the Municipal Code is updated periodically.

The last update of the Pinehurst Municipal Code is current to August 12, 2008. Since then the Council has adopted ordinances concerning animal control and solid waste containers. Citizens may view these changes in person at Village Hall or on the Village website.

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## Village Council Initiates Action On Securing Additional Potable Water Supply For Southern Moore County

The Pinehurst Village Council recently conducted discussions with elected and appointed representatives of the Town of Robbins and Moore County to attempt to generate action which will lead to the refurbishment of the Town of Robbins water treatment plant. In conjunction with the construction of a water transmission line from Robbins to southern Moore County, the water treatment plant refurbishment could result in the provision of hundreds of thousands of gallons of additional potable water being made available each day to present water customers in southern Moore County, mainly in the Seven Lakes and Pinehurst areas.

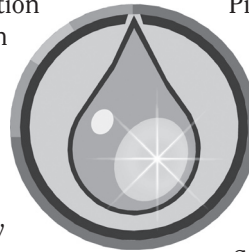
The Robbins Town Council is awaiting the completion of a feasibility study by McGill Associates, a professional engineering firm with an office located in Pinehurst, which will

inform the Robbins Council what is involved in refurbishing the plant and associated reservoir and then making the water produced available for use in the Seven Lakes/Pinehurst area. The report from McGill Associates is due to be received in March. The Seven Lakes and

Pinehurst water systems are joined by a major transmission line along NC 211 highway, through which hundreds of thousands of gallons of water are piped each day from Pinehurst to Seven Lakes. Representatives of Seven Lakes, Pinehurst and Robbins recently urged the County

Commissioners to take action to develop an in-county source of water rather than to continue to rely so heavily on water purchase contracts with adjoining counties. Contracting with adjoining counties for water purchases has been the county's preferred method of addressing water supply shortfalls

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## Phase III of Automated Trash Collection Scheduled



The next phase of the Village's automated arm collection of household trash will be rolled out in late March and will mark the beginning of Phase III of a total of four phases that were originally planned for automated arm implementation. Phase III will be rolled out in two stages with the first stage coming in late March. The second stage of Phase III will be rolled out late in 2009.

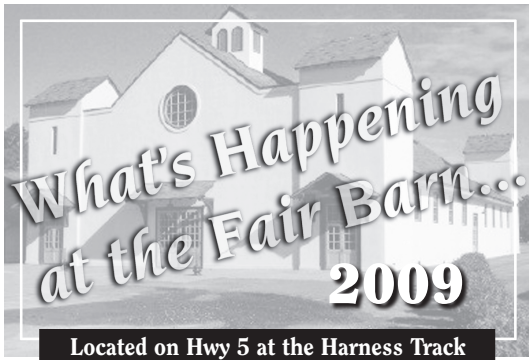
Automated collection of household trash involves the use of a robotic arm trash truck and a Village issued trash cart to each residence in order to more safely and efficiently collect household garbage.

The sections of town that will see automated arm collection in March 2009 will be an area along Diamondhead Drive extending from the Lake Hills traffic circle southwest to the Lake Pinehurst dam, including of all the roads that extend off 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 this area 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.



**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 910-315-0271

**Senior Games**

April 30, 2009  
Call 910-692-7376

**Run for the Roses Wine Tasting**

Sandhills Children's Center  
May 1, 2009 6:00 pm  
Call 910-692-3323

**Pregnancy Fair**

FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital  
June 18, 2009 6:00 - 7:30 pm

**Blue Jean Ball**

FirstHealth Foundation  
June 6, 2009  
Call 910-695-7000

**Village of Pinehurst  
4th of July Celebration!**

The Fair Barn 5:00 pm  
Entertainment, games, music, fireworks



**Village Actions to Address Financial Crisis**

You don't have to look far these days to realize that we are currently in an economic recession. Housing starts are down, retail sales have declined, and unemployment is on the rise. Most economists believe that the current recession began in December of 2007 and will most likely last through the remainder of 2009. Although the severity of the recession varies from state-to-state, North Carolina and our area are currently bending under the recession's weight.

