

Do You Know?

There are two remaining
Recycling dates for materi-
als at the Fresh Market:

April 22

June 3

Upcoming holidays to be
observed by the Village:

- Good Friday- April 14
- Memorial Day- May 29
- Independence Day-
July 4

The Planning Department
issued 239 in-town building
permits in 2005 with a total
value of \$40,970,855. They
also issued 44 building per-
mits for the Village's extra-
territorial jurisdiction with a
total value of \$16,347,402.

The Planning Department
issued 206 in-town Certifi-
cates of Occupancy and 48
in the extra-territorial juris-
diction during 2005.

In the Village, 71% of the
284 new houses constructed
in 2005 were built for sale-
spec houses.

The Engineering Depart-
ment will soon be soliciting
information from citizens
regarding Stormwater prob-
lems. Look for information
coming soon in local newspa-
pers.

Draft NewCore Plan to Go to Village Council Soon

In the summer of 2005, the Village of Pinehurst began what possibly may be the most important Planning Project since 1895, when James Walker Tufts hired Frederick Law Olmsted to design the Village that we know today. This Planning Project is called the NewCore Master Plan. The planning area consists of approximately 19 acres which is bounded by McCaskill Road, Community Road, Magnolia Road, and Dundee Road and is in close proximity to the picturesque shops and historic buildings of the Village Center. The area is commonly known as the Village Service District with the vast majority of lands within this area are zoned Neighborhood Commercial.

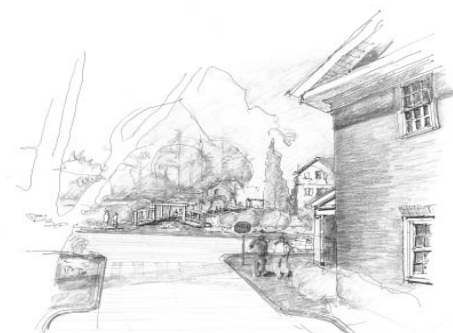
When the Village undertook its comprehensive planning effort (that finished in 2003 with the adoption of the 2003 Comprehensive Plan), it was determined that the potential of the NewCore warranted a formal master planning effort in order to guide future development within this sensitive area. The Village then hired Raybould and Associates, a land planning firm from Raleigh, NC, to help prepare the NewCore Master Plan.

The NewCore Master Plan began with research and fact finding at which time the project team visited the study area and became familiar with the setting and context of the site. During that visit and subsequent visits, members of the public expressed their opinions on desirable outcomes. Numerous sessions were held to give stakeholders many opportunities to make comments and propose ideas, both one-on-one and in small and large groups, including an interactive "Vision Survey". The centerpiece of the input process was a three-day charette that combined the resources of the citizen participants, the Steering Committee, Village Staff and the project team to brainstorm, expound upon, and refine a "Concept Plan"

for the area. Throughout these sessions, property owners, residents, and business owners provided valuable and specific input on the desired vision for the NewCore.

The consensus that was reached during these planning processes was that the NewCore area should be developed with a mix of uses and the scale and character of the area should reflect that of the existing Village Center. A recurring message was heard: when the NewCore is developed, it should be done in a manner that protects the existing Village Center. Attempting to protect existing natural and physical resources within the area was also a major concern during the process, and the plan attempts to do just that. These resources include trees, historic structures, etc.

At this point, the Steering Committee is finalizing its review of the Draft NewCore Plan, which will be forwarded to the Village Council upon completion. If the Village Council approves the plan in its entirety or with modifications, Village staff will then begin the process of evaluating the Pinehurst Development Ordinance. Staff will determine what changes need to be made to ensure that, when the NewCore area is developed, the regulations are in place to guide development in accordance with the NewCore Plan. The Draft NewCore Plan is now available for residents to see online at www.villageofpinehurst.org.





“Give a Lot to the Village, Mean a Lot to the Village” Land Donation Program

The “Give a Lot to the Village, Mean a Lot to the Village” program encourages Pinehurst property owners to donate parcels of land or lots to the Village’s land bank. The donated property is then used by the Village to retain open space, create greenways, and control storm water issues.

