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Corrections to November 2006 Newsletter

Please note the following corrections to errors that were in the November 2006 newsletter:

- 1) 2007 Recycling Schedule-The individual dates were correct, but the column headings were wrong. The East side was inadvertently labeled the West side and vice versa.
- 2) 2007 Holiday Schedule- The Friday after Thanksgiving (November 23rd) was left off the list of 2007 holidays.
- 3) Recycling article on page 6-The article indicated the Village accepts stationery and office paper as recyclable materials, when in fact the Village does not accept these materials.

We apologize for the inconvenience caused by these errors.

Upcoming Holiday:

Easter- April 6, 2007 Offices will be closed and there will be no trash pick-up on this

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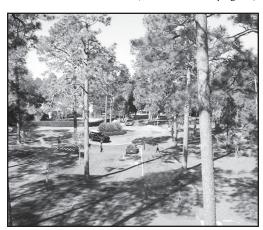
Go Ahead Given for Construction of Roundabout at Carolina Vista and NC 2

Over two years of planning by the Village of Pinehurst, the North Carolina Department of Transportation, and the State Historic Preservation Office recently culminated in unanimous approval of the construction plans for the roundabout at the intersection of Carolina Vista and NC 2, as prepared by the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

Originally conceived in the 2003 Village of Pinehurst Comprehensive Plan, the roundabout at this intersection is strongly recommended for this intersection as the preferred intersection treatment. The Comprehensive Plan, based on the stated desire of Pinehurst residents in a survey conducted at that time, recommends that the Village use methods other than traffic signals at village intersections when safety considerations and traffic volumes warrant some sort of control, since they are more in keeping with the curvilinear design of our road network.

Preservation of the world famous vista from the Carolina Hotel down towards the Country Club, and vice versa, was paramount in the Village's view when considering means of improving this intersection. Also, minimizing the impact on neighboring private, residential property, and providing the safest means for pedestrians, cyclists and motor vehicles to share this busy intersection led all parties to conclude that the roundabout was the preferred treatment.

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Services to be Provided to Pinewild Residents

Upon annexation, all Pinewild residents, businesses and property owners will be provided Village services on substantially the same basis and in the same manner as such services are provided within the rest of the Village prior to annexation. These services are outlined in the Annexation Area Services Plan, as well as a summary of the Services Plan, that can be located at www.villageofpinehurst.org.

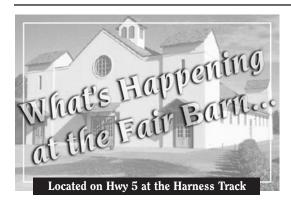
Pinewild residents interested in learning more about the services that will be provided by the Village upon annexation can attend one of three Public Informational Meetings that are scheduled for Friday, March 2nd. These meetings will be held from 9 am -11 am, 1 pm -3 pm, and 5 pm -7 pm in the Assembly Hall of Village Hall at 395 Magnolia Rd.

The Village will be extending Police protection services to the residents of Pinewild

on a 24 hour basis. This includes patrolling the 21 miles of streets as well as other traditional police services such as:

- a. Responding to calls for service from the home owner/property owner,
- b. Investigating misdemeanor and felony crimes,
- c. Correcting/Reporting of public safety hazards,
- d. Aiding property owners in capturing and removing stray/nuisance animals from his property,
- e. Assisting in the organization of a Community Watch if requested,
- f. Speaking to Civic/Community groups on varying topics of interest, and

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Pinecrest High School Patriots Dinner Dinner & Auction for the Football Team

February 24, 2007 6:30 PM Call 910-235-5333

Annual Home and Garden Show Moore County Home Builders Association

March 2, 3, 4, 2007 Call 910-695-1464

Pregnancy Fair FirstHealth

April 19, 2007 5:00 pm Call 910-715-4289

Run for the Roses Wine Tasting Sandhills Children's Center

May 4, 2007 Call 910-692-3323

Blue Jean Ball FirstHealth Foundation

June 2, 2007 Call 910-695-7500

FirstHealth Cancer Survivor Luncheon

June 3, 2007 Call 910-715-4289

Fourth of July Celebration at The Fair Barn

Ponies, games, fireworks! July 4, 2007 Call 910-295-0166





Village of Pinehurst Employee of the Year

On December 21, 2006, Village Manager Andy Wilkison announced Ricky Gooch, Sergeant in the Pinehurst Police Department as the 2006 Employee of the Year. Each year, the Employee Recognition Committee asks for nominations for the Village of Pinehurst Employee of the Year. Ten employees were nominated by their co-workers this year and were recognized at the annual holiday employee luncheon.

