

The Lake View

Lake Pinehurst Association Newsletter

Summer 2020

Sueson Vess – Editor

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President's Message from Frank Glauner

I hope this newsletter finds everyone safe and healthy. What a difference five months makes when we last gathered for our Annual Meeting! As you know, we had to cancel our Spring Picnic and our Sunday "raft ups" and our Fall Chili Cook Off. The Pinehurst Triathlon was also canceled.

Unfortunately, it seems that we will continue to live with the constraints of "Life with COVID" for the foreseeable future. The Board is continuing to monitor the guidance from our public officials. Until their guidance changes and until we all feel comfortable gathering together again, we will regretfully need to cancel our upcoming social activities. Specifically, the Holiday Gala will sadly not take place this year.

On the good news side – Sueson Vess and her Social Committee organized a terrific Fourth of July Boat Parade and Concert! We had the highest participation ever and some great feedback from so many who enjoyed it. In fact it was so successful that it has generated the fun suggestion to have parade to celebrate the holiday season in December! Sueson provides more details in her report below, but put your red, white, and blue decorations away and start thinking about twinkling lights, garland, and ornaments!

Speaking of the boat parade, reminds me to let you know that "the torch has been passed" – or more appropriately "the turtle has been passed". One of the most recognizable boats on the lake is the "Turtle Boat". After 12 years of enjoyment, Bill and Jan Longenecker sold their boat to Rick Norland. Rick has great plans to keep the tradition going.

In spite of the virus, it is terrific to see that so many people are enjoying the lake. Whether it's "socially distant" cocktail cruises, driveway dinners, or "zooming" with friends and family, stay well and stay safe.



Government: Monica Converse

Due to Covid-19, the Village of Pinehurst's Neighborhood Advisory Committee has not met. I have been in touch with Deputy Police Chief Webb regarding excessive speeding on Diamondhead Drive. I had installed two signs on Diamondhead which read: "*Caution – Watch for Children, Joggers, Bicycles and Pedestrians*". Unfortunately, due to VOP code, they were not 15-feet off the side of the road and were removed. I do not have anywhere to put the signs where cars can actually see them. If anyone would like a sign, please let me know. I am happy to loan/give them to you if you can place them in your yard to meet 15-foot code requirements. Speed indicator signs have also been in place on upper Diamondhead near the traffic circle and down near the dam.

As always, if you have issues that you would like me to bring to the attention of the Village, just jot me a note. Thanks!

PUBLIC NOTICE

Village of Pinehurst

395 Magnolia Road, Pinehurst, NC 28374

For Immediate Release

Date: August 25, 2020

Department: Administration

Contact: Beth Dunn, Village Clerk

Phone: 910-420-1631

Email: bdunn@vopnc.org

Village Seeking Volunteers for the Board of Adjustment & Planning and Zoning Board (Combined Boards)

The Village of Pinehurst is accepting volunteer applications for the [Board of Adjustment and Planning and Zoning Board](#). These boards consist of the same 9 Council appointed members and hold monthly meetings.

Board of Adjustment

Overview

The Board of Adjustment (BOA) hears and decides applications of variances from the terms of the Pinehurst Development Ordinance (PDO). They also hear and decide appeals from any order, requirement, permit, decision, or determination issued or made by an administrative officer of the Village in enforcing any provision of the PDO.

Planning and Zoning Board

Overview

The Planning and Zoning Board (P&Z) reviews all amendments to the Pinehurst Development Ordinance, all proposed rezoning of property under the Pinehurst Development Ordinance, all proposed master land use plans for planned developments, all proposed major preliminary plats of subdivision, and all proposed major site plans, and make recommendations to the Village Council for final action.

Individuals interested in volunteering should complete an application at www.vopnc.org/volunteer. Questions can be directed to Village Clerk, Beth Dunn, at 910-420-1631 or bdunn@vopnc.org.

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Government: continued...



Village News

NC Moves Into Phase 2.5

Post Date:09/01/2020

Governor Cooper has issued [Executive Order No. 163](#), which moves the state into Phase 2.5 of easing restrictions due to COVID-19.

What does this Order change?

Under this order:

- *Mass gathering limits will be increased to 25 people indoors and 50 people outdoors.*
- *Playgrounds will be allowed to open.*
- *Museums and aquariums can open at 50% capacity.*
- *Fitness and competitive physical activity facilities can open at 30% capacity.*
- *All employers in North Carolina are strongly encouraged to provide face coverings to their employees.*

What remains the same under Phase 2.5?

