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Securing an adequate water supply for Pinehurst residents is one of the key objectives outlined in the Village Council's Comprehensive Long Range Plan. In fact, 87% of residents participating in a telephone survey "felt that Pinehurst needed to develop more water supply sources."

Pinehurst has experienced numerous water restrictions because of a lack of water availability, which has had a negative impact on the quality of life for Pinehurst residents and the local economy. The Carolina Hotel has had to serve guests on disposable paper products, the hospital has had to drill private wells to ensure a stable water supply, and residents have been restricted from using water outdoors.

The 2008 McGill Water Source Evaluation and Plan proposed the WestPoint facilities as a potentially viable means of providing additional water to Moore County. Because the facilities are in the same river basin as Southern Moore County, the reuse of water within the same basin does not require a costly and time consuming inter-basin transfer (IBT) permit, as would be required to transfer water from other parts of Moore County.

Today, the water treatment plant is producing processed water and treating wastewater for a local industrial customer, Gullistan Carpets. Water quality testing indicates the facilities are capable of producing potable water for residential consumption.

The facilities are capable of producing and

treating 7 million gallons of water per day.

Based on a preliminary engineering study, upgrades to realize the full rated capacity of each plant and modernize the facilities could be approximately \$15 to \$20 million per plant.

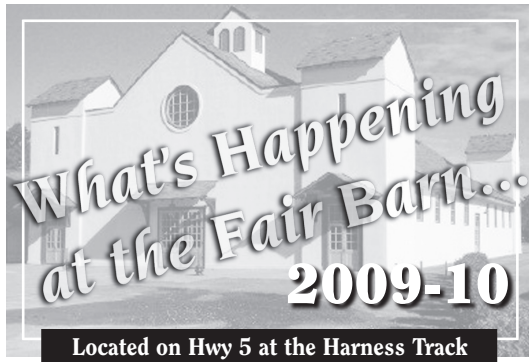
The Village intends to partner with other jurisdictions in the region who would like to secure a long-term water/wastewater solution for their communities. To that end, the Village intends to facilitate the formation of an entity that will oversee the provision of water and wastewater services to the region.

Jurisdictions that could partner with the Village include Aberdeen, Laurinburg, Maxton, Moore County, Pinebluff, Raeford, Red Springs, Scotland County, and Southern Pines. The partners in the regional consortium would share in the cost of any plant upgrades and the installation of transmission lines.

Upon approval of the sale by the Scotland County Commissioners, the Village will secure financing to purchase the WestPoint assets and will also be actively working towards forming a regional consortium in the next several months.

### Public Information Meeting On the Acquisition of the WestPoint Facilities October 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 pm Assembly Hall

Pinehurst residents and members of the surrounding communities are invited to attend a Public Information Meeting on October 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm in Assembly Hall. The Village Council and staff will present information about the proposed acquisition of the WestPoint water and wastewater facilities. Attendees will have an opportunity to also ask questions they may have about the purchase.



### **Oktoberfest Party**

German Band, food and entertainment  
October 3, 2009 6:00 pm  
Call 910-295-0166

### **Culinary Expo**

Moore County Chamber of Commerce  
October 18, 2009 5:00 pm  
Call 910-692-3926

### **CAC Halloween Fundraiser**

Benefits the Companion Animal Clinic  
October 31, 2009 7:00 – 10:00 pm  
Call 910-245-1230

### **Antique Show**

Benefit MCHA  
November 6, 7, 8, 2009  
Call 910-295-0166

### **Top Hat and Tails**

Benefits Animal Advocates  
December 7, 2009

### **Kiwanis Club of the Sandhills Casino Night**

February 13, 2010 6:30 pm

### **Run for the Roses Wine Tasting**

Sandhills Children's Center  
April 30, 2010 6:00 pm

### **Blue Jean Ball**

First Health Foundation  
June 5, 2010 6:30 pm  
Call 910-695-7500

### **Cancer Survivor Dinner**

FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital  
June 6, 2010

## **Meredith Silhol (the Barn Lady) Retires**

Meredith Silhol has retired after 6 years with the Parks and Recreation Department as the Fair Barn Event Coordinator. Known around the Village and community as the "Barn Lady", Meredith has played an important role in making the Fair Barn the successful venue it has become for all of the events she has worked with. Her dedication to customer service and striving to make each client's event special will be greatly missed. We wish our best to Meredith, her husband Buzz and son Donnie, as they relocate to Florida. Thank you Meredith for all that you have done, it is truly appreciated!