As Ricky was recognized, all heads turned to see him sitting in the audience with a look of surprise and delight at the unexpected announcement. Those in attendance gave Sgt. Gooch a standing ovation and many congratulatory handshakes as he made his way to the front of the room to receive his award. Sgt. Gooch, dressed in street clothes, had come in on his day off to attend the luncheon and to congratulate the Employee of the Year recipient!

Ricky Gooch is known by his co-workers as the consummate professional and true role model for other officers. He often serves as a mentor and trainer to newly hired officers during their orientation to the department. Gooch shared that he feels his greatest contribution to the department has been the opportunity to see officers he has trained receive recognition for their accomplishments or to be promoted to a higher rank.



Gooch can also been seen around the Village on his off days, as he runs several miles each day to maintain his physical fitness and to stay in shape for the annual Torch Run. He has represented the Pinehurst Police Department for the past 12 years by participating in and completing the run for Special Olympics.

Gooch stated that being nominated and selected as the Employee of the Year by his co-workers was truly a surprise and an honor. In October 2006, Ricky received the news that most officers would consider as the pinnacle of their career – he was accepted into the FBI Academy in Quantico, Va., on his first application. Sgt. Gooch is one of five applicants to be accepted from North Carolina to the three month program that started on January 7th.

What are the biggest changes Gooch has seen during his tenure with the Village? "The change in leadership from Chief Hooker to Chief Davis and the traffic!" says Gooch. When asked what he would like to see printed about him Ricky responded, "I want people to know that I am dedicated to my job and that I will be returning to my job at the Village as soon as I complete the FBI Academy program – man it has been a great year!"

Nominees for the 2006 Employee of the Year included:

- Pat Birge, Buildings and Grounds
- Ray Evans, Police Department
- Ricky Gooch, Police Department
- Bruce Gould, Planning
- Anna Hardy, Public Services
- Susan Key, Financial Services
- Dorothy Odom, Police Department
- Meredith Silhol, Fair Barn
- Tina Sheppard, Police Department
- Stacie Thomason, Financial Services

Services to be Provided to Pinewild Residents

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g. Responding to citizen requests for a welfare check on individuals whom the citizen has been unable to reach or make contact with, as well as requests from "Life Line" calls and "9-1-1 hang up calls."

In addition, the Village will extend its Solid Waste services to the annexation area and residents will be relieved of their obligation to pay for private collection services. Services include:

- Collection of household refuse twice per week
- Collection of recyclable materials every other week
- Collection of yard debris twice a week during the months of March through December and once a week the remainder of the year.

While the Village currently provides fire protection services to Pinewild residents, all residents will qualify for an ISO fire rating of 5 and will be relieved of their obligation to pay the separate fire district tax that is currently \$0.10 per \$100 valuation. Those Pinewild residents whose ISO rating is currently a 9 could experience as much as a 30% reduction in their homeowner's insurance premiums upon annexation. To determine the impact of a rating change, Pinewild residents can contact their insurance agent.

The streets of Pinewild are private, however the Village has indicated its willingness to assume the maintenance of the streets if they are dedicated to the Village within 30 days of the effective date of the annexation.

Water and sewer services that are currently provided to Pinewild residents will continue to be provided by Moore County after the annexation.

Pinewild residents should also benefit from other additional services being offered by the Village. Specifically, recreation services will be offered to Pinewild residents at the resident rate as opposed to the non-resident rate that is currently applicable. In addition, should Pinewild erect street lights, the Village would assume the associated utility costs. Finally, the Village's Planning and Inspection Department currently provides services to the majority of Pinewild, but those services will be extended to the entire annexation area. The Village's Code Enforcement Officer will also enforce the Village's Municipal Code which will be applied to the Pinewild area after annexation.

