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History, Charm, and Southern Hospitality

Holiday Closings

September 4 Labor Day
November 10 Veteran's Day
November 23-24 Thanksgiving

The 2017 "One and Done" solid waste collection maps and calendars are posted on the Village website at www.vopnc.org/solidwaste.

VOP Logo Merchandise

VOP logo merchandise is available for purchase in the Welcome Center located inside the Theatre Building, 90 Cherokee Road. Show your Village of Pinehurst pride by picking up a bumper sticker, hat, license plate, or water bottle! For questions, contact Melissa Holt at 910-295-1900 or mholt@vopnc.org.

Village Code Reminder

Village regulations prohibit the outdoor storage of trailers, oversized and commercial vehicles in residential districts. However, if needing to load/unload a trailer or camper for a move or a trip, residents can contact the code enforcement officer to request permission to store such vehicles on their property for a short time. Also, boats, jet skis and other watercraft are allowed to be stored on private property for no more than seven days each month.

Parks and Recreation Spotlight

Registration for the Parks and Recreation Department's youth basketball league is now open for boys and girls ages 5-15. The registration deadline is 11/1/17 or until the league is full. Don't let this opportunity bounce by!

Are you age 50 or better and someone who loves to travel? If so, please join us at our Recreation Room on 9/21/17 at 10:00 AM to discuss future day trips and to help plan our spring destination trip. Contact Nicole Benbow at nbenbow@vopnc.org to RSVP.

More information on these and many more programs can be found at www.pinehurstrec.org. You may also contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 910-295-2817 or email us at parksandrec@vopnc.org.

Vision

The Village of Pinehurst is a charming, vibrant community which reflects our rich history and traditions.

Mission

Promote, enhance, and sustain the quality of life for residents, businesses, and visitors.

Fall Into Fun in the Village of Pinehurst

Have we got a fall line-up for you! From free concerts to food-centered events, the Village of Pinehurst has fall events for residents and visitors of all ages.



Eats, Beats & Brews returns to the Arboretum with food truck offerings, craft beer vendors, games and live entertainment from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM on September 16. Admission is free, so bring your friends, family, and neighbors and have a good time!

While staying true to their R&B beach music roots, The Entertainers Band specializes in FUN, playing a diverse selection of the latest Top 40, classic rock, and country music at **Live After 5** on October 13 from 5:30 PM to 9:00 PM at Tufts Memorial Park. Food trucks will be on site with a great selection of sandwiches and desserts. Drinks, including beer and wine, will be available for purchase. Picnic baskets are allowed; however, outside alcoholic beverages are not permitted. Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and dancing shoes for this FREE event!

The 39th annual **Holly Arts & Crafts Festival**, produced by the Pinehurst Business Partners, rolls out on October 21 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM in our Village Center. Over 100 hand-crafters from a variety of genres are sure to have just what you need to begin your holiday shopping! Downtown shops will also offer sales throughout the day and a food court will feature a variety of tasty treats.

Join us at Tufts Memorial Park on October 28 for our **Oktoberfest** celebration. The day kicks off with Kinderfest from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM, a fun festival especially for children with plenty for the whole family to enjoy, including carnival games, entertainment from the Bavarian Brass Band, and contests. Grown-up fun continues in the evening from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM with a traditional Oktoberfest featuring German music from the Holzhackern Tyrolean band, folk dancing, the second annual Pumpkin-Apple Baking Contest, and an Oktoberfest games arena. Food and beverages will be available to purchase throughout the day including brats, sauerkraut, pretzels, hot dogs, pizza, sandwiches, and beverages.



For a complete list of upcoming special events, visit www.vopnc.org.

Village Launches Financial Transparency Center



The Village of Pinehurst has recently partnered with ClearGov, a leading municipal transparency and benchmarking platform, to launch an infographic-based financial transparency center.

This new tool provides the public with an easy-to-understand, visual breakdown of the Village's finances, as well as insights into its demographics. The new site also provides budgetary comparisons to peer communities.

The Village is part of a growing number of North Carolina municipalities that are taking transparency to a new level on the ClearGov platform, which also showcases basic profiles of every municipality in the state. The Village has added historical revenue and expenditure breakdowns of its General Fund data, as well as the budgeted numbers for next year.

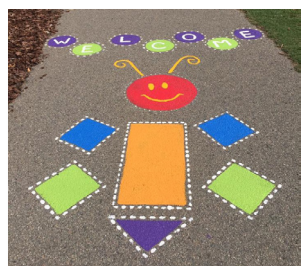
To explore the new financial transparency center, visit www.vopnc.org/financialtransparencycenter.