- *Bars, nightclubs, movie theaters, amusement parks, dance halls, and other entertainment facilities will remain closed.*
- *Restaurants remain subject to capacity limits and other requirements for in-person dining.*
- *Personal care businesses such as hair salons, nail salons, barber shops and more remain subject to capacity limits and other requirements.*
- *Large venues remain subject to the mass gathering limits.*
- *Wedding receptions and other private events remain subject to the mass gathering limits.*
- *Face coverings are still required in public including for children age 5 and older.*

We know that big gatherings are among the most dangerous settings for transmission. The 11 pm curfew on alcohol sales in restaurants has been extended to October 2.

Important Links:

- [Executive Order No. 163](#)
- [Order FAQs](#)
- [NCDHHS Order on Nursing Home Visitation](#)

Membership/Hospitality/Social Media: Barbara McGinnis & Melinda Handke

A successful recruiting campaign in the early spring yielded 21 new member households, bringing the total LPA membership to 190. Thank you for encouraging new members to join us. Member interest in staying informed about our community and participation in neighborhood activities makes this such a very special place.

Please continue to encourage any new or long time neighbors who aren't LPA members to join by downloading an application from the LPA website, <http://lakepinehurstassn.com/> or by contacting a Board Member. As a reminder, the annual membership fee drops to half-price (\$17.50) after mid-year.

Advantages of membership include:


- Updates about issues and concerns that impact the lake and our neighborhood through emails, newsletters, our website, the private LPA Facebook group, and the annual meeting.
- Fun activities to connect with neighbors throughout the year.
- Access to and inclusion in the LPA Member Directory.

Wouldn't it be great if plans were well underway for the next New Member Party? Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 plans are not underway and the date is unknown. However, it can be said that the party should be great as soon as the governor allows it and everyone feels comfortable being in a group. And what a group there is right now on the wait list for the next party! There are 35 new members on the list waiting to be invited! Probably more will be on the list before the event actually happens! My co-chair Barb McGinnis and I are really looking forward to it!

The New Member Party is generally held twice per year, in the spring and the fall depending on how many new members we have at that time. The Board members and their spouses always have a great time meeting and mingling with new LPA members, while welcoming them to beautiful Lake Pinehurst. Many invitees will be seasoned members by the time we are able to meet. Hopefully, the next party will not be too far off.

“Enhancing Life on the Lake” begins with YOU! We value and appreciate all our members.

LPA Facebook Page Update

 We now have 139 members on LPA's Facebook page (Lake Pinehurst Association). If you are new to our Lake Pinehurst Association or are new to Facebook, please join our private group. It's a great way to communicate and share information with members around our beautiful lake. LPA Facebook page is only open to active LPA members – not friends or family.

Facebook membership is free and joining, if only to communicate with your LPA neighbors, is a good way to receive fast updates that impact our life on The Lake, especially with inclement weather, and is also a great way to meet neighbors, see and post pictures, learn about impromptu fun and more.

Lake Management: Rick Norland

This summer, we are seeing more boats, paddleboards, kayaks and swimmers on Lake Pinehurst due to many families residing in place. It's great that we have this resource to enjoy.

I contacted Moore County Public Works regarding the status of the new sewer force main on Sugar Gum Lane, and Randy Gould, the Director of Public Works, said, "The Resort is allowing us to begin work on site on



November 30, so the substantial completion should be by the end of February 2021 with a final completion date of March 15, 2021." This is the same final completion date that I presented in the March Annual Meeting so progress is being made.

NC Lake Management spot treated the entire lake via boat for hydrilla and submerged weeds toward the end of August. No change in irrigation for residents was required for the spot treatment. They plan to treat the full lake for hydrilla and submerged weeds again at the end September. They have treated a number of sites already for grasses and algae which don't require any irrigation changes. We'll provide notice about one week prior to the hydrilla treatment in September so that you can turn off any lake irrigation, and it should remain off for seven (7) days. The treatment can take up to two weeks to see the full effect. Please contact me if you have any issues with grasses, algae or hydrilla. I'll let Tom Riel, the gentleman that sprays the lake, know. He continually monitors the lake and typically does spot treatments by Brae Burn Village and Horse Creek Cove.

The two ponds off Queens Court are owned by the Village, and Tom indicates there is hydrilla in them. Tom indicated he would let us know when the Village requests treatment for hydrilla so we can notify members that are using the ponds for irrigation.

This is a wonderful area. I always feel like I'm coming back to vacation after a trip. Be safe.

The Turtle Boat – “Crush Longnecker”



The Turtle Boat is an icon on Lake Pinehurst and brings a smile to our residents and boaters. It all started in 2008, when Bill and Jan Longnecker purchased their home on Lake Pinehurst and a pontoon boat was included. Bill’s family has an affinity for all things turtle, and he decided to turn the boat into the now well-known Turtle Boat. The hard top is a turtle shell decal and the head is actually made out of a Weber Grill. Power is supplied by a trolling motor with a tiller for steering. Their grandchildren call the boat, “Crush” named for the turtle in “Finding Nemo”. A fitting name for this Lake Pinehurst icon, “Crush Longnecker”. Bill said this year is his last year for the 4th of July parade. We all remember his inventive turtle costumes. He and Jan don’t plan to leave the lake, but would like to purchase a larger pontoon boat to pull grandkids on their tubes.



