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Do You Know?

The Village collected 943 tons of recyclables in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, compared to 568 tons in 2007. That's an incredible 66% increase in recycling. In 2008, that reduced the amount going to the landfill by 18.72%, and saved the Village over \$34,000 in landfill tipping fees.

Naming Contest for NewCore Area

What do you think the NewCore area should be named? The Village Council wants to rename NewCore and wants to hear your ideas. To that end, the Council is sponsoring a naming contest to do just that. Be on the lookout for information on the Village website (www. villageofpinehurst.org) as the details of the naming contest are finalized.

On September 19, 2008, Moore Co. Public Utilities announced the return to Stage 1 Voluntary Water Conservation. For additional information on water restrictions and conservation measures, visit www.villageofpinehurst.org.

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Garbage Collection Changes Being Considered

The Village of Pinehurst is considering a change in the frequency of curbside collection of household trash and recycling. To that end, the Village is conducting a Public Information Meeting on Monday, October 27th at 6:00 pm in the Pinehurst Village Hall. This meeting will

give citizens the opportunity to fully hear about the potential changes, the reasons for considering the changes, and how the changes could impact a homeowner. This meeting will also provide a forum for citizen feedback.

The change, if ultimately approved and implemented, would alter the schedule for both household trash and recycling collections. The current practice is to collect household trash twice per week and recycling twice per month. The change under consideration would alter this schedule to once per week for household

Pinehurst Fire Department to Provide Rescue Services



In the upcoming weeks, The Pinehurst Fire Department will begin providing rescue services within the Pinehurst Rescue District in an effort to achieve

a quicker response to calls for assistance. As the pool of volunteers has dwindled over time, the volunteer Pinehurst Rescue Squad has requested the Village take over the provision of these services and has offered their rescue equipment to the Village.

The Pinehurst Rescue Squad has been providing rescue services to the Pinehurst area since 1974 with a totally volunteer staff. This dedicated staff has responded to countless numbers of calls over the years. Recently, the squad has had difficulty recruiting and retaining its volunteer force. The shortage of volunteers is a nation-wide concern to all agencies that provide emergency services. While there are numerous reasons for the volunteer shortage, the primary reasons seem to be the economy and the many training hours that are required to obtain and maintain certification.

Rescue services the Pinehurst Fire Department will now be performing will include searches, water rescue, high and low angle rescue, and vehicle extraction from automobile accidents. The Pinehurst Rescue Squad will continue to provide medical services, along with Moore County EMS units, and will also be available to stand by at sporting events. trash collection and once per week for recycling collection.

The Village's Recycling Committee recommended to the Village Council that the potential change in collection schedule be studied

to determine if a change was feasible from an operational standpoint. The Recycling Committee's recommendation was based on the results of a random direct-mail survey, a follow up telephone survey, and an independent study conducted by the North Carolina Division of Pollution Prevention and Environmental Assistance. All three of these suggested a change in the

collection schedule as something that should be considered. At the request of the Village Council, staff studied the feasibility of altering the collection schedule and determined it was feasible from an operations standpoint.

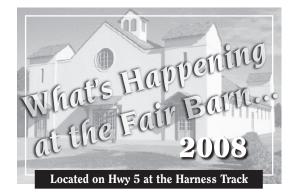
Roundabout Construction Heading Towards Completion

The much anticipated roundabout being constructed at the intersection of NC 2 and Carolina Vista is heading towards its estimated completion date of November 21st with a full head of steam. Boggs Paving of Monroe, NC, has worked diligently through the late summer tropical storms and as of this writing, finish grading in preparation for curb construction and paving is underway as is construction of storm drainage facilities.

The Village, the NCDOT and Resorts of Pinehurst have cooperated to keep traffic flowing to the Pinehurst Resort and Country Club, the Carolina Hotel, and the Core Village commercial district. Construction should be wrapped up in time for our area to take advantage of a hoped for busy fall tourist season. Until that time, residents are encouraged to utilize the club facilities as normal and to visit our core village merchants often and support them.

Construction at the intersection of NC 2 and NC 5 is also continuing and projected to be completed by mid-November. As of this writing, placement of the decorative traffic signal support poles is underway.