These economic issues affect the Village financially and could affect our ability to deliver services in the future. The Village Council and management team have been proactive in addressing these issues. Early last fall, the Village moved to reduce the budget by \$250,000 in response to declining building permit revenues. Also, in December, departments were asked to reduce operating and capital expenditure budgets by 2%. Most recently, in February, the Village adjusted the budget downward by another \$245,000 based on mid-year revenue projections.

Many of the Village's revenue sources are directly impacted by the current economic crisis. Growth in the property tax base is currently lower than projected due to fewer new homes being constructed in the Village. The motor vehicle tax base is also lower due to fewer new cars being purchased. Of course, sales tax revenues are lower as consumer purchases decline state-wide, and interest earnings are below budget due to lower than expected interest rates on investments.

To address these revenue shortfalls, the Village has reduced its budget by \$685,770 or 4.4% since the fiscal year began. In turn, both operating and capital outlay expenditure budgets have been impacted. At this point, there have been no reductions in service levels to Village residents. Throughout this crisis it has been the goal of the Village Council and management to guard the financial well being of the Village while continuing to maintain current services to our residents. These will also be guiding principles as the Village develops the FY 2009-2010 Budget.

**St. Patrick's Day Parade – March 14th**

The Village of Pinehurst invites you to the Eighth Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade at 11 am on Saturday, March 14th. The celebration of the green will include the traditional parade through the village while the town is glittered with shamrocks, green paint, Irish heritage, and a lot of community spirit.



Get a good seat! The parade will come up from the Village Hall on Magnolia Road, through the center of the Village. This year's theme is "Celebrating the Spirit of Community Volunteerism." The grand marshal will be Coach Chris Metzger, head football coach for Pinecrest High School. There will also be a special appearance by Miss North Carolina. Following the parade, St. Baldrick's will be downtown, cutting hair to raise money and awareness for children's cancer.

If you are interested in being in the parade, you may either:

1. Enter online at [www.star1025fm.com](http://www.star1025fm.com),
2. Pick up a parade entry form from the Pinehurst Village Hall, Dugan's Pub, or Kings Irish Shop, or
3. Call 295-3400 for information.

Decorate your golf cart, build a float with your club, business, or organization, or just dress up in green and come join the fun! Founding Parade Sponsors include the Pinehurst Business Guild, Village of Pinehurst Parks and Recreation Department, Kings Irish Shop, Star 102.5 FM, Dugan's Pub, and Bonville Construction.

# CONSERVATION CORNER

## Pinehurst Conservation Commission Events Planned for 2009

March 14 <sup>th</sup> (11 am)	St. Patrick's Day Parade
March 21 <sup>st</sup> (10:30 am)	Greenway Workshop on Animal Control
April 21 <sup>st</sup> (11 am – 2 pm)	Green Summit Expo at Sandhills Community College
April 24 <sup>th</sup>	Arbor Day Celebration
May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Electronic recycling, paper shredding event at Wal-Mart
June	Launch of Pinehurst Open Space Trust (POST) program
July	July 4th Parade
October	Holly Arts & Crafts Festival
November	Green Fair at Pinehurst Elementary School

The Greenway Wildlife Habitat Committee is also planning a workshop for the fall. Please check the Village website for more information as it becomes available.

### Yard Debris Weight Limits



With the onset of spring, Village residents are reminded that all yard debris must be bagged or bundled in accordance with Village policy in order to be collected.

Specific regulations are as follows:

- Light yard debris (leaves, twigs, pinecones, etc.) must be bagged securely in a plastic bag. Loose light yard debris cannot be collected.
- Heavy yard debris (limbs, branches, etc.) must be securely tied in bundles not to exceed 4 feet in length. No individual piece shall exceed 6 inches in diameter. Bundle must not exceed 18" in total diameter.
- Bagged debris or bundled debris may not exceed 50 pounds.