## **"Pathway to Awareness" Weekend October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>**

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) of Moore County is hosting its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual "Pathway to Awareness" Weekend on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at the Assembly Hall of the Village of Pinehurst. All events are free and open to the public.

Beginning Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, NAMI-MC will host Patricia and John Gallagher, authors of the recently released book, "No More Secrets". The Gallagher Family has been featured on the Oprah Winfrey Show, NPR and a variety of radio programs. They have also been featured in many newspaper publications as they shed light on a family surviving after a loved one develops a brain illness.

On Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm, the Gallaghers will be on hand for a book signing and "meet and greet" session. From 1:00 pm – 3:00 p.m., there will be an "Ask the Psychiatrists" Forum with Drs. Fernando Cobos of FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital and Dr. Robert Gardella of the University of Virginia Health System. They will be there to help answer the audience's questions regarding brain illnesses.



Registration begins at 12:30 pm for the ½ to 2 mile walk starting at 3:15 pm around the beautiful Rassie Wicker Park trail which surrounds the Pinehurst Village Hall Complex. There is no registration fee, but a \$10.00 contribution is required to receive a commemorative tee-shirt. Registration brochures can be found throughout the local area.

The weekend concludes at 4:30 pm with the "Candles in the Sky" Observance. This a moving and memorable experience as you watch hundreds of helium balloons released en masse in memory or honor of loved ones with a brain illness, caregivers, family members or professionals. Balloons can be purchased for \$5.00 each.

NAMI-MC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, which operates solely with volunteers and has no paid staff. All monies derived from the "Pathway to Awareness" Weekend are used to finance this event and to support local NAMI-MC projects. Tax deductible donations are welcome and always appreciated.

For additional information or inquiries, please call (910) 295-1053.

## CONSERVATION CORNER

When you use a drive through facility – fast food places, banks, drug stores, cleaners, etc., you are adding to global warming and wasting energy. For every hour you idle your car you waste up to 0.7 gallons of gas (depending on engine type). If you are going to stop more than 30 seconds, it pays to turn off your engine.

In one year, cars in the U.S. burn 1.4 billion gallons of fuel just idling. The average McDonald's drive-through wait is 159 seconds, which means their customers burn 7.25 million gallons of gas each year. If you add the rest of the fast food industry, the U.S. total is roughly 50 million gallons. As this type of food service spreads world-wide, especially in India and China, the figures could reach a staggering 30 billion gallons of gas each year. Think about it--Convenience vs. Waste! [Fr. "Hey, Mr. Green" Sierra Mar. /Apr. '09]

## Pinehurst Elementary Constructs a Fitness Trail

Thanks to a generous grant from Lowe's Home Improvement, Pinehurst Elementary celebrated the opening of their new fitness trail with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony in June. This was one of the biggest pieces of the Pinehurst Elementary School Garden Master Plan. Lowe's District Manager, David Hodges and Joseph Skipper, Lowe's Aberdeen Store Manager attended the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. The 1/7 mile trail is open to the public on weekends and evenings.

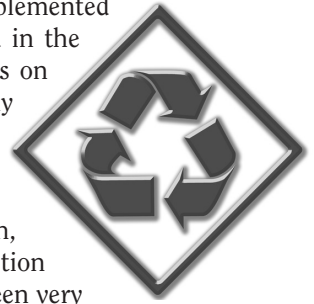
The fitness trail is the most recent addition to the gardens that were created in early July 2008. A FirstSchool vegetable garden was built in September 2008 to teach children about healthy eating. Funding for the materials came from Communities in Schools (CIS), Moore Regional Hospital Auxiliary and Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation. Classes began to rotate through the garden once a week in September with NC Cooperative volunteer, Bruce Fensley, and CIS's Garden Coordinator, Kathy Byron.

