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Village of Pinehurst

395 Magnolia Road, Pinehurst, NC 28374

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## Village Hosts a Public Input Meeting for the Lake Pinehurst Neighborhood

The Village of Pinehurst invites residents from the Lake Pinehurst neighborhood to participate in a public input meeting on Thursday, April 13 at 7:00pm to discuss the proposed sidewalks and street lighting projects.

According to the survey mailed to Lake Pinehurst residents in March, residents indicated desires for sidewalks and street lights. Overall, the survey indicated a 56% dissatisfaction rate with the availability of sidewalks and a 50% dissatisfaction with street lights in the Lake Pinehurst neighborhood. Nearly 80% of respondents indicated sidewalks and/or streetlights would enhance the feeling of safety with walking in the neighborhood at night.

The Village of Pinehurst mailed over 2,700 letters and surveys to all property owners in the Lake Pinehurst neighborhood seeking their input on sidewalks and street lighting. In total, the Village received 940 responses, or a 34% response rate. This response rate provides a 99% confidence level that the survey results are representative with a 3% +/- margin of error. The presentation for the public input meeting, including the complete survey results, is available for public inspection at [www.vopnc.org/sidewalks](http://www.vopnc.org/sidewalks).

To address an area of high overall resident dissatisfaction and enhance pedestrian connectivity and safety, the Village proposes to construct concrete sidewalks on four main thoroughfare roads in the Lake Pinehurst neighborhood over the next two years. The Village's proposed FY 2018 five-year financial plan includes \$833,000 in funding for sidewalk installation and \$6,500 for streetlight installation in Lake Pinehurst over the



next two years. The Village proposes to fund these projects from existing revenue sources.

Phase 1 of the proposed project includes 1.34 miles of concrete sidewalks on St. Andrews Drive (from Linden Road to Lake Forest Drive) and Lake Forest Drive (from St. Andrews Drive to Sugar Gum Lane). These sidewalks are proposed to be installed prior to June 30, 2018.

Phase 2 of the proposed project includes 1.12 miles of concrete sidewalks on Burning Tree Road (from Lake Forest Drive to Pine Vista Drive) and Pine Vista Drive (from Burning Tree Road to Linden Road). These sidewalks are proposed to be installed prior to June 30, 2019.

To address the high dissatisfaction levels with street lighting in the Lake Pinehurst neighborhood, the Village has included funding in its FY 2018 five-year financial plan to increase the number of streetlights from 9 to up to 30 throughout the entire neighborhood. Ultimately, the number installed will be impacted by the input provided on April 13 by residents of Lake Pinehurst who will have the ability to vote for their desired density of street lighting.

The April 13 meeting will be held in Assembly Hall at Village Hall located at 395 Magnolia Road. In addition, the Pinehurst Village Council, or a majority thereof, may be in attendance at this meeting.

For more information on the Village of Pinehurst proposed sidewalk and street lighting projects, visit [www.vopnc.org/sidewalks](http://www.vopnc.org/sidewalks). All comments or questions can be directed to Jeff Batton, Assistant Village Manager, at [jbatton@vopnc.org](mailto:jbatton@vopnc.org) or 910-295-1900.

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