The Lake View

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President's Message: Tom Reedy 295-2674 wreedy1@nc.rr.com

To all Lake Pinehurst Association members and lake residents.

It has been a wonderful summer on the lake and we can clearly see fall approaching. The lake has never looked better. Thank you all for your support of the lake.

We have had several new members join our association this year and we would like to say welcome to all of you. We look forward to seeing you at our social events and we welcome your ideas on how we can continue to enhance life on the lake.

I would like to update you on a couple of concerns that you have brought forward.

First, FEMA has reclassified our lakefront properties into a high-risk floodplain. As a result a September sale of lakefront property was cancelled by the buyer when he heard about the FEMA floodplain. This issue will continue to be a problem until FEMA changes its current classifications. We have found no way to influence FEMA, but we will continue to work on this issue. We do not believe there is justification for this reclassification.

Second, a beaver appears to be on our lake and surrounding properties. Some of the recent power outages on Lake Forest Drive SE and SW may have been caused by beavers that toppled trees on to electrical wires near our substation. We are working with the Village to address our concerns about power outages and they have already contacted Duke Power to find out more about beaver activity and the all too frequent power outages. We did remove three beavers from Lake Pinehurst in the last 12 months.

We will keep you updated on both FEMA and the beavers.

Lastly I hope you will mark December 11, 2013, on your calendar. It is our Christmas Dinner Dance. It will be in the new members' club and it will feature a new band. We hope that all of our members will attend this "all new event." Let us know if you need help with transportation or if we can do anything to make the Ball easier for you to attend or more fun for you while you are there.

Thank you all for helping us protect and preserve the health and beauty of Lake Pinehurst. As always, I welcome your thoughts and suggestions.

Tom Reedy, President, Lake Pinehurst Association

Lake Management: Debbie Smith 295-5313 classicgift@earthlink.net

We have treated the lake for algae growth throughout the summer. This treatment has not required any irrigation restriction. The results were very good this spring and summer. We also had one submerged weed treatment in July which was also successful. Fortunately we have had an ample amount of rain this summer and our contractor has been able to maintain control of the shoreline grasses and aquatic weeds. There have been isolated cases of an abundance of weeds and hydrilla in the shallow coves, but this is to be expected and once alerted our contractor has paid special attention to these problem areas.

Please continue to remind your lawn care companies to blow the cut lawn grass back towards the house instead of into the lake. This will help keep the shoreline grasses down.

Another successful program implemented two winters ago involves using discarded Christmas trees as fish habitat. Once you have undecorated your tree, tie a cinder block to each end of the tree using wire, and place under your dock. The tree will give the smaller fish protection from the larger fish giving the smaller fish a chance to grow and reproduce. We have seen a substantial increase of all size fish around our dock in the last 2 years.

There has been vast improvement in the quality of the lake over the last 4 years thanks to your individual participation. It is so important to maintain a healthy lake with controlled weeds through our spraying program and the carp, not only for our enjoyment of various lake activities but also for our property values.

Hope you are enjoying the beautiful fall weather on Lake Pinehurst!!

Lake Activities: Jay Vogel 420-2950 jayvogel1@gmail.com

On Saturday, October 5th the annual Pinehurst Triathlon was conducted. It started as a 1500 meter swim on Lake Pinehurst, followed by a 30 mile bike ride and then a 10K run. Each leg of the race started and ended at the PCC Beach Club. It was a great event to watch. I wish to extend big thank you to the following that graciously provided lifeguard service to the swim participants:

- Dick & Nancy Blum
- Frank Glauner
- Tony Faranetta & Kate Hughes
- Kuno & Barbara Huitzingh
- Tom Reedy
- Drew & Anne Steidinger
- Ray & Amber Waller



Rounding the Buoy



Checking the Time



Struggle

The Finish

(Photos by Tom Reedy)

Social: Barbara Huitzingh 420-1777 <u>bbranzell@aol.com</u> and **Mona Hill** (910-295- 2002) <u>monahill@nc.rr.com</u>

Extra Read all about it! Christmas is coming early to Pinehurst this year. **The Lake Pinehurst Association Holiday Dinner and Dance is scheduled for December 11, 2013.**The event will be held in the new Outlook Room at the Pinehurst Resort. Pease save the date and join us for a special evening, dancing to the music of The Sand Band while enjoying a holiday dinner with friends and neighbors. Formal invitations will be sent in November.

Government: Christy Eibel 420-2503 ceibel 1@me.com

The Village Council Neighborhood Advisory Committee meeting was held on Monday, September 16, 2013. This was our first meeting after taking a few months off this summer. The featured speaker was David McNeill from Duke Energy. He provided a presentation on **Duke Energy's Vegetation Management Plan to Enhance Reliability**. The most important parts of the presentation is shown below:

- Every 5-8 years, Duke Energy provides tree trimming to improve reliability of power as well as provide safety for the public. They hire tree trimming contractors to perform the services. Duke Energy views 100% of the work to make sure it has been done properly.
- At this time, Duke Energy is:
 - 1. Getting ready to trim and remove vegetation
 - 2. Prune and trim for health of the tree
 - 3. Look at areas around the historic district especially to prepare for the U.S. OPEN
- In the next few weeks.... work will begin.
 - 1, Door hangers will be used if you are affected.
 - 2. You will be contacted 1-2 weeks ahead of when the trimming will begin.
 - 3. This is a severe haircut so there may be big changes.
 - 4. The program will continue into the spring.
 - 5. A news release will run in The Pilot.
- David provided a detailed 4 page report on the Vegetation Management Plan. If you
 would like to view the entire document, please email me at ceibel1@me.com and I will
 send you a copy via email

WHEN THERE ARE BIG OUTAGES COVERING LARGE AREAS, Duke Energy is aware the power is out.

WHEN THERE ARE SMALL OUTAGES, citizens need to call Duke Energy at 1-800-452-2777.

When you use the automated system, .it will call you back with information directly related to your outage area.

IF YOU ARE UNSURE about the outage, PLEASE CALL DUKE ENERGY.

Please welcome and add the following new members to your LPA Directory

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Changes and Corrections to Directory are shown in Bold Type

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Please advise Barb or Fred of your new neighbors so we may be formally invite them to join the Lake Pinehurst Association.