To date, seventeen generous property owners have donated property to the Village for this program:

- Baehne, George
- Bowers, Mark and Mary Speth
- Clack, Charles G. and Pennie S.
- Critton, Thomas J.
- Donald, Linda L. and Levin, Nathan W
- Fuentes, Mary S. and Paul M
- Granger, William H. and Rebecca I.
- Harden, Arthur M.
- Johnson, Peter L. and Sheila J.
- Miller, Glenn I. and Betty J.-
- Morrow, Roy A. and Alice D.
- Mrocca, Mark and Madonna
- Perini, Mary E
- Sullivan, Joseph M. and Suzanne B.
- Walker, Barton F. and E. Holley
- Westcott, Richard P. and Shirley E.
- Zimmerman, R. Peter and Mary

To facilitate land donations, the Village provides the legal and title search services and pays the normal fees associated with the transfer. It is the donor’s responsibility to determine the value of the donated property for charitable deduction purposes. Donors should consult with their tax advisor on the determination of value and the deductibility of the donation.

Property donors who have a Pinehurst Country Club membership attached to their lots may transfer their membership, at no expense, to any other residential lot in Pinehurst that does not already have a membership attached to it by making an application to Beth Kocher, Executive Vice President, Pinehurst, Inc.

Property owners who wish to take advantage of this program, need additional information, or have questions about the program should contact Andy Wilkison, Village Manager, at (910) 295-1900.

Moore County Home Builders Expo

March 3, 4 & 5, 2006
Call 910-695-1464

Andy Cooney Irish Show

March 11, 2006 @ 7:30 pm
Tickets \$25
Call 910-295-0166

West Point Glee Club Concert

March 15, 2006 @ 7:30 pm
Tickets \$20
Call 910-295-0166

Blue Jean Ball

FirstHealth Foundation

June 3, 2006
Call 910-695-7500

Old Fashion 4th of July Picnic

July 4, 2006
Entertainment, Fireworks, Food
5:00 pm - until

Dog Days of Summer

September 8, 2006
Pinehurst Business Guild
Call 910-295-0166

Sandhills Quilters Show

October 13 & 14, 2006
10 am to 5 pm
Call 910-295-6730

Antique Show

November 3, 4 & 5, 2006
Preview Night November 2, 2006
Moore County Historical Association
Call 910-692-2051

The Fair Barn is located on Hwy 5 at the Harness Track.



CONSERVATION COMMISSION COMMITTEES

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES

GREENWAY HABITAT COMMITTEE

Greenway Habitat is one of six committees under the Pinehurst Conservation Commission. This committee has several objectives, the primary one being to identify and label native plants along the greenway trail. Having been awarded a grant by the NC Division of Forest Services for the Urban & Community Forestry Grant Program, the committee has begun the process of identifying native plants and placing signs along the greenway trail, focusing on the section of the greenway beginning at First-Health Center for Health & Fitness. We will also add various native plants, such as pitcher plants, to bare areas and eradicate some non-native, invasive plant species.

Other projects include creating demonstration butterfly gardens using native plants to give residents ideas for gardens of their own. Some committee members are monitoring existing bluebird houses and encouraging residents to place their own in appropriate areas. The committee is also working with Moore County Master Gardeners to sponsor educational workshops on attracting wildlife to your backyard and encouraging residents and businesses to apply for National Wildlife Certification as a "backyard habitat." To aid us in our conservation goals, we are also offering bluebird houses and native wildflower greeting cards for sale.

This is fun and educational work for the committee's enthusiastic members. Anyone interested in working with our committee may call the chairperson, Susan Strine at 215-0571.

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

The Open Space Committee is committed to a simple and direct mission— to effectively preserve the beautiful open space in Pinehurst. Two major initiatives will be initially undertaken:

- 1) Continue the program already launched by the Village Council that encourages landowners to donate property to the Village, and
- 2) Develop a program to encourage groups of property owners to purchase open lots adjacent to their home.

Both initiatives will offer incentives to encourage this action by property owners.