Residents are asked to pay close attention to the regulations, particularly the weight. Each staff member will handle well over 200 bags of yard debris on an average collection day. Overweight yard debris bags and bundles are a big cause of work related injuries to our staff. Injuries and lost work time are expensive to the taxpayer and can cause serious issues for the injured staff. Your diligence in keeping these regulations in mind, particularly the weight limitation, will be greatly appreciated.

## Help Keep Your Village Beautiful

The Village's Downtown Beautification Committee, chaired by Mayor Pro-tem Lorraine Tweed, has worked closely with the Village on several worthwhile projects. Last spring, the group organized the purchase, installation, and planting of 38 cement planters and 58 hanging baskets. This winter, the group organized a Holiday Wreath sale, which contributed over \$1,300 in net profit that was used to fund seasonal decorations in the core Village.



The Downtown Beautification Committee would like to help the Village defray the cost of planting flowers in the Village throughout the year and is introducing a "Beautification Fund".

Residents are encouraged to contribute to the Fund in order to help keep our Village beautiful. All donations, no matter how small or large, are appreciated. Cash contributions or checks written to the Village of Pinehurst, 395 Magnolia Rd., Pinehurst, N.C. 28374 are a valid tax deductible contribution. Please indicate the contribution is being made to the Beautification Fund.

### Parks and Recreation Department Applies for Trail/Sidewalk Grants

The Pinehurst Parks and Recreation Department has applied for two grants in January to construct over 1.5 miles of new Greenway Trails and Sidewalks. Both grants are in cooperation with FirstHealth of the Carolinas, Pinehurst Elementary School and the "Pinehurst Walks" task force. The "Pinehurst Walks" task force has been created to improve the available infrastructure to increase the number of students and their parents who are able to walk to and from school. This is part of an effort to promote healthy lifestyle changes and to combat growing childhood obesity rates.

The Recreational Trails Program grant is funded through NC DENR and would provide .46 miles of greenway trail from the Elementary School into the downtown Village. This would tie in to the existing trail on Dundee Rd., and continue down Kelly Road and then along Everette Road across from Given Memorial Library. Total cost of this project is an estimated \$76,000, of which approximately \$60,000 would be funded with grant dollars.

The other grant is the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) grant program funded by NC DOT. The proposed project is to construct a 6' wide concrete sidewalk 1.1 miles in length, beginning at the existing trail head on Gun Club Road and extending all the way to Hwy 15-501 along Spring Lake Drive. The SRTS program is an effort to provide infrastructure connecting schools and neighborhoods that are within 2 miles of the school campus. The Village Acres neighborhood contains the largest cluster of school age children in the Village within the 2 mile radius, and would provide a safe route to walk and bike to and from school. The total cost of this project is an estimated \$330,000 of which \$300,000 would be funded with grant dollars.

## 2010-2014 Capital Improvement Plan Approved

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2010-2014 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for the Village of Pinehurst was approved January 13, 2009. The CIP is a planning tool designed to aid policy makers in the acquisition and orderly replacement of capital assets. The plan is updated annually to ensure that it is based on the most accurate information available. Adoption of the CIP by the Village Council does not constitute a commitment to fund a particular item, but rather signifies an intent to fund capital outlay at the indicated level during the ensuing years.

The CIP includes improvements with a total estimated cost of \$21,287,020 over the next five years. In the first two years of the plan, there have been sharp reductions in planned capital outlays and new positions due to the current economic recession. For example, capital expenditures in FY 2010 are 6.3% less than the same period in the previous CIP and no new positions are planned.

Major highlights of the plan include:

- Maintain a consistent tax rate and revenue neutral rate in the revaluation year.
- Pinewild annexation effective date is estimated to be January 1, 2010.
- The construction of a public services/fleet maintenance facility on Juniper Lake Road is scheduled to commence in FY2010, with the sale of our current facility in FY2012.
- Construction of the Cannon Park Recreation Center is planned to begin in FY2011 and be completed in FY2012.
- Investment in Greenway construction and Rassie Wicker Park development will begin again in FY2014, after a five-year deferral of both of these projects.
- The annual resurfacing and striping of roughly five (5) miles per year of Village roadways.