These two projects, first conceived of in the Village's 2003 Comprehensive Plan, are the product of a cooperative effort between the NCDOT, the Village and Resorts and are intended to provide a safe and efficient travel experience for citizens and visitors to the Village. We appreciate the support and patience of all Pinehurst citizens during this construction period.



Halloween Party

Companion Animal Clinic October 25, 2008 Dancing, Costume Contest, Games Call 910-295-0505

Moore County Historical Association Antique Show

October 31, November 1 & 2, 2008 Call 910-692-2051

Episcopal Day School Annual Auction

November 22, 2008 6:30 pm Call 910-692-3492

Carolina Brass Christmas Concert

Sponsored by Pinehurst Parks and Recreation Department December 14, 2008 4:00 pm Tickets are \$20 Call 910-295-0166

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 Super Flea Market and Garage Sale The Pilot March 14, 2009 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Call 910-693-2510

Tufts Archives Fashion Show

Tufts Archives March 26, 2009 6:00 pm Call 910-295-3642

Parks and Recreation Department Upcoming Programs & Special Events

Halloween Fall Fest

The Pinehurst Parks and Recreation Department and the FirstHealth Center for Health and Fitness are once again holding a Halloween Fall Fest. This family event includes games, hayrides, inflatables, face painting, prizes, candy, and more. It will be held Friday, October 31st between 5 and 7 p.m. at the FirstHealth Center for Health and Fitness. Admission, rides, and games are free, and there will be a few activities available at a small cost. Everyone is encouraged to come wearing their best costume and with a trick-or-treat bag to carry all of the prizes and candy.

Youth Basketball League

The Pinehurst Parks and Recreation Department is now taking registration for the 2008-2009 Youth Basketball League. This league is co-sponsored by Roly Poly, and is for boys and girls ages 5 - 12. Age is determined as of October 16, 2008, and the leagues are separated as such; Ages 5 & 6, Ages 7 & 8, Boys Ages 9 & 10, Girls Ages 9 - 12, and Boys Ages 11 & 12. The purpose of this league is for youth to have fun, while learning the fundamentals of basketball and exercising with their friends. All games and practices will be held in the Pinehurst Elementary School gymnasium. The cost for this program is \$10 for Pinehurst residents, \$15 for non-residents. This league is a Jr. NBA/Jr. WNBA sanctioned league, and will begin in December and run through the month of February. The deadline to register is Friday, November 14th. Registration forms are available at Village Hall and on the Parks and Recreation page of the Village website at www.villageofpinehurst.org. For more information regarding these programs, visit our website, or call (910) 295-2817.

Tai Chi

Are you looking for a non-impact fitness class that will leave you feeling calm and energized all at the same time? If so, Tai Chi is the class for you! Lee Holbrook will instruct this class based on the gentle circular movements of Tai Chi. This effective exercise increases body awareness, coordination, and longevity while strengthening immunity. People of all fitness levels can enjoy this peaceful morning workout which can be practiced almost anywhere. Class will meet Wednesdays in the Village Hall. Please pre-register with the Pinehurst Parks and Recreation department. The cost of this program is \$21 for Pinehurst residents, \$32 for non-residents. For more information, please contact the Pinehurst Parks and Recreation Department at (910) 295-2817.

Painting Class

We are currently offering two adult painting classes, one for advanced artists and one for beginners. Susan Edquist instructs both classes where participants learn about the techniques involved in painting with watercolor. Personal instruction, advice, and critiquing will be offered in these courses. A supplies list is available upon request. Classes will be held in the Village Hall Assembly Hall on Wednesdays and Fridays. Our advanced class is on Wednesday at 2:00 pm -5:00 pm and our beginner class is on Fridays at 12:30 pm -3:30 pm. The cost for this program is \$30 for Pinehurst residents, \$45 for non-residents. Please contact the Pinehurst Parks and Recreation Department to pre-register at (910) 295-2817.

Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee Selects Consultant

On Monday, September 22, 2008 the Village Council held a Special meeting to interview the three finalists being considered as the consultant to update the Comprehensive Plan. At that meeting, the Council selected the firm Planimetrix, out of Avon, Connecticut to facilitate the update. Planimetrix was the firm that assisted the Village in preparing its first Comprehensive Long Range Plan that was adopted in April 2003.

