

Village Newsletter

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Phase I of the Pinehurst Greenway System Opens

The Pinehurst Greenway Committee and the Pinehurst Parks and Recreation Department held a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to officially open the first phase of the Greenway System on Wednesday, December 1st. The ceremony was held behind the FirstHealth Center for Health and Fitness between two boardwalks that were built by FirstHealth to cross over a wetland area along a portion of the trail.



Phase I and

a portion of Phase II have been completed totaling 1.83 miles of trails and boardwalks. Upon completion, the first two phases will run from the intersection of Forest Dr. and Hwy. 15/501 (across from the south entrance of Pinehurst No. 6) and eventually connect into the downtown Village. The greenway connects to existing trails in Rassie Wicker Park and a section has been incorporated into the proposed area of the Arboretum to continue on Magnolia Rd. into the Village. Future phases are planned to continue making connections throughout the Village for the entire community to enjoy.

A **SPECIAL THANKS** goes out to all of the individuals who served on the Greenway Committee for their hard work and dedication. The members of the committee are Tom Campbell who served as the com-

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Finance Department Implements New Microsoft System

The Village of Pinehurst Finance Department recently deployed a new ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) system. The new Great Plains® Microsoft Business Solution is a fully integrated tool that allows the Finance Department to administer every aspect of the Village's financial operations within a single, automated system.

Microsoft was so impressed with the Village's successful implementation that it wanted to share our story with its current and prospective clients. To that end, Microsoft produced a promotional video that includes Mayor Steve Smith, Assistant Village Manager Natalie Dean and Financial Analyst Becky Jensen. The video can be viewed online at Microsoft's website, or <http://www.microsoft.com/resources/government/mbs.aspx>.

Last year the Village's Finance staff began searching for new software and quickly realized that we wanted to implement a true Windows-based solution. "Becky Jensen really spearheaded the search and implementation, and she deserves a lot of credit for her leadership on this project," says Natalie Dean.

The Village's new solution now maintains all financial data within a single repository. By allowing the Finance staff to enter and monitor financial data more easily, the new system not only increases productivity, but enhances the accuracy of the Village's financial records as well.

"I think it is a great compliment for Microsoft to recognize the Village for its implementation of the Great Plains product," says Dean. The entire Finance staff contributed significantly to this project and they all are to be commended for their efforts to maximize the Village's investment in technology.



What's Happening at the Fair Barn...

O'Neal School Dinner and Silent Auction

February 5, 2005

Call O'Neal School for information

"Annie Get Your Gun"

A traditional favorite with wonderful music
February 17, 18, 19, 20, and February 24, 25,
26, 27, 2005

Tickets TBD

Sandhills Theatre Company

Pinehurst Parks and Recreation Department

Home and Garden Expo

March 4, 5, 6, 2005

Tickets TBD

Moore County Home Builders Association

Pinehurst Parks and Recreation Department

Andy Cooney Irish Show

A fabulous showman, superb evening of song
and laughter!

Friday, March 11, 2005 7:30 P. M.

Tickets \$25 Students \$12

Pinehurst Parks and Recreation Department

The Drake School of Irish Dance Champion Dancers from Ireland and United States

March 16, 2005 3:00 P. M.

Tickets TBD

Sponsored by Quail Haven Village

Matinee Races

Pinehurst Harness Track

April 3, 2005

Fair Barn Open for Tours

The community is embracing The Fair Barn as the gathering place for Moore County and surrounding areas. The Fair Barn is receiving clientele from as far away as Atlanta, New York, Chicago, Houston, Seattle and Arizona! *We still have wine tasting parties, wedding receptions, concerts and expos to enjoy throughout 2005!*

Village Arboretum Update

A groundbreaking ceremony for the Village Arboretum located in Rassie Wicker Park was held by the Pinehurst Historic Preservation Foundation in November. The Foundation has received about \$100,000 in donations and commitments towards the project to date. Initial clearing has been completed on the corner of Magnolia and McCaskill Road with the construction of the first two structures/amenities due to begin after the first of the year. The Foundation is managing the project in cooperation with the Parks and Recreation Department.

The entrance structure which is to be constructed on the corner of Magnolia and McCaskill Roads has been donated by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bisbe of Pinehurst while Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tweed have donated the planned overlook. There are still a number of naming opportunities available throughout the Arboretum which will cover an estimated 30 acres when completed. Anyone interested in making a donation can contact Jim Lewis, Treasurer, at 215-5672 or mail your contribution to the Pinehurst Historic Preservation Foundation at PO Box 398, Pinehurst, NC 28370.

The Greenway Habitat Preservation Committee

As part of the newly inaugurated Pinehurst Conservation Commission, the *Greenway Habitat Preservation Committee* will be working with the Parks and Recreation Department to preserve and enhance the natural aesthetics of Pinehurst's new and growing greenway trail system.

With the help of volunteers with expertise in plants and animals, the Committee will be conducting surveys throughout the year to catalogue the diversity of native trees, plants, birds, and other animals whose habitats the greenway traverses. Using grants the Committee will be applying for in the coming year, the collected database of information will be used to place markers identifying plants and other areas of natural distinction. The hope is to make the greenway trails a source of information on the wildlife living here within Pinehurst as well as a place of recreation for all to enjoy.

The goal of the Committee is also to rehabilitate some areas of the greenway with the addition of understory plantings native to the Sandhills that will add to its beauty and vitality.

As the greenway will be tying into the arboretum project within Rassie Wicker Park, the Committee has also begun to establish a relationship with Pinehurst Historic Preservation Foundation, sharing our information resources to ensure the continuity of the goals between the two organizations and working on mutual grant opportunities.