A unique characteristic of this committee is that it is organized and functions as a recognized Non-Profit Organization. The lengthy process to create this structure is now complete. This non-profit is called Pinehurst Open Space Trust (POST) and may be contacted at P.O. Box 1352, Pinehurst, N.C. 28374. Phone 910-215-0607.

Currently this committee's most pressing need is funds for operating expenses, legal costs, and printing and mailing expenses. Tax-deductible donations may be made to POST. If you are interested in joining this committee or have questions, please call 235-0635.

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

There are five good reasons why residents should recycle: 1) recycling conserves valuable natural resources; 2) recycling saves energy; 3) recycling saves clean air and clean water; 4) recycling saves landfill space; and 5) recycling can save money and create jobs.

Every Sunday, Americans waste 90% of recyclable newspapers. Recycling just 10% of America's newspapers saves the equivalent of about 25 million trees each year - and every year, a single tree can filter as much as 60 pounds of pollutants from the air. Every Sunday Americans throw away enough paper to waste 500,000 trees. (Source: www.recyclingit.com).

In 2002, Americans recycled 54 billion aluminum beverage cans, representing 1.6 billion pounds of aluminum. (source: www.aluminum.org). It takes 95% less energy to produce an aluminum can from a recycled can than from aluminum ore. It also requires 97% less water and creates 95% less air pollution. The energy saved from recycling one aluminum can will run your TV for 3 hours.

If we recycled every plastic bottle we used, we would keep 2 billion tons of plastic per year out of landfills (source-Penn State).

In the U.S. today, 34% of all glass containers are recycled. Approximately 25% of the raw materials used in glass production now come from recycled glass. (Source: www.gpi.org and www.thomasrecycling.com). The energy saved from recycling one glass bottle is enough to power a 100-watt light bulb for four hours.

Anna Hardy Named Village Employee of the Year



On December 21, at the annual Employee Christmas Luncheon, Andy Wilkison, Village Manager, announced that Anna Hardy was selected as Employee of the Year for the Village of Pinehurst. Anna is the Administrative Assistant for the Engineering & Operations Departments, which includes Fleet Maintenance, Public Works,

Solid Waste and Streets & Grounds. During her 10 year tenure with the Village, she's been known to wear many hats and she is a familiar face to all Village employees. Anna was very surprised to win the award, and appreciates the support of her co-workers.

The Employee of the Year Award was established in 2004 and is open to all employees. Nominations are submitted by co-workers. The Employee Recognition Committee, a committee made up of employees from each department, consider each nomination in relationship to the Village Vision and Values and chooses the employee they feel best reflects those qualities. This year the Employee Recognition Committee considered nominations submitted for **Becky Jensen, Financial Services; Adam Crocker, Parks and Recreation; Tim Brewer, Streets & Grounds; Linda Brown, Administration; Pat Birge, Buildings & Grounds Maintenance; and Linda Mizell, Planning & Inspections.**

COMMENDATION LETTERS FROM CITIZENS

Village of Pinehurst staff members always strive to do a good job every day as they carry out their appointed tasks. Sometimes though, citizens feel that employees do a job that is above and beyond what is expected and write a letter of commendation.

Three police officers received a commendation letter in 2005. Michael Tew helped a lost visitor find his hotel; Jason Council coaxed a bird out of a citizen's house; and, Judy Hunsucker took a citizen home after a car accident and made her feel better.

The Public Works Department received four letters expressing thanks for work well done. Property owners from # 6, Pinehurst Trace, and Surry Circle all wrote to commend the leadership in the Streets and Grounds Department as well as the crews. The crews in the Sanitation Department received a letter for work that is beyond what is expected. The Pinehurst Garden Club wrote thanks for the Public Works Department's assistance in the preparation of the Christmas swag.

Zoning Code Enforcement Officer Angel Smith as well as Customer Service Representatives Johnnie Gebhardt and Karen Ramey received a letter of appreciation for their ready smiles and help in resolving issues.

All these employees would say that they were just doing their job, but obviously some citizens feel they were doing more than that!

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Every day, Americans churn out 3.5 pounds of garbage. If lined up bumper to bumper, a string of garbage trucks hauling the nation's daily waste could reach halfway to the moon.