Fund balance during the period is projected to be within the Council's desired range of 27%-33%. Also debt service as a percentage of total expenditures is projected to remain at what is widely accepted as moderate to low levels.

This proposal allows us to maintain the current level of most services to our citizens and expand others. Our projections of revenues and expenditures indicate the Village is in a position to fund the CIP as presented with no impact on the Village's current tax rate.



## Survey on Village Green Enhancements

With the adoption of Resolution #09-04 in January 2009, the Pinehurst Village Council established a volunteer commission to study proposals for enhancements to the Village Green. The Village Green is located in the core Village between Given Memorial Library and the Village Chapel. The Commission was charged with the task of reviewing proposals to enhance the Village Green with consideration given to, at a minimum, the following:



- A. Are enhancements to the Village Green desirable?
- B. If so, what types of enhancements are desirable?
- C. If enhancements are to be recommended for Council approval, where in the Village Green should they be established, and of what type should they be?
- D. If enhancements are to be recommended for Council approval, what are the proposed sequencing, estimated cost, and relative priority of each element of the proposed enhancements?
- E. If enhancements are to be established, how are they to be funded and what are the likely maintenance requirements of the Village of Pinehurst?

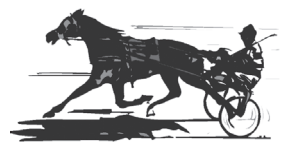
The Commission would like to gauge public sentiment as to whether any type of enhancements are desirable, the type of enhancements citizens would like to see, if any, and to receive any other comments citizens would like to make about the Village



Green. To that end, citizens are requested to complete a short survey and give the Commission feedback concerning enhancements to the Village Green. Please visit [www.villageofpinehurst.org](http://www.villageofpinehurst.org) to access the brief survey under News and Events.

## Spring Matinee Races to be Held April 5th

The Pinehurst Parks and Recreation Department and the Pinehurst Driving and Training Club would like to invite everyone to the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Matinee Races scheduled for Sunday, April 5th at the Pinehurst Harness Track. Admission is \$5.00 per person and gates will open at 11:00 am for parking. Opening Ceremonies are scheduled for 1:00 pm, with the first of eight races scheduled to begin at 1:30 pm. Bleacher seating will be available for general admission. For more information contact the Pinehurst Harness Track at 295-4446.



## Door to Door Canvassing

Door to door canvassing or door to door solicitation is allowed within the Village. Solicitors are requested to fill out an application at the Village Hall and provide picture identification when they complete the application. The solicitor is asked to list specific start and stop dates, times and for what company they are soliciting. The application is then forwarded to the Police Department to ensure they are informed of active solicitors in the Village. Religious and political canvassing or door to door solicitation is not regulated.



Residents are urged to be leery of anyone coming to their door unannounced or unknown even if solicitation is allowed. Residents should never allow anyone unknown to them to enter their residence. If residents are not interested in what the solicitor is trying to sell, the resident should do the following: Be courteous but firmly stop the solicitor's sales pitch, tell them you are not interested, ask them to leave and shut your door. If the solicitor continues to harass you or will not leave your property, call the Police Department immediately at 295-3141. The solicitor is trespassing once they have been told to leave by the homeowner but refuse to leave and can be charged.

## Recent Cases of Breaking, Entering and Larceny



While the Village has seen a slight increase in breaking, entering, and larceny, they follow the same trends as seen in the rest of Moore County and the nation as a whole. Violent crime trends have come down over the past couple of years, but property crime has remained steady. One crime is one too many, but unfortunately crime is prevalent in all facets of today's culture. Residents can take some of the following steps to protect their home:

- Do not let any unknown person come into your home,
- Keep all of your doors and windows locked,
- Have deadbolt locks installed in all of your entry doors,
- Make sure your garage door is closed if you are not working in the garage area,
- If you have a sliding glass door either make a brace from a broom stick or buy a commercial brace for it,
- Keep your shrubs and bushes trimmed down,
- Have exterior lighting and turn them on at night,
- Do not place your trash can out the night before pick-up,
- Stop your paper and mail delivery if you are going to be out of town,
- Place some of your interior lamps on timers so they will come on and off at intervals while you are out of town,
- Leave a radio playing in a room,
- Let your neighbors know you are going out of town even if for the night, and
- Let the Police Department know you are leaving town.