The next meeting of the fifteen-member Steering Committee is scheduled for October, 27, 2008 in the Village Assembly Hall at 2 pm. Interested members of the public are encouraged to attend. NCLM GR

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Water Conservation Tip

One method to reduce water consumption is to reduce irrigation. The Pinehurst area is fortunate to have heavily wooded areas of Longleaf pines, and in many areas these pines produce enough pine straw to serve as a great groundcover. If you have converted pine straw areas to turf, it may be time to consider eliminating the turf and returning to native pine straw. This conversion will result in reduced water consumption, lower water bills, and eliminate the need for mowing. If you choose to leave areas as turf, please ensure these areas are not subject to erosion.

Think Canvas Bags - Not Plastic!

You can make a difference in protecting our environment by using canvas bags for purchased goods. Using canvas bags not only saves oil, but it saves wildlife too. Animals are adversely affected when plastic reaches our waterways. Plastic bags are often found along our coastline. As a result of plastic bags reaching our waterways, animals can either become entangled or mistake the bags for food and die.

Pinehurst Accepts Green Challenge

The Village Council adopted a "green" resolution at their August 12, 2008 work session as the first step in accepting the North Carolina League of Municipalities "Green Challenge." This challenge acceptance was initiated by the Alternate Energy sub-committee of the Conservation Commission. The Village will endeavor to achieve several set goals over the next

three years to conserve resources and save money, thereby protecting the environment and operating in a more cost-effective, energy-efficient and environmentally-friendly manner.

The Village has already made great strides toward being a green community. The Conservation Commission was formed nearly five years ago, and with six sub-committees, has already accomplished a lot, including preparing brochures, conducting numerous educational workshops, and helping to increase recycling awareness, to name just a few projects.

One of the first goals of the Challenge will be to develop a "Sustainability Plan" that will guide future projects as they pertain to transportation, green building materials, water conservation, and the use of alternate energies such as solar and geothermal. Another goal the Village will focus on this year will be to conduct an energy audit of at least two government buildings in order to establish a baseline and identify ways the Village can save money and energy.

As always, the Village welcomes anyone who would like to help with these efforts. For further information on how you can be involved, please contact Molly Russell, Planning and Inspections, at (910)295-2581.

Local Wins Fireman Of The Year

The Pinehurst Fire Department is honored to announce that Deputy Chief Floyd Fritz was awarded the 2008 Fireman of the Year Award on August 30, at the NC State Firemen's Association annual conference in Winston-Salem, NC.

Deputy Chief Fritz has been actively involved promoting residential fire sprinklers by installing systems in Habitat for Humanity homes since the mid 1990's. Over the last twelve months Fritz has taken this program to the next level by traveling throughout NC assisting numerous fire departments and other organizations in increasing their awareness of this life saving

technology.



Deputy Chief Floyd Fritz

From Tryon to Ft. Fisher, Fritz has conducted presentations and installation workshops so that other fire departments could institute their own Habitat program for their communities. He has performed numerous educational programs for code officials, building contractors, homeowners and community leaders in the value of fire sprinkler systems.

Danville, VA Fire Chief David Eagle says, "Floyd is a true champion for a life saving cause and a tremendous asset to not only his community, but to the fire prevention community as well."

After winning the award, Fritz said he was surprised to be nominated and that it is a privilege to represent the department in receiving this award. "The Pinehurst Fire Department's residential sprinkler initiative is truly a department effort, where every member has played a part; I am only a small part of the whole."

For anyone interested in learning more about residential fire sprinklers they can contact the Pinehurst Fire Department at (910) 295-5575 or fire@villageofpinehurst.org.



Speed Limit Reduced in Village Acres and Lake Hills Road

Residents are reminded to pay close attention to the posted speed limits while driving within the Village. The Village-wide speed limit is 35 mph

unless otherwise posted. A number of streets within the Village are posted as 25 mph. Recently joining areas already established with 25 mph speed limits such as #6 golf course, Clarendon Gardens, Old Town and others, are all roads within Village Acres as well as Lake Hills Road off of Hwy 5. The purpose of lowering the speed limit in these residential sections is to increase public safety for all those living and driving in these areas.