A new landfill generally costs more than an old one that has filled up. This is because it typically costs more to comply with new environmental regulations, to buy the land, to construct the landfill, and to transport waste because new landfills generally are farther away than older ones. The current landfill that our waste goes to has a projected life of only 6 to 8 years. The owners are applying for an expansion that will extend that life to 20 years, but regardless if they do or do not get to expand their facility, recycling remains something all residents can do to help preserve the environment.

Residents can recycle the following items on a bi-weekly basis by placing them curbside: aluminum & steel cans, glass bottles or jars, # 1 & # 2 plastics, corrugated cardboard, newspapers, and magazines.

Newspapers, magazines, and corrugated cardboard must be bundled separately from each other, while the rest of your recyclables can be commingled. **Materials should be put out the night before scheduled pick-up or by 7 a.m. to ensure it is collected.**

If you prefer, you may drop off your recyclables at Pinehurst's recycling center which is located at 600 McCaskill Road and is open 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Monday thru Friday. The containers are clearly marked, so PLEASE SEPARATE MATERIALS and put them into the proper containers. Trash should NOT be deposited at this site.

Advisory Boards- Appointments and Retirements

The Village Council was busy in 2005 making appointments to advisory boards. There were a total of six citizens appointed for initial terms on the Board of Adjustment, the Community Appearance Commission, or the Planning and Zoning Board.

Peter Franklin was the lone appointment to the Board of Adjustment. Charles Butters was appointed as an alternate to the Community Appearance Commission in March and then appointed to a full membership in December. The remaining appointments in 2005 were to the Planning and Zoning Board: Tom Campbell, Larry Cox, Bob Hughes, and Judy Townley.

During 2005, three citizens retired from various advisory boards, two due to term limits, one for another reason. Fred Griffith completed six years on the Board of Adjustment; Chet Schirmer completed the same term, serving on the Planning and Zoning Board. Wally Mauch reluctantly resigned when he and his wife decided to return to Michigan to be near their family.

Pinehurst is blessed with citizens who have a willingness to work to improve their community. We extend a heartfelt **"THANK YOU!"** to all these outstanding citizens who unselfishly volunteer their time and talents.

Pinehurst Greenway Phase III To Begin Soon

The Village should begin construction on Phase III of the Greenway Trail System this spring near the Carolina Hotel on Ritter Road, cross Hwy. 5 and then follow Shaw Road to Linden Road heading west on Linden Road. As part of the construction for Phase III, renovations to previous phases will also be done to prevent the trails from washing out along various downhill slopes.

During these renovations, which should begin in February, some portions of the trail will be temporarily closed; and, where possible, alternate routes will be created. Additional measures will be installed to collect and divert storm water runoff, and the surface of the trails will have a binding agent applied to reinforce them.

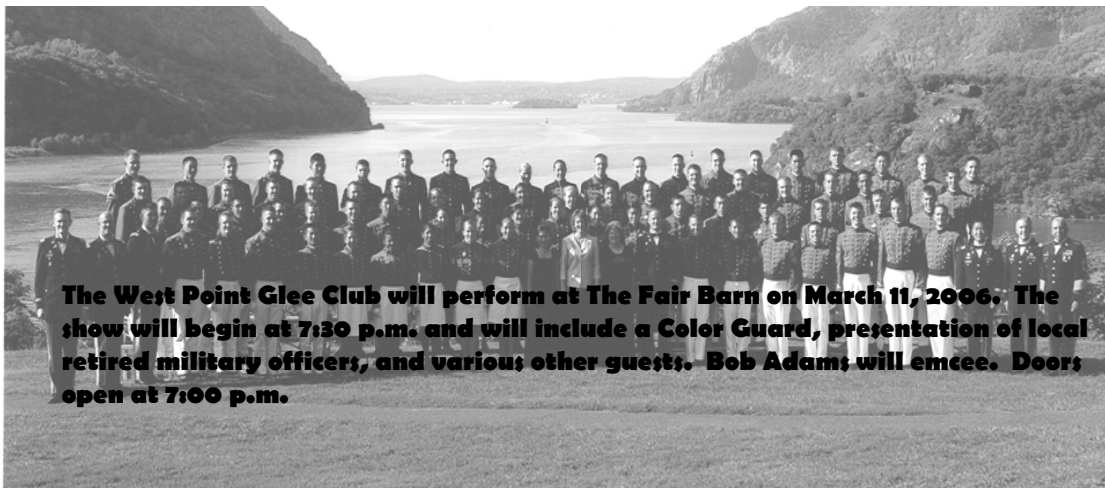
In addition to these improvements, the Greenway Wildlife Habitat Committee will be installing signs along the trail to identify native plants and trees in various locations. For more information or to provide any comments or suggestions regarding the Greenways, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 295-2817.