If you would like more information on this Committee or would like to volunteer on any of its projects, please contact the Planning Department at 295-2581.

"A Quick Conservation Tip"

Plant and turf grass water requirements during the winter months are normally fulfilled by rainfall. Most residents can totally shut off irrigation water during the months of December, January and February.

2005

RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Month	West	East
January	5	12
	19	26
February	2	9
	16	23
March	2	9
	16	23
	30	
April		6
	13	20
	27	
May		4
	11	18
	25	
June		1
	8	15
	22	29
July	6	13
	20	27
August	3	10
	17	24
	31	
September		7
	14	21
	28	
		5
October	12	19
	26	
November		2
	9	16
	23	30
December	7	14
	21	28

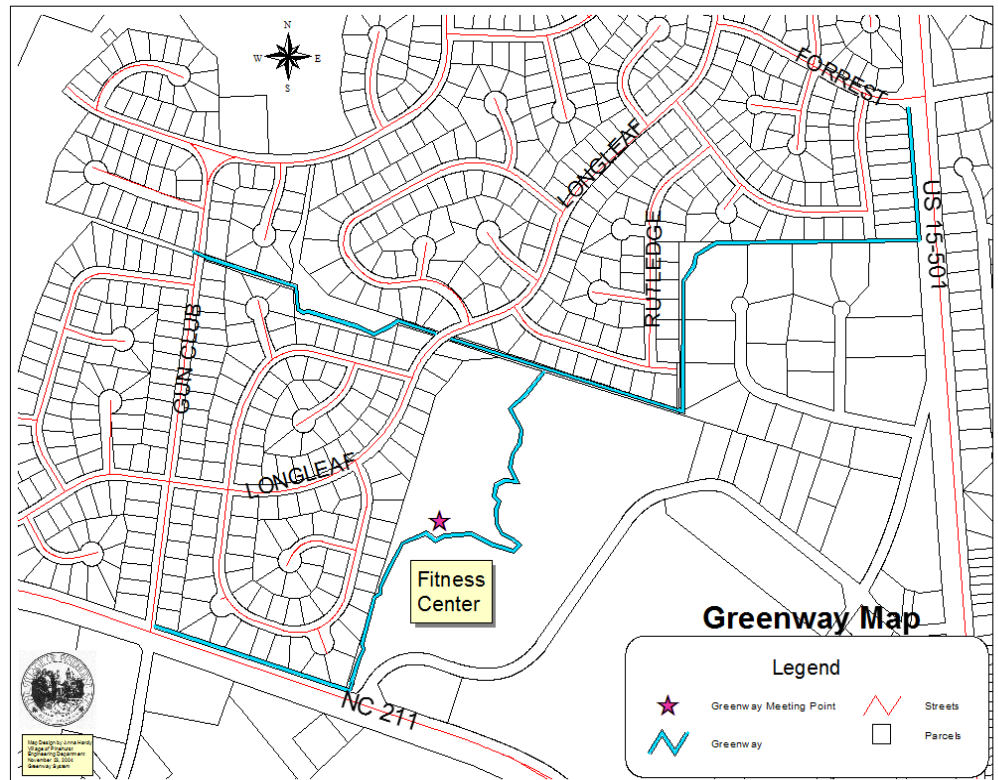
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mittee chairman, Bob Farren, Bill Lewis, Ginger Lash, Bill Baron, Ginsey Fallon and Jeff Batton. Thanks also go to the many citizens and businesses who supported the project including FirstHealth of the Carolinas, Pinehurst Resort, Progress Energy, and the NC DOT which is scheduled to install a four way crossing signal on Hwy 211 in early 2005.

The Parks and Recreation Department will be responsible for the maintenance of the trail surfaces which are six feet wide and consist of 3” – 4” of compacted stone screenings. Signs have been installed to indicate the entrances to the trail. The Department will also work with the Conservation Committee to help locate and identify various wildlife habitats along the trail.

All of the greenway system may be used by pedestrians and bicyclists, however no motorized vehicles or golf carts are allowed. Users are also reminded of their responsibility to clean up after their pets.

For more information on the Greenways System, please Contact Mark Wagner, director of Parks and Recreation, at 295-2817.



2005 Observed Holidays

- 01/17/05 MLK Day
- 03/25/05 Good Friday
- 05/30/05 Memorial Day
- 07/04/05 July 4th
- 09/05/05 Labor Day
- 11/24/05 Thanksgiving
- 11/25/05 Thanksgiving
- 12/23/05 Christmas
- 12/26/05 Christmas

Beginning January 1, 2005, yard debris will only be picked up on Mondays.

How Can I Find Out What’s Happening?

Schedules of all Village Council meetings and all advisory board meetings as well as a monthly calendar of events are posted on the bulletin board in the reception area of Village Hall, 395 Magnolia Road. Agendas of meetings are posted as soon as they become available. You may view upcoming Council agendas on the Village’s website: www.villageofpinehurst.org. The Pilot runs the legal advertisements for all Public Hearings in the legal section of their classified advertisements.

Citizens who submit a request may receive schedules, calendars, agendas, press releases and legal notices via e-mail. Please send your request to: lbrown@villageofpinehurst.org.

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2005 ADVISORY BOARDS MEETING SCHEDULE

Board of Adjustment

**Community Appearance
Commission**

**Planning & Zoning
Board**

Third Thursday – 4:00 pm

First Tuesday – 8:00 am

First Thursday – 4:00 pm

January 20

January 4

January 6

February 17

February 1

February 3

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April 21

April 5

April 7

May 19

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June 16

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The Village needs you to submit a volunteer application to serve on one of these three boards. This is an excellent opportunity to give to your community.

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