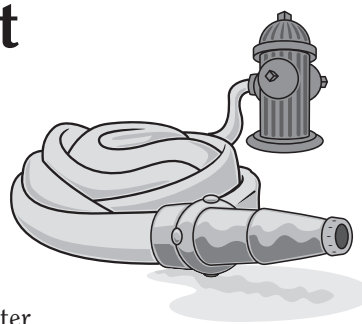


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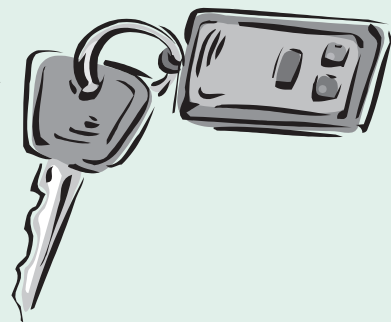


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Motorcycle Patrol Begins Work

In April, the Police Department acquired a 2006 Harley Davidson Electra Glide motorcycle to be used exclusively for traffic enforcement and public events. The motorcycle was part of the 2005-2006 budget and purchased from Sandhills Harley Davidson. The "Motor Unit" as it is referred to, is equipped with everything the "Motor Officer" needs to investigate traffic collisions and to enforce the traffic laws in the Village. The motorcycle has a state of the art radar unit which works while the Motor Unit is moving or if it is stationary. It also has dual mounted radar antennas for the front and rear of the motorcycle. It is capable of tracking vehicles coming at it and going away from it in either direction. The Motor Officer also has the latest "push to talk" radio so he can communicate with the department's dispatchers.

The Village of Pinehurst has experienced an increase in the volume of vehicles traveling through the Village. As a result of this increase the number of problems associated with the high volume of traffic has increased. The most recent NC Department of Transportation study conducted in 2004 revealed that the traffic circle has over 87,000 vehicles going around it a day. From January 2004 through June 2006 the Police Department issued 3,863 state citations for traffic violations within the Village limits. During that same time frame the Police Department investigated 952 vehicle collisions with one being a fatality.

Chief Ronnie L. Davis realized that the ever increasing traffic problems called for a different approach to help combat the problems. The police motorcycle is one approach to help with the traffic problems. The police motorcycle has been in use in one form or another for over 100 years. The motorcycle is capable of getting to accident scenes quicker, maneuvers through traffic easier, it is able to get into places a patrol car can not and is capable of turning around in the roadway safer and faster. The Motor Unit is going to be used everywhere in the Village but is going to concentrate in those areas where speeders are a problem and where drivers are failing to stop for red lights and stop signs.

Officer Jason Council is the first Motor Officer for the Pinehurst Police Department. Officer Council has been out and about in the Village trying to get a feel for the new Motor Unit. The Motor Unit has already been used in two public events. In May, it escorted runners from various law enforcement agencies in Moore County for the annual Special Olympics Torch Run. In July, it was the lead motorcycle in the Police Department's 1st annual motorcycle ride for Special Olympics. Officer Council is scheduled to complete a one week ride-a-long training program with the Fayetteville Police Department's Motor Unit in August. He has been selected to attend the NC State Highway Patrol Basic Police Motorcycle Operators course at the end of October. After completion of the two courses Officer Council will be hitting the streets on a full time basis to help make the Village of Pinehurst roadways safer for its citizens.



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September 23, 2006 6:30 p.m.
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These Three Tenors Concert

December 1, 2006 6:30 p.m.
Cocktail Party immediately following
the Tree Lighting
Heavy hors d'oeuvres included
in ticket price
Beverages purchased separately
Tickets are \$40 per person
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Dinner and Silent Auction

Episcopal Day School
December 2, 2006
Call 692-3492

The O'Neal School

Annual Dinner and Fundraiser
February 3, 2007
Call 692-6920



The National Alliance on Mental Illness of Moore County invites the public to join them in their inaugural *Pathway to Awareness* Weekend in celebration of Mental Illness Awareness Week. The event begins on Saturday, September 30th at 7:30 p.m. with Patty Duke as a special guest speaker for the Ruth Paulley Lecture Series at the Owens Auditorium of Sandhills Community College.

The event concludes on Sunday, October 1st at the Pinehurst Village Hall complex with a book signing by Patty Duke from 1:30 to 2:30. The Celebration of Courage floral art exhibit will be on display all day in the meadow next to the Village Hall. This exhibit will include a combination of nearly 1,000 irises, daisies and tulips that are 45" high by 14" wide. Registration begins at 3 p.m. for a ½ mile to 2 ½ mile walk around the Pinehurst Village Hall complex; the walk starts at 4 p.m. The closing ceremony begins at 5:30 p.m. with the Candles in the Sky observance in the open meadow near the floral display. This will include an en masse launch of hundreds of helium filled balloons, with a message of hope, in honor or in memory of loved ones with brain disorders, their family members, friends, other caregivers and medical professionals.

If you are interested in walking or sponsoring a *Pathway to Awareness* Walk team, please contact Patty Laughlin, at 295-2337 or via email pattykula@hotmail.com or NAMI Moore County, 295-1053.

For additional information about the weekend, sponsorship opportunities or to offer your help, please contact one of the Co-Chairs of the event with your name and telephone number.

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Old Town area, and is free and open to the public.

The all-day event combines the talents of hand crafters in a variety of genres – from woodworking to glass, stitched art to lawn ornaments, hand-crafted jewelry to metal sculpture. Area restaurants and food vendors will dot the gathering as downtown shops offer sales and specials.