In May, Pinehurst Elementary was awarded a beautification grant from the Village of Pinehurst to install a wall of shrubs to protect the children from Dundee Road. At the same time, a main entrance was built with the generous support of Bart O'Connor and Design Company. Two beautiful conifer trees were donated for the entrance by the Pinehurst Conservation Committee on Arbor Day.



## T.R.Y. Weekly and Recycling

T.R.Y. Weekly, which was implemented in July, has been very well received in the Village and recycling participation is on the rise. As a reminder, T.R.Y. Weekly refers to the switch to collecting household trash, recycling and yard debris once each week. Few problems have risen with the switch, and for those who recycle the addition of weekly recycling collection has been very well received.



With recycling collected more frequently, now is the perfect time to jump on the bandwagon and start recycling. Recycling in the Village is really quite easy as you can place all recyclable items in one single bag or container and place them curbside on the appointed day for collection. It's that simple. No need to sort or separate.

It's estimated that at least 40% of household trash is recyclable. By volume, it may actually be higher as a lot of what is recyclable is packaging, cartons and containers that take up a lot of space in the trash receptacle (and the landfill). A list of recyclable items that are accepted by the Village is listed below. Once you start recycling, you'll quickly see just how much of what you throw away can be diverted from the landfill so don't delay, get started today!

### Recyclable Items

- **Paper (junk mail, newspapers, white and colored paper, envelopes, magazines, catalogs, office paper, pamphlets, brochures, letterhead, stationary, posters, greeting cards, etc.)**
- **Corrugated cardboard**
- **Chipboard cardboard (cardboard food packaging like cracker boxes, cereal boxes, 12 packs soda boxes, etc.)**
- **Plastics with numbers 1-7**
- **Metal cans**
- **Tin cans**
- **Aluminum cans**
- **Glass (clear and colored) bottles**

If you are new to the Village or would like to get started please visit the "recycling information" webpage under "Community Resources" at [www.villageofpinehurst.org](http://www.villageofpinehurst.org). or call the Pinehurst Public Services Department at 295-5021.

# Long-Range Plan Update

Since last fall, a Steering Committee made up of Pinehurst residents has been working to update the 2003 Long-Range Plan. Based on community input from meetings held in January, the Steering Committee is focusing on:

- Things we should try to enhance (such as community character and quality of life)
- Things we need to preserve (such as natural resources and open space)
- How to guide future changes (such as the Village Center and overall growth)
- What we need to support the kind of community we want to be (such as water supply roadway capacity, and community facilities)

Booklets summarizing discussion topics are available at Given Memorial Library, at Village Hall, and on the Village website ([www.villageofpinehurst.org](http://www.villageofpinehurst.org)) under Village Government – Updating the 2003 Plan.

The next steps in the planning process are expected to include:

- A community informational meeting (November 16, 2009), and
- A community telephone survey (November 2009).

It is anticipated that a draft Plan will be ready for review and discussion in the late fall and that refinement and adoption of the Plan will occur in 2010.

All meetings of the Steering Committee are open to the public and Pinehurst residents are invited to attend. The next meeting of the Steering Committee is scheduled for October 14, 2009 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at Village Hall.

# Pinehurst Fire Chief Jimmy McCaskill Retires After 34 Years With Village

After thirty-four years of service to the Village of Pinehurst, Fire Chief Jimmy McCaskill will retire on September 30, 2009.



Starting as a rookie fireman in 1975, Jimmy has served the Village faithfully while working his way up the ranks, eventually becoming Chief in 2005. Prior to becoming Chief, Jimmy also served as Lieutenant, Captain and Deputy Chief.

Over the years, Jimmy has witnessed and helped lead the Village through tremendous change, not only within the Fire Department, but also in the wider community as the population grew from approximately 1,000 to today's 11,900. During his career, a building boom occurred that saw the Resort and Hospital become major campuses with complex construction and protection needs, the Village weathered the myriad natural and man-made occurrences that make the life of a public safety official interesting, and he oversaw the construction of a new firestation.

During Jimmy's tenure, he volunteered for extended tours of duty in Eastern North Carolina fighting wildfires, in Louisiana assisting FEMA with recovery efforts after Hurricane Katrina, and he presently volunteers as a Camp Counselor at Camp Celebration in North Carolina, where children who are burn victims spend time each summer enjoying summer camp opportunities they may otherwise not get to experience.