Fire Department Offers CPR/AED Training

The Pinehurst Fire Department will provide free American Heart Association HeartSaver CPR/AED training on Wednesday, September 27 from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM at the fire station, 405 Magnolia Road. Class size is limited to 18 and pre-registration is required by contacting the Fire Department at 910-295-5575 or fire@vopnc.org.



Born Learning Trail Opens



Moore County United Way, MooreHealth and Pinehurst Parks and Recreation have partnered together to bring the Born Learning Trail to Rassic Wicker Park in Pinehurst! Funded through a United Way grant, the trail consists of 10 interactive signs that offer fun active learning activities for young children and their families. It encourages children and their parents or caregivers to play, explore, and learn together as they get ready for success in school and in life!

The Born Learning Trail begins on the paved trail beside the Splash Pad at Rassic Wicker Park and continues around the soccer field to the last station by the parking lot. We hope you will come out and enjoy a walk with your child and take advantage of this opportunity to engage with them and make learning fun! Thank you to MooreHealth and the Moore County United Way for partnering with us on this great new amenity to our parks.

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Upcoming Events:

September 8: Pinehurst Live after 5 Concert at Tufts Memorial Park
September 15-17: Moore County Kennel Club Dog Show
September 16: Eats, Beats & Brews Food Truck Rodeo at the Arboretum
September 16: Art & Wine Walk in the Village Center
September 23-24: Fall Dressage Show at the Pinehurst Harness Track
Sept. 30 – Oct. 1: Carolina Polocrosse at the Pinehurst Harness Track
October 7: 1in8K Race for the Cure in the Village Center

October 13: Pinehurst Live after 5 Concert at Tufts Memorial Park
October 21: Holly Arts & Crafts Fair in the Village Center
October 27: Pinehurst Elementary School's Fall Festival Fundraiser at Cannon Park
October 28: Kinderfest & Oktoberfest at Tufts Memorial Park
November 18: FirstHealth Pinehurst Turkey Trot starting at Cannon Park
December 1: Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at Tufts Memorial Park

2018 Strategic Operating Plan Initiatives

The Village Council is committed to ensuring Pinehurst is a charming, vibrant community which reflects our rich history and traditions. For the past five years, residents and businesses have provided feedback on services through annual surveys. The Council and staff have used that feedback, along with other relevant data, to prepare the 2018 Strategic Operating Plan that includes the FY 2018 Budget.

The Council's four Areas of Focus for the Village for FY 2018 include: 1) guiding appropriate redevelopment and growth, 2) providing pedestrian connectivity, 3) maintaining high quality streets, and 4) providing recreation programs, leisure activities, and cultural arts events for all ages.

The FY 2018 Budget includes 12 Initiative Action Plans (IAPs) at a cost of \$1.3 million to address the Village's nine strategic goals. Initiative Action Plans in the FY 2018 Budget and their cost are as follows:

Safeguard the Community

- **Traffic pre-emption program:** Installation of traffic pre-emption devices at 3 signalized intersections to allow emergency vehicles safe passage through intersections - \$15,000

Ensure an Attractive Residential Community

- **Community aesthetics:** Develop and implement a multi-year master plan for landscape enhancements along Highway 211 - \$25,000
- **Land use planning:** Develop a Village-wide land use plan - \$65,000

Ensure a Thriving Business Community

- **Commercial streetscape enhancements:** Install brick sidewalks and streetlights on McCaskill and McIntyre Roads - \$145,000

Provide Multimodal Transportation Systems

- **Pedestrian connectivity:** Install approximately 1 mile of pedestrian facilities (location undetermined)- \$433,000
- **Street lighting:** Install approximately 20 street lights within Village neighborhoods - \$9,500
- **Transportation improvements:** Collaborate with NCDOT on state road improvements needed in the Village - \$0

Maintain an Active, Healthy Community

- **Recreation facilities:** Pave the Cannon Park parking lot and complete design for a NEW Community Center to be built in FY 2019 - \$533,200

Professionally Manage a High Performing Organization

- **Transparent operations:** Create online dashboards to be launched in FY 2019 in order to inform the public of Village performance - \$0
- **Permit & Inspection process improvements:** Evaluate the permit & inspection processes and implement technology for efficiency and service level enhancements - \$53,600