Wicker Park Phase I Construction Continues

Phase I development of Rassic Wicker Park, which began in September on the 103 acre site where the current Village Hall and Police Station are located, is continuing on schedule. Amenities planned for this initial phase of construction include a regulation size soccer field, an outdoor in-line hockey rink, playground, concession/restroom building, paved trails, stone screening trails, parking areas, brick sidewalks and associated landscaping. In 2003, the Parks and Recreation Department received a North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) grant in the amount of \$225,000 which the Village was required to match in order to receive funding.

The construction of Phase I is scheduled to be completed by the end of February 2006 for all park amenities except the in-line hockey rink, which should be completed in late March or early April. Future phases of development will see the installation of additional brick sidewalks, walking trails, tennis courts, covered shelter, horse-shoes/shuffleboard courts, spray ground/aquatics feature, sand volleyball, and an amphitheater.



The West Point Glee Club will perform at The Fair Barn on March 11, 2006. The show will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will include a Color Guard, presentation of local retired military officers, and various other guests. Bob Adams will emcee. Doors open at 7:00 p.m.

Village is Seeking Your Website Suggestions

Village staff is in the process of reviewing the effectiveness of our website. In the months ahead, the Village plans to evaluate the design, content, and functionality of our website. Staff has a few ideas for needed changes but would like to solicit comments from the citizens of Pinehurst on how we can serve you more efficiently via the Internet.

If you have ideas or suggestions and would like to share them with us, please visit our website at <http://www.villageofpinehurst.org> and click on the Citizen Survey link. Alternatively, you may call the Village and request a paper survey be mailed to you. To help kick start your thoughts, we are looking for ways to minimize unnecessary trips and phone calls to Village Hall for those of you who have Internet access. What information and services can we offer on our site to serve you most effectively?

Moore County Summit Initially Successful and Pressing On

With initial urging and organization by the Pinehurst Civic Group and the Pilot Newspaper, the first Moore County Summit was held in Carthage on December 9, 2005. Village of Pinehurst representatives have been involved in the organization of the effort since the very beginning, starting back in June of last year, and the entire Village Council attended the December 9 session in Carthage.

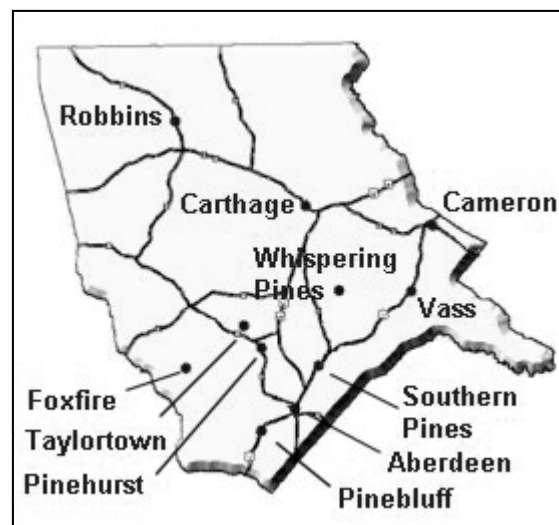
The mission of the summit is to serve as a catalyst for proactively addressing our regions' issues and challenges which cross jurisdictional boundaries and affect the quality of life of our region's citizens.

Through continuous communication with and between all Moore County governments and citizen organizations, we intend to effect the positive change necessary to better serve our diverse citizenry, while at the same time preserving the quality of life that Moore County residents already enjoy.

