FALL ISSUE

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### The Lake View

# OHHH WHAT A SUMMER & ALL THE FALL FEELS!

Summer Recap \* LPA Reports \* LPA Calendar of Activities \* LPA Contacts

#### 1. A Look Back at Sweet Summer on the Lake!

It was one for the Books,

Now onto cooler days

Some might say that it was a "Picture Perfect" summer on Lake Pinehurst! We enjoyed plenty of sunshine, boating, sailing, kayaking, and standup paddle boarding. We also enjoyed time together on the lake with concerts and sunset tie-ups, which of course, encouraged great food and lots of cheers. Many of you filled up our Lake Pinehurst Association Facebook feed with pictures of your favorite "sea dog" canines, abundant local wildlife, and even our new duckling residents.



So, let's take a quick look back at some of the summertime fun that made 2021 memorable.



#### Water & Boating Galore

thanks for the capture, Rae Hudson Whisenant

Ohhh, to be a kid again & the giggles heard 'round the lake



Did you catch the full moon kayaking & canoeing event? What a great turnout from land & lake!









THE GREAT EGRET by Linda Belvin Cannan



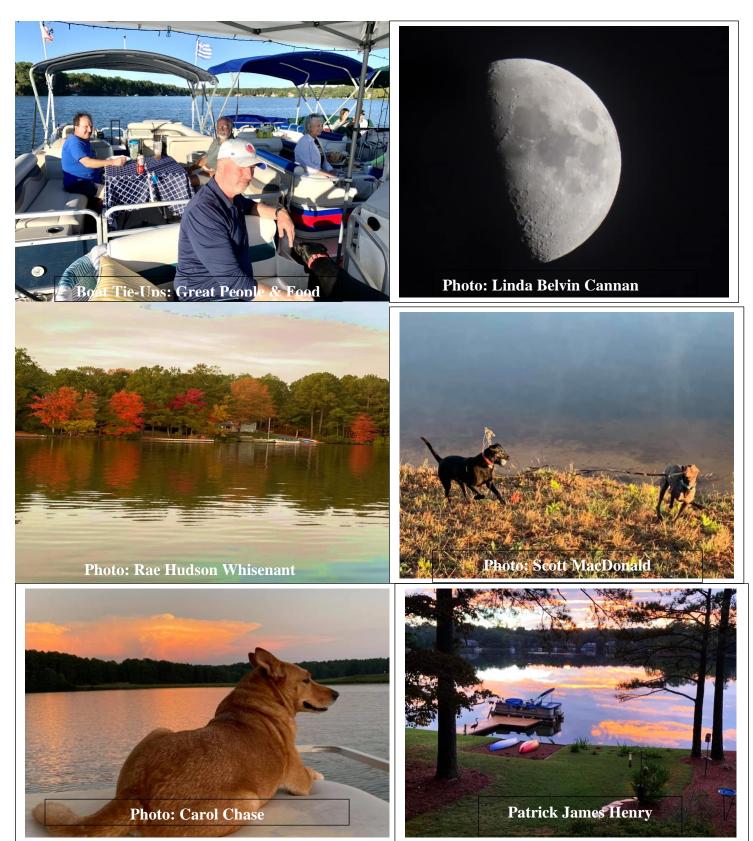
#### One of Our Beautiful Fall & Winter Residents



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It's the season for Thanksgiving. We probably all have some special neighbors and lake-life experiences to be extra thankful for this year. This issue sends out a BIG THANK YOU to you for being such great neighbors as well as couple of specific folks:

- To You, who greets others with a wave and smile while boating, walking or driving around the lake, thanks for helping and supporting each other.
- Brett Lee, who goes above and beyond, mowing the walking trail grasses on the shoulder of Diamondhead what a kind and generous act.
- Glenn Davis, who has offered us plenty of music and memories over the course of this summer even writing a special Lake Pinehurst Song.



### 3. LAKE PINEHURST ASSOCIATION REPORTS

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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FROM FRANK GLAUNER

What a great summer! Lake quality and water level has been terrific; no hurricanes; and plenty of opportunities to get out and enjoy this beautiful resource!!! As always, we owe a great big THANK YOU to Sueson and her "Social Butterflies" for providing several opportunities to get together with friends and neighbors.

Everyone who attended had a wonderful time at the fall picnic, and it was a real delight to welcome several new members. With the feedback we received from you in our recent survey regarding social activities as well as the improved local COVID situation, we are again looking forward to enjoying our winter events. We'll be lighting up the lake with our boat parade and enjoying a festive dinner to kick off the holiday season - hope to see you there!

Stay well and stay safe See you around the Lake!

#### **MEMBERSHIP & HOSPITALITY**

By Barbara McGinnis & Melinda Handke

#### **Our Membership Continues to**

**Grow!** Our organization is very happy to welcome 48 new members since the beginning of the year, a 20% increase in new members over the 2019/20 tally!

We now have **370 individuals from 204