Attract and Retain an Engaged Workforce

- **Workforce learning and development:** Train and develop Village employees and develop a formal Village-wide succession plan - \$5,000
- **Incentive reward program:** Develop and implement a financial incentive reward program for Village employee performance to be implemented in FY 2019 - \$0

This year, the Village's budget includes funding for the design of a new 18,000 square foot community center for residents of all ages. This project is proposed to be funded with existing Village funds and a \$1.0 million loan that will be repaid under the current tax rate of \$0.295 per \$100 valuation. In FY 2018, the Village will begin designing a new community center to be constructed in FY 2019 and opened in July 2020. The new facility will likely contain multiple activity rooms of varying sizes, a gymnasium, and office space. While the site of the new community center has not yet been determined, two potential locations include Cannon Park (site of the old Village Hall) or Rassie Wicker Park (near current Village Hall).

Additional information on the Initiative Action Plans for FY 2018 and in the remaining five-year planning period can be found in the Strategic Priorities section of the 2018 Strategic Operating Plan on the Village website at www.vopnc.org/sop.

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COMMITTEE The George P. Lane Welcome Center

Would you like to share your love of Pinehurst with the thousands of guests who visit our Welcome Center each year? We'd love to have you join our team! Located inside the Theatre Building in Pinehurst's historic downtown, the Welcome Center is warm and inviting and holds a wealth of information about the Village and the surrounding area. Here, visitors can peruse books, view historic photos, and watch various videos on the history of Pinehurst.

The Welcome Center currently has over 40 volunteers, but there is still room for you! We are seeking volunteers to share stories, provide maps, and show kindness to our visitors. The Center is open Monday – Saturday from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM and volunteers are free to choose between two shifts per day. Our volunteers set their own schedules so you can volunteer as much or as little as you'd like throughout the month!

For more information or to apply, go to www.vopnc.org/volunteer or contact Village Clerk Lauren Craig at lcraig@vopnc.org or 910-295-1900.



Village Council Meeting Dates

September 12, 2017 – Work Session
September 26, 2017 – Regular Meeting
October 10, 2017 – Work Session
October 24, 2017 – Regular Meeting
November 14, 2017 - Regular Meeting

All Work Sessions and Regular Meetings are held at 4:30 p.m. in the Assembly Hall at Village Hall, 395 Magnolia Road, Pinehurst, NC 28374 and are open to the public. All Council meeting agenda packets are posted at www.vopnc.org/councilagendas five days in advance. Videos of Council meetings are also posted at www.vopnc.org/councilvideos within 24 hours of the meetings.

Welcome New Village Employees

Austin Puckett, Reserve Firefighter
Mary Kioshi, Swim Instructor
Justin Stevens, Maintenance Worker
Sheila Edmonds, Financial Services Tech

Volunteer Today

Have you considered becoming a volunteer for the Village of Pinehurst? Opportunities range from assisting at special events, becoming an ambassador at the Welcome Center, to serving on boards and committees. Complete an application at www.vopnc.org/volunteer or contact Lauren Craig, Village Clerk, at 910-295-8644 or lcraig@vopnc.org to learn more.

Solid Waste Reminder

Please remember to place household trash, recycling, and yard debris in the appropriate Village-provided container curbside by 7:00 AM on the scheduled collection day, but not before 5:00 PM. on the day prior. Drivers are on a tight schedule and cannot return if carts are not placed curbside on time.

Given Memorial Library and Given Outpost News

The Given Tufts Fall Colloquium, "Celebrating the Life of General George C. Marshall", will be presented on September 21, 2017 in the Cardinal Ballroom of the Carolina Hotel. Two wonderful speakers will bring former Pinehurst resident General Marshall's story to life. General Michael J. Meese (BG, U.S. Army, Retired) will focus on General Marshall's distinguished military career, while Rachel Yarnell Thompson will focus on Marshall the man, the consummate public servant who always answered his nation's call to service and who saved Europe after World War II.

Tickets are \$70 and go on sale August 7th at the Given Memorial library or at <http://giventufts.org>. For questions, contact Program Director Lisa Richman at 910-585-4820.

Connect With Us

Stay connected with the Village by signing up for our monthly e-newsletter, downloading the Village's mobile app (MY VOP), and following the Village on social media using Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Visit the Village website at www.vopnc.org and register for the CodeRED Emergency Notification System in order to receive recorded or text messages in emergency situations. In addition, remember to visit Open Village Hall, the online platform to engage residents on important Village issues, at www.vopnc.org/openvillagehall.