The impact on Village staff and the needed capital purchases

associated with annexation are outlined in the Village's Services Plan and will be discussed at the Public Information Meetings on Friday, March 2nd. Interested Pinewild residents are encouraged to attend one of the three scheduled meetings where Village staff will address questions about the provision of services to Pinewild upon annexation.

Go Ahead Given for Construction of Roundabout at Carolina Vista and NC 2 (continued from page 1)

The roundabout will be 100 feet in diameter, making it smaller than any other roundabout in the area, and it will utilize only the existing, decorative lighting now present at the intersection.

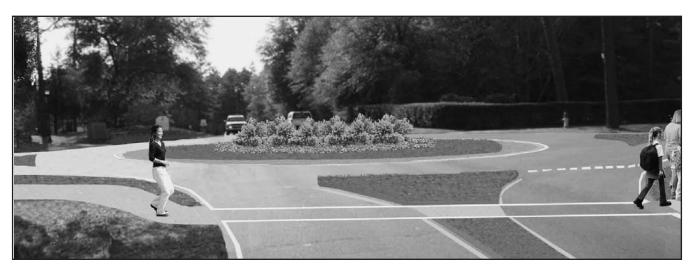
Resorts of Pinehurst will maintain the landscaping that is established around and in the roundabout, and the existing brick sidewalks will be relocated to match up with the pedestrian crossings included in the roundabout construction.

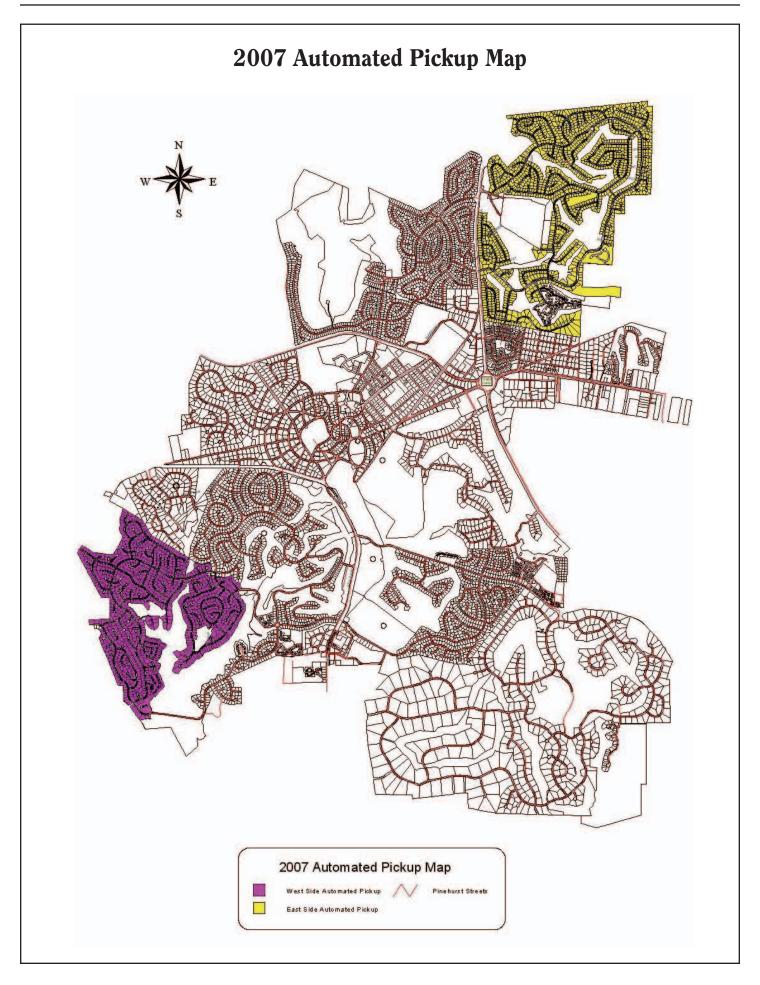
A short section of NC 2 east of the intersection of Carolina Vista and NC 2 will be relocated southward, towards the country club, to better line up NC 2 with the new roundabout. This will necessitate the removal of numerous trees of various types on the country club property, all of which will be replaced, tree for tree, type for type, on the old road bed of NC 2. Additionally, the elevation of NC 2, viewed looking westward from the country club entrance, will be lowered to improve the sight distance of motorists looking back towards NC 5 while entering NC 2 from the country club.