"This is one of the largest crafts gatherings in the area where no item is mass produced," said Janeen Driscoll, president of the Pinehurst Business Guild. "It's our way of celebrating the fine arts of homemade goods in our community each year."

Citizen's Pet Responsibility Committee

In March, 2006 the Moore County Commissioners appointed a "Citizens' Pet Responsibility Committee". Angela Zumwalt chairs the committee whose charter is to "provide and drive, with the support of the County Commissioners, solutions to the pet overpopulation crisis in Moore County."

On the committee is an array of folks representing many different groups - hunters, breeders, breed rescue and animal welfare agencies and groups, veterinarians and representatives of the local school district. All are all eager to improve the situation.

The committee is focusing on:

- Education
- Spay/Neuter
- Placing homeless pets
- Communications/awareness

The committee's approach is to focus on areas of the county one at a time - saturate the focus area with education and communications, campaign to get folks signed up for low-cost spay neuter and then have a "Pet Responsibility Day" celebrating pet ownership and offering vaccinations and low-cost spay/ neuter on site.

The committee has chosen the northern part of Moore County as the pilot area with the town of Robbins being the hub. This area has both rural and "town" environments, a growing Hispanic population, and is undergoing a revitalization project that is supported at the state level.

The Pinehurst Business Guild will welcome nearly 200 artisans and crafters as it celebrates the 28th Annual Holly Arts and Crafts Festival. Held Saturday, October 21 from 10 am - 4 pm, the event is located in the heart of Pinehurst's Historic

Pinehurst Greenway Wildlife Habitat Committee

People of all ages enjoy walking, jogging, or biking along the trail that runs through the Pinehurst area. The corridor of green space includes woods and open meadows. Observant hikers notice seasonal wildflowers peeking out in unexpected places. These small bursts of color, the songs of a variety of birds, the skittering of little animals and the serenity of stately pines engulf trail visitors with the beauty of nature in our area.

The Greenway Wildlife Habitat Committee (GWH) is responsible for the Pinehurst Conservation Commission's (PCC) efforts to protect habitats for wildlife in public areas starting with the Pinehurst Greenway.

Committee Objectives and Projects

Surveys: With assistance of a consultant and volunteers, the GWH Committee surveys plant and animal habitats along the trail. The purpose is to preserve these habitats for their intrinsic value in the natural environment and for the roosting and feeding of birds and other animals. This includes an extensive bird survey along the trail. The GWH Committee maintains inventory lists and posts findings on the Village Website as the identification process continues throughout the seasons. Watch for future plantings of native species along the trail.

Trail Markers: Markers are now in place along the Greenway Trail to identify native plants. Committee members who are also Master Gardeners Volunteers provide valued expertise to this process. Surveys will continue through each season, and the Committee will add new markers as appropriate. The Committee also will solve problems created by damaged plants and non-native, invasive plants.

Bluebird Trail and Butterfly Garden: Rassic Wicker Park contains an existing bluebird trail. Committee members and others monitor this trail and will replace damaged or missing bird houses. The Committee is collaborating with First Health to locate a butterfly garden on

their property near the Health and Fitness Center. A consultant hired by the GWH Committee provided data and suggestions for the proposal. There is much work ahead before this project becomes a reality.

Public Walks:

Our trail coordinator plans public walks along the Greenway which emphasize wildlife flora and fauna along the trail. She offers guided walks with a consultant or encourages non-guided use of the trail. Look for announcements for an upcoming trail walk in the fall. We are planning regularly scheduled fitness walks along the Greenway Trail. This coordinated effort with the Health and Fitness Center not only increases the public's fitness, but engenders awareness and enjoyment of one of Pinehurst's wonderful assets.

Public Education and Awareness: The GWH Committee has produced workshops in 2006 to educate the public about the ecosystem and ways to preserve native plants and animals. The workshops also provide steps that residents can take to enhance local wildlife habitats at home and in open spaces. These professionally designed and delivered workshops have been very popular. The GWH Committee also provides speakers for meetings and events sponsored by community organizations. This year we delivered the following workshops:

- Attracting Wildlife to Your Backyard, Part I (NWF Certification)– Dolores Muller
- Attracting Bluebirds to Your Backyard – Helen Munro
- Attracting Hummingbirds in the Sandhills – Susan Campbell

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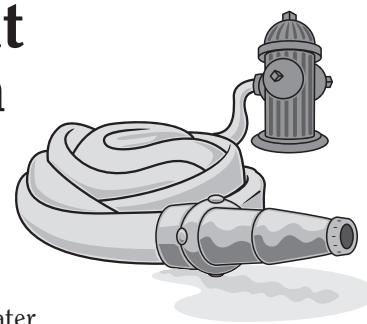
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Sharing Trail Benefits

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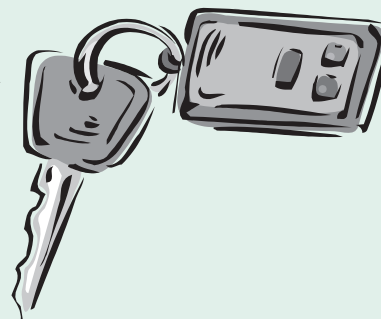


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Though Beth's time and attention will now be deservedly focused on her husband Brad and her grand-daughter, Madeleine Rae, her friends at the Village of Pinehurst will fondly remember her contributions to the greater community and the benefits that resulted. Best wishes to Beth in her retirement!