The representative local governments of Moore County have agreed to pursue further use of the services of Mr. Phil Boyle of the School of Government at UNC-Chapel Hill. Mr. Boyle will be facilitating additional planning meetings and the efforts of the Moore County local governments and other major private and public entities in addressing the significant challenges facing Moore County that cross jurisdictional lines. Moore County local governments and other organizations have already rallied around the Towns of Robbins and Vass in their efforts to address their faltering economies through the STEP (Small Towns Economic Prosperity) program of

the North Carolina Rural Center. Additional worthwhile efforts are being researched by the Planning Committee to possibly be addressed by the Summit. Possible efforts which might be addressed are the Facilities Plan for the Moore County Schools, and support of further land-use planning efforts in Moore County.

The next meeting of the Moore County Summit participants will be February 28, 2006 at 6:00 pm at Little River Golf Club. Participants at this meeting will primarily be the elected officials from all of the Moore County local governments and the Moore County School Board. Look for further updates on the progress of the Moore County Summit efforts in the local media.



PUBLIC WORKS STAFF IMPLEMENTS ROUTE CHANGES

Beginning January 1, 2006, the Solid Waste Division of the Public Works Department implemented new sanitation routes. As a result of the changes in the routes, you may have seen new faces picking up your household garbage. Each solid waste employee has a specific area assigned to him which will simplify the collection process. The changes are a result of the significant growth that is, and has been, occurring in Pinehurst.

Unless you have been previously notified of other pickup arrangements, please remember that all household garbage, yard debris, and recycling must be placed curbside by 7:00 a.m. on the designated days. **In the event that your items are not ready by 7:00 a.m. and your street has already been picked up, the Village will be unable to return due to time constraints.** In this event, residents may utilize the Moore County Landfill, if necessary; and, recyclables may be deposited at the Village's recycling yard located at 600 McCaskill Road.

Please remember that yard debris is picked up only on Mondays until February 28th, 2006. Pick-Up of yard debris will resume the Monday and Friday schedule beginning March 1st, 2006. Please also remember that all loose yard debris must be bagged and all limbs must be no longer than four (4) feet in length and bundled. If yard debris does not meet these requirements, it will not be picked up.

The Village will provide assisted pick up in your area only to those residents that have a physical hardship that prevents them from getting their refuse to the curb. To apply, contact the Public Works Department at 295-5021 and an application may be completed over the phone. Each application will be independently reviewed and a site visit will be scheduled with Village staff to evaluate the request.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please call 295-5021.



FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING EXERCISES

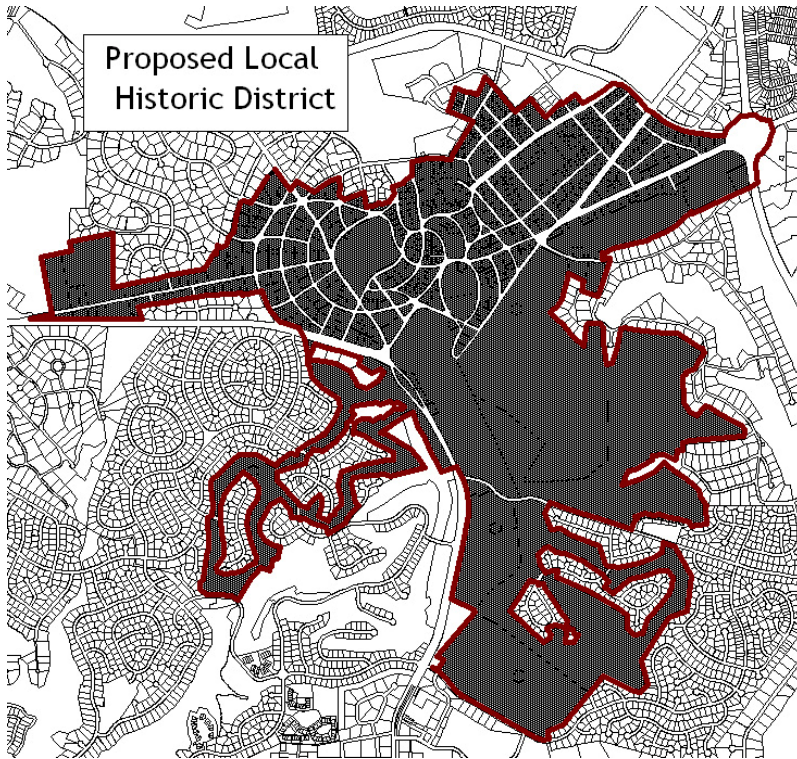
On September 21, 2005, Moore County experienced a severe thunder storm. During the storm, lightning struck a pine tree in Robert (JJ) Southers' yard, ran into the garage via a water line, and set the house on fire. Commander Southers was on duty at the Pinehurst Fire Department when the call was received for his home.