Concurrent with the construction of the roundabout, the NCDOT will construct turn lanes on NC 5 at its intersection with NC 2, alleviating traffic back ups that occur when vehicles on NC 5 are stopped at the intersection while attempting to turn left onto either NC 2 or McKenzie Road.

An artists rendering of the finished roundabout can be seen in the accompanying picture. Additionally, an informative ten minute video on the benefits of roundabouts can be seen at the Village's website, www.villageofpinehurst.org or you can acquire a cd rom of the video from the Village by inquiring at the receptionist's desk at the Village Hall.

Construction on the roundabout and the intersection improvements at NC 5 and NC 2 will occur in 2007, at a time that is reasonable taking into account the spring and fall resort golf seasons. The total construction time is estimated to take six months from start to finish.





Automated Trash Collection Inches Closer

As most of you are now aware, the Village of Pinehurst is implementing a new process for collecting household trash. The new method utilizes a trash receptacle provided by the Village to the residence and a truck that has a robotic arm that grabs the receptacle, empties it in to the truck and returns the receptacle to the same curbside location. The new method is more efficient and allows one person to do the same work that it currently takes two to do. It also permits the employees to work in a cleaner, safer environment as the operator would no longer be physically handling the refuse as is currently the case.

Implementation of the system is being phased in over four years with the first areas being Pinehurst #6 (excepting Juniper Lake Townhomes which will continue as-is) on the east side of the Village and an area along Burning Tree, west of Pinehurst Lake, on the west side of the Village (see map on page 4). This phased approach will provide three benefits to the Village. First, it spreads out the capital cost necessary to acquire the vehicles and equipment. Secondly, it allows the Village to respond quickly to issues and problems on a smaller scale and third, and perhaps most importantly, it gives the Village the opportunity to carefully evaluate the system in real time without being so financially invested in the system. If the new system does not meet the needs of Pinehurst, we will be

able to revert back to the current method or an alternate method for collection.

The new method of collection will begin on Monday, March 26 for Pinehurst #6 and Tuesday March 27 for the Burning tree area.

Residents in the affected areas will be provided with a 65 gallon trash receptacle the week of March 19 – 23. All bagged



trash must fit within the can. The trash receptacle will be assigned to the house and will remain the property of the Village of Pinehurst. Each resident will be receiving instructions with their receptacle indicating where and how to place the receptacle along with care instructions from the manufacturer. If you have bulky items such as large cardboard boxes that can not fit in to the receptacle, they will

be collected by appointment. Please call the Public Services Department at 295-5021 to schedule a pick up time. To assist the residents in placing their receptacle curbside, the Village will be placing a small temporary paint dot on the road to designate the best location. In the event the 65 gallon receptacle is too large, residents will be able to request a 46 gallon

size container. This is a common size sold in home improvement stores. The smaller size will be available after May 1. You may request the smaller size by calling the Public Services Department after April 30. In cases where a cul-desac is too small for the truck, the Village will use a modified pick-up truck to collect and empty the new receptacles. If you currently receive assisted pickup service from the Village, you will receive a new receptacle and continue to receive the same assisted pickup service. All residents will maintain twice-a-week curbside collection for household garbage. The change in household garbage collection has no impact on the recycling or yard debris pickup regulations or schedule.

Residents that live within the affected areas are invited to attend one of two public informational meetings to be held at the Village Hall located at 395 Magnolia Road. The purpose will be to provide more information and answer questions residents may have. Both meetings are scheduled for Tuesday March 6 with one at 9:30 AM and one at 6:00 PM. Interested parties need only attend one meeting.

Important dates to remember . . .