Village Manager Andy Wilkison stated, "Jimmy McCaskill was the natural selection for Fire Chief in 2005 when the opening occurred, and there has not been a more dedicated, loyal, and self-giving Department Head than Chief McCaskill. Jimmy could always be relied upon to lead the Village and the Fire Department in all kinds of circumstances, whether the situation called for recovery from a hurricane, a winter ice storm, a tornado or twenty-four inches of snow. He will be missed tremendously, though he leaves the Fire Department in outstanding shape."

Jimmy is an avid hunter and fisherman, and will also spend time with his five grandchildren in his richly deserved retirement years. Deputy Chief Floyd Fritz will serve as Interim Fire Chief while the Village conducts a search for Chief McCaskill's replacement.

2003 Plan

Discussion Booklets

Public Input

## Back by Popular Demand 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade in the Village



It is a pleasure to announce the Village of Pinehurst will resume the long-standing tradition of a parade on the Fourth of July next year. The parade will be held on July 3, 2010. The popular pet parade will start the day followed by the main parade of music, dancers, old cars, civic and military organizations, etc. There will be watermelons, peaches and a variety of other foods served by Village restaurants. All area businesses, residents and guests are welcome to participate in celebrating Independence Day.

Anyone interested in being involved in the parade should contact Helen Neill at 910-245-0874. The parade will be sponsored by the Village of Pinehurst and friends.

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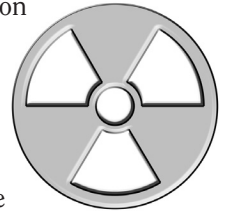
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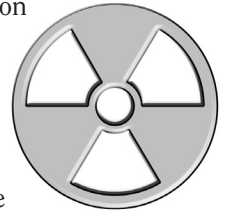
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Securing an adequate water supply for Pinehurst residents is one of the key objectives outlined in the Village Council's Comprehensive Long Range Plan. In fact, 87% of residents participating in a telephone survey "felt that Pinehurst needed to develop more water supply sources."

Pinehurst has experienced numerous water restrictions because of a lack of water availability, which has had a negative impact on the quality of life for Pinehurst residents and the local economy. The Carolina Hotel has had to serve guests on disposable paper products, the hospital has had to drill private wells to ensure a stable water supply, and residents have been restricted from using water outdoors.

The 2008 McGill Water Source Evaluation and Plan proposed the WestPoint facilities as a potentially viable means of providing additional water to Moore County. Because the facilities are in the same river basin as Southern Moore County, the reuse of water within the same basin does not require a costly and time consuming inter-basin transfer (IBT) permit, as would be required to transfer water from other parts of Moore County.

Today, the water treatment plant is producing processed water and treating wastewater for a local industrial customer, Gullistan Carpets. Water quality testing indicates the facilities are capable of producing potable water for residential consumption.

The facilities are capable of producing and

treating 7 million gallons of water per day.

Based on a preliminary engineering study, upgrades to realize the full rated capacity of each plant and modernize the facilities could be approximately \$15 to \$20 million per plant.

The Village intends to partner with other jurisdictions in the region who would like to secure a long-term water/wastewater solution for their communities. To that end, the Village intends to facilitate the formation of an entity that will oversee the provision of water and wastewater services to the region.

Jurisdictions that could partner with the Village include Aberdeen, Laurinburg, Maxton, Moore County, Pinebluff, Raeford, Red Springs, Scotland County, and Southern Pines. The partners in the regional consortium would share in the cost of any plant upgrades and the installation of transmission lines.

Upon approval of the sale by the Scotland County Commissioners, the Village will secure financing to purchase the WestPoint assets and will also be actively working towards forming a regional consortium in the next several months.

### Public Information Meeting On the Acquisition of the WestPoint Facilities October 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 pm Assembly Hall

Pinehurst residents and members of the surrounding communities are invited to attend a Public Information Meeting on October 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm in Assembly Hall. The Village Council and staff will present information about the proposed acquisition of the WestPoint water and wastewater facilities. Attendees will have an opportunity to also ask questions they may have about the purchase.