The home was well engulfed with fire upon his arrival. When asked how he handled responding to a fire at his own home, Commander Southers responded, "Once I saw my family outside the home and safe, it was just another house fire".

Early in January, the Pinehurst Fire Department conducted live-fire training in the Southers home. The training spanned three days allowing all three fire department shifts to participate in the training. Once the training was complete, the fire was allowed to consume the rest of the combustibles. This aided Commander Southers with the clean-up, and allowed the fire department personnel to receive some hands-on training.

Commander Southers has plans to rebuild on-site in the near future.



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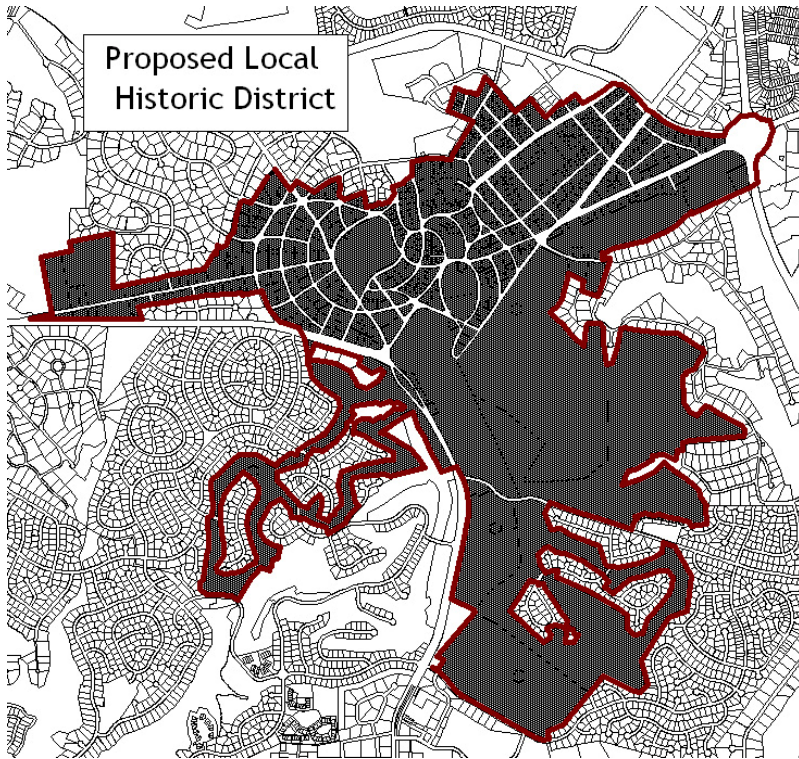
Preserving the Village's Character with a Local Historic District

Historical research and an architectural survey have been conducted by the consultant firm Circa, Inc. This survey included properties outside of the already established 1996 National Historic Landmark boundary, otherwise known as Old Town. The purpose of this survey was to determine a proper boundary for a local historic district. The final draft from the consultants was received at the end of January.

The intent of a local historic district is to preserve the Village's heritage and character. In order to achieve this, design standards unique to this district will be established. The purpose of the standards will be to promote character, yet not to impose authenticity. The Village Council will hold public hearings on distinguishing a local historic district boundary this spring.

The Village is now accepting applications for volunteers to serve on the Historic District Commission. Once members are established, the Planning and Inspections staff will begin training the volunteers.

If you are interested in volunteering for this Commission, please visit our website, www.villageofpinehurst.org or contact the Planning and Inspections department at 295-2581.



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