March 1 - 16 Pavement Marked for Receptacle Curbside Placement

March 6 Public Information Meetings

March 19 - 23 Receptacles Delivered to Residences

March 26 Commence Use of New Receptacle (Pinehurst #6)

March 27 Commence Use of New Receptacles

(Burning Tree Area)





Pinehurst Gains Wildlife Habitat Designation

Molly Rowell, Chairman of the GreenwayWildlifeHabitatCommittee of the Pinehurst Conservation Commission, announced at the Village Council's Special Work

Session on January 9, 2007 that the Pinehurst Greenway has been certified a National Wildlife Federation Wildlife Habitat. In fact, the entire Village of Pinehurst has been certified a National Wildlife Federation Wildlife Habitat.

The National Wildlife Federation (NWF) began the Wildlife Habitat Certification Program in 1973, and since then has certified over 75,000 habitats nationwide. The majority of these sites represent the hard work and commitment of individuals and families providing habitats near their homes. However, NWF has certified more than 2,500 schools, businesses and a few communities.

NWF teaches the importance of environmental stewardship by providing guidelines for making landscapes more hospitable for wildlife. In order to become certified, a property must provide the four basic elements that all wildlife need: food, water, cover and places to raise young. The property owner must employ sustainable gardening practices. Reducing the use of pesticides and fertilizers helps protect our environment and becomes an important factor in this program.

The Village of Pinehurst meets all these requirements. The Pinehurst Conservation Commission's mission is directly in line with the NWF Certification goals. Open spaces, tree and water conservation, and wildlife habitat enhancement all reinforce Pinehurst's commitment to preserving native wildlife. The woods, shrubs, gardens, Lake Pinehurst, neighborhood and golf course ponds provide the four basic elements. This is truly an example of nature and man living in harmony.



2007 Greenway Wildlife Habitat Committee Workshop

Topic: Native Trees and Shrubs for

Landscaping in the Sandhills

Speaker: Tracy Rush, Senior Biologist,

Dr. J.H. Carter III & Associates. Inc

Date: Saturday, March 3, 2007

Time: 10:30 am - noon

Place: Pinehurst Village Hall

Sponsor: Pinehurst Conservation Commission

Greenway Wildlife Habitat Committee



This workshop will cover the importance of using native trees and shrubs as well as placement and care. Several dozen species will be highlighted for the Sandhills area.

The speaker, Tracy Rush, has a Bachelor's Degree in Biology and a Master's Degree in Forest Resources from The Pennsylvania State University. She moved to the Sandhills in 1992 to work with The Nature Conservancy on a rare plant and natural community survey of Fort Bragg. She was then hired by Dr. J.H. Carter III & Associates and has worked as an environmental consultant for the past 14 years specializing in protected species surveys, natural community assessments and restoration in the Sandhills, Piedmont and Coastal Plain of North Carolina. Tracy also served as the Washington State botanist for 3 years and worked for the Smithsonian Institution's Department of Botany in Washington D.C

Annual Streets Improvement Project

On February 13th, Village staff presented the bids received for the Annual Streets Improvement project to the Pinehurst Village Council. The Council awarded this year's contract in the amount of \$672,799 to Barnhill Contracting Company, the lowest responsible bidder.

Work on the Annual Streets Improvement project is expected to commence in mid to late March to improve between 5 and 6 miles of Village-owned streets. The improvement process will include structural repairs of damaged pavement areas, chip seal coatings to impede future cracking and water infiltration, and a final riding surface of new asphalt.

The streets included in this year's contract are:

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Street	Beginning	Ending
Kingswood	Juniper Creek	Juniper Creek
Brunswick	Kingswood	End
Colonial	Kingswood	Bent Tree
New Bedford	Longleaf E	Longleaf E
McGrath	New Bedford	End
Scott	New Bedford	End
Vinson	Rutledge	End
Mcleod	Page	Dundee
Mcfarland	NC211	Mcleod
Kelly	Rattlesnake Road	Dundee
Everette	Short	Kelly
McIntyre	Woods Road	McCaskill
Short	NC2/Midland	McIntyre
Ferguson	Shaw	McKenzie
Ritter E	Chinquapin	NC5
Ritter W	NC5	McKenzie
Diamondhead	Burning Tree	End
Statler	Diamondhead	Burning Tree
Turtle Point	ST Andrews	End
Castlewood	Turtle Point	End
Oak Hills	Lakeforest	Ridgewood Road
Ridgewood Road	End	End
Ridgewood Place	Ridgewood Road	End
Chinquapin	Barrett East	Magnolia Road
Dogwood	Magnolia Road	Cherokee Road
Sapphire Ct	Diamondhead	Dead End
Beryl Lane	Diamondhead	Dead End
Jade Ct	Diamondhead	Dead End
Lakeforest Place	Lakeforest Drive	Dead End