Rick Norland is the lucky new owner and will maintain the wonderful image we have all come to enjoy.

Beach Club Development

The Beach Club is planning to open on September 10. The lake will be open (weather permitting), Thursday-Sunday through mid-October. PCC Members will be required to make reservations online and only the snack bar will be open.



Member Kindness

Let's give a hearty 🙌 to our neighbor and fellow LPA member, **Brett Lee** for his kindness and generous service – especially with the high heat!



Brett took time from his day to cut the overgrown grass along the walking paths/areas on either side of Diamondhead as it crosses over the dam. With so many of us walking the dam on a daily basis, being able to step off the road without stepping into the high grass is very much appreciated. Thanks Lori for sharing your husband.

And another generous good deed, potentially saving our pontoon boat motors...

Rick Norland lassoed and towed two large branches floating near Westlake Pointe to the dam where another large branch was already resting. Safely out of harm's way.

We are grateful for all of our members that take the time to look after beautiful Lake Pinehurst and especially these folks who go above and beyond



Labor Day Concert!



Glenn Davis will be giving another concert on his deck (end of Lake Point Drive) on Labor Day, September 7, 4-6 pm !

Boat or Float – Be There!



Social: Sueson Vess

During our Annual Meeting in early March we discussed and anticipated many fabulous social events for the year to come...we could hardly have anticipated that 2020 would be THE YEAR of hunkering down and staying safe at home. Looking around The Lake I believe that we have done a tremendous job of staying safe and enjoying socially distancing opportunities wherever and however we can! The Lake is abuzz with activity and more people are enjoying The Lake than ever; a record 27 boats participated in our July 4th boat parade. MANY THANKS to the music of **Glenn and Jo Davis** for providing shoreline entertainment and speaking of shorelines...the crowds that lined the shores, docks, and balconies exceeded my high expectations. The boat decorations were outstanding and this year we voted. The best of show, people's choice went to **Steve and Cynthia Davis** with many others close behind! View all the photos on our website.



Safe social distancing gatherings include **Driveway Dining** where each household brings their own meal and sits 6-feet apart while enjoying the companionship of friends! Now that the weather is going to cooperate again, I look forward to more opportunities like this!

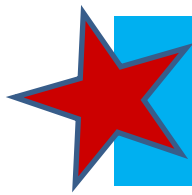
We can do this! Stay Safe!



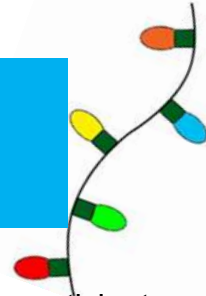
Sadly we have had to cancel our spring picnic and fall chili cook-off, but we will, like **the Phoenix**, return even stronger as soon as restrictions are safely removed. The annual Holiday Gala has been a favorite event with opportunities to dance and laugh and enjoy our friends and neighbors. This year we cannot gather in close proximity **HOWEVER** as the Chief Social Butterfly with my Merry Band of Social Butterflies we have a plan that can be fun and safe for everyone!



Introducing...



Winter **WonderLake** Holiday Extravaganza
Boat Parade and
Land-Based Light Show!



Yes, it is a mouthful but a mouthful of fun and opportunities for everyone to participate and enjoy the season.

Sunday, December 6 at 5 pm

Bundle up and get in your boat with your favorite hot beverage, blankets, hats and mittens for a cruise around The Lake to show off your best holiday boat decorations and view the Lakeside decorations too! There are options for ways to get into the festive spirit:

- Decorate your boat
- Decorate your dock
- Decorate your house

To make this fun and rewarding for everyone, we are hosting a food pantry drive to correspond with this event. Nonperishable food or tax deductible checks can be delivered to the front porch of The Davis' home: 639 Diamondhead Drive S, on December 1-6.

Think of the money we are saving by staying (safe) at home this year – let's put that money to good use and show kindness by helping our brothers and sisters in need.

Check your email and facebook for more details to come on this fun event. Alternate weather date, Sunday December 13.

*Special Thanks to Social Butterflies: Monica Converse, Claire Karamalegos,
Cynthia Davis, Patty Gleisner and Franceska Aaron*



The Sandhills Branch of the Food Bank serves 4 counties: Lee, Moore, Richmond, and Scotland.

The Facts:

- 48,880 people facing hunger, living in the Sandhills Branch service area
- \$35 will provide 175 nutritious meals
- \$120 will provide 600 nutritious meals
- \$200 will provide 1,000 nutritious meals