To aid you in protecting your property, you can also request an officer come to your home to do a security review of your home with you. To request a review please call the Police Department at 295-3141.

## Code Red

The Village of Pinehurst has an emergency alert system known as "Code Red." This system is better known as the reverse 911 system. Our system is designed to notify Village residents of any upcoming problems and/or emergencies. The system can notify the entire Village or it can just notify certain areas that might be affected. Most recently the Code Red system was used to provide information regarding a series of break-ins occurring in the Village. The Code Red alerted all the registered residents about the break-ins, asked them to be on guard for suspicious activity, and encouraged them to become involved in the Community Watch Program. The Village of Pinehurst has approximately 6,400 residences and 204 businesses. While the data used to make the calls was obtained from a national database, only 1,888 residences and 33 businesses have checked their data and registered with the Code Red system. All Village residents and business owners are encouraged to register your home/business/mobile phone with Code Red. Getting registered is free and easy; you can register by going to the Village of Pinehurst's web site, coming by Village Hall, or by calling the Village Hall at 295-1900. If you want to know what is going on in the event of an emergency, incident or potential problem, ensure your number is registered with the Code Red System.

## Potable Water Supply For Southern Moore County

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rather than developing additional wells in the Pinehurst area to respond to Pinehurst consumption needs and the loss of production wells in Seven Lakes. While helpful, such contracts are worrisome to elected officials and consumers in Pinehurst and Seven Lakes due to the restrictions placed on the provision of water through those contracts by the adjoining counties when they have experienced supply shortfalls of their own during recent droughts.



While it is hoped that Moore County will finally take some definitive action to further address the water supply shortfall that affects southern Moore County, Robbins and Pinehurst officials have recently signaled their intent to work towards a cooperative solution on their own if necessary.

## 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:

- **March 26**
- **April 24**
- **May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**
- **June 5**

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.



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## Community Watch Program



Residents can help protect themselves and their neighbors by becoming involved in the Community Watch Program. The Community Watch Program relies on volunteers to help make the program work. Your participation in the program will allow you to meet your neighbors, to become involved in your neighborhood and to help protect your neighborhood. Sir Robert Peele, the father of modern day policing, stated

"It's nice to know when people get together in a community that stuff can get done that makes a difference." Get involved with the Community Watch Program and make a difference! Residents are encouraged to contact the following area coordinators to become an active member in the Community Watch Program.

- **ZONE A**  
Old Town area, #7, or area of NC 2 West of the Traffic Circle  
Jim Willford; (910) 315-1492 jwillford@nc.rr.com
- **ZONE B**  
West side of NC 5 or South side of Morganton Road  
John Gaida; (910) 295-0591 perrypetersen@yahoo.com
- **ZONE C**  
Gun Club or #6  
Mike Pellish; (910) 215-5729 mpellish@nc.rr.com

## Past Due Fines

The Village of Pinehurst Municipal Code and Development Ordinance contain regulations that govern appearance and construction standards related to properties within the Village. These regulations help to maintain the overall appearance of our homes and businesses. These ordinances improve property values and are also part of what makes the Village of Pinehurst so unique.

Property owners found to be in violation of these ordinances are subject to fines. Currently the Village has \$10,857 in past due fines due to these violations. The fines listed below are seriously delinquent and are subject to all collection efforts allowed by law.

Name	Amount
Kimbra Murphy Reagan	\$ 5,141
New Heritage Realty	2,670
Deutsche Bank Trust Co	607
Beverly Francine Marsh	607
Home Selling Services	589
Carolina Property Sales	531
Century 21 Prime Properties	507
Federal National Mort. Assoc.	152
Judy Wilson	53
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 10,857</b>