If you live on or near one of these streets, please be especially observant during the times in which work is occurring to help ensure both your and the work crew's safety. You may also wish to allow a few extra minutes when traveling to appointments during the work time as lanes may be closed at times to allow for various portions of the work to be accomplished.



Mixed Paper Recycling at the BP Station Opposite the Fresh Market

The recycling of mixed paper and cardboard at the BP Station opposite the Fresh Market was so successful in 2006 that it is being continued with a new collection schedule for 2007. The collection dates are the second Saturday of alternate months in 2007.

Residents can place items in the Waste Management bin from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on these dates:

March 10 May 12 July 14

Materials accepted include: junk mail, shredded paper, telephone books, Christmas cards, gift wrap, cardboard packaging, newspapers, magazines and flattened boxes. Non-rechargeable batteries are also accepted.



Census Workers Needed

The U.S. Census Bureau is seeking applicants for part-time and full-time temporary jobs to work on the 2008 Census Dress Rehearsal. Most households will receive a census questionnaire in the mail, and census workers will visit households that do not return a completed questionnaire. Census Bureau temporary employees will conduct interviews with community residents and update addresses. Most positions require a driver's license and the use of a vehicle. Employees can adjust their hours worked to fit their schedule.

Starting pay is \$11.50 per hour, paid weekly. Training time is paid, and employees will receive reimbursement for mileage. Assignments are usually in your own area.

Candidates for this employment will need to take an employment test that is 25 multiple choice questions designed to measure the skills and abilities required to perform a variety of census jobs such as reading, math, map reading and following instructions. Candidates will be required to bring three documents of identification to the testing session. To apply, please phone toll free 1-866-673-2008.

To obtain more detailed information, you can contact Mr. George Pence in Whispering Pines at (910) 949-3358.



6th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade

This program, co-sponsored with the Pinehurst Business

Guild and Muirfield Broadcasting, will be held Saturday, March 17 in downtown Pinehurst. The parade will begin at 11:00 a.m. with entertainment to follow. The entertainment will include the 82nd Airborne "All American Chorus" and more. Anyone interested in being involved in the parade should contact Adam Crocker at (910) 295-2817.

Saturday, March 17
Parade begins at 11:00 a.m.
Entertainment to follow

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Yard Debris Pick-Up Update

The Public Services Department currently picks up yard debris on Mondays. Beginning in March we will begin picking up yard debris on Mondays and Fridays. Please have all yard debris curb side by 7:00 a.m.

The Public Services Department would like to remind the residents of a few conditions to be met before the yard debris can be picked up. Please do not place the following items in with your bagged yard debris:

- 1. Dog waste or cat liter
- 2. Plastic plant containers
- 3. Drink cans or bottles
- 4. Every day garbage

Items that are mixed with yard debris will result in the yard debris not being picked up.

Once the bags are picked up, they are brought to the Public Services Department where each bag is torn open and dumped into a pile. The yard debris is then transported to the Moore County Landfill to be ground up and reused for mulch.

There is no cost to Pinehurst to dump the yard debris at the landfill; however, there is a charge to private property owners. Yard debris pick-up is a service that the Village provides to the residents so they do not have to incur the landfill charge.

In the past few months, we have experienced a high level of miscellaneous items mixed in with the yard debris. Sifting through all the different items is time consuming and sometimes very messy. We ask that residents be conscientious when bagging their yard debris. Please remember that if your yard debris is not packaged correctly, the Village will be unable to pick up it up.