Obeying the speed limits is not only the law, but is the safest way to reduce accidents and property damage on our streets. Please be aware of, and adhere to, the posted speed limits throughout the Village of Pinehurst.

The Carolina Brass Coming to the Fair Barn on December 14th



The Carolina Brass, under the direction of Tim Hudson, will be appearing at The Fair Barn Sunday, December 14th 2008 at 4 pm. The unique style and sound of this talented group has delighted audiences through-out North Carolina for years! Carolina Brass performs a variety of music including classical and contemporary, pops programs encompassing Broadway, jazz and

big band. Gather your family and friends and enjoy the sounds of the Carolina Brass; it will be the highlight of your holiday season! Tickets are \$20, and can be purchased at the Pinehurst Village Hall beginning November 3, 2008. Call The Fair Barn at 910-295-0166 for more information.

Christmas Decorating Contest to Be Held In Village Historic District

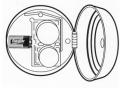
The Village Council's Downtown Decoration Committee is sponsoring a Christmas decorating contest which is open to all residents and businesses in the Historic District of the Village. The committee requests that all businesses and residents pull out the stops this year to make the Village brighter than ever. The contest theme is "Pinehurst, a Traditional Christmas."

Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place in each of two divisionsbusiness and residential. Judging will take place December 1-3, 2008, and prizes will be awarded the night of the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Friday, December 5, 2008.

For more information, please contact committee members Brenda Lyne at 295-1888 or Sherry Mortenson at 215-0505.

Help Save Lives: Remind Family, Friends And Neighbors To Change Their Smoke Alarm Batteries

As the time change approaches on Sunday, November 2, the fire department wants to remind residents to make another change that could save their lives — changing the batteries in their smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.



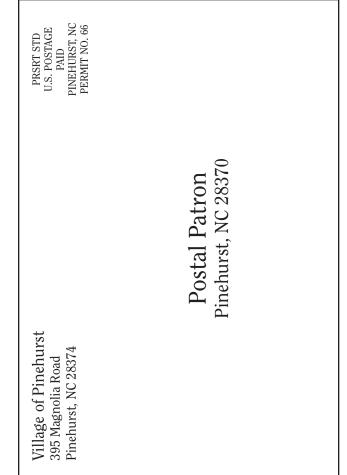
Communities nationwide witness tragic home fire

deaths each year. An average of three children per day die in home fires and 80 percent of those occur in homes without working smoke alarms. Nonworking smoke alarms rob residents of the protective benefits home fire safety devices were designed to provide. The most commonly cited cause of nonworking smoke alarms: worn or missing batteries.

Changing smoke alarm batteries at least once a year is one of the simplest, most effective ways to reduce these tragic deaths and injuries. In fact, working smoke alarms nearly cut in half the risk of dying in a home fire.

"The peak time for home fire fatalities is between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. when most families are sleeping," says Fire Chief McCaskill. "Smoke alarm maintenance is a simple, effective way to reduce home fire deaths. Children and senior citizens are most at risk, and a working smoke alarm can give them the extra seconds they need to get out safely."

In addition, McCaskill recommends residents use the "extra" hour they save from the time change to test smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors by pushing the test button, planning "two ways out" and practicing escape routes with the entire family. Families should also prepare a fire safety kit that includes working flashlights and fresh batteries.



CodeRED - Reverse 911 System

As previously announced, the Village of Pinehurst has contracted with Emergency Communications Network, Inc., for its "CodeRED" notification services. This system has allowed Village officials to deliver pre-recorded telephone messages to selected areas and the entire Village.

To be sure you are included in the database that receives the Village's notifications through CodeRED, please take a moment to check your address and phone number in the database. The process of entering your contact information is outlined below:

- Connect to the Internet and visit <u>www.villageofpinehurst.org</u>.
- Click on the link, "Sign Up For Emergency Notifications"
- Then click on the link to the CodeRed website

• Enter your contact information. If you are a business owner in Pinehurst, you may click the button on the top that says "Click to Switch to Business Data" and enter the contact information for your business.

• If you are unable to access this online, you may call the Village Hall front desk at (910) 295-1900 and they will enter your contact information for you.

Ensuring the accuracy of the database is an essential component to notifying residents in a rapid and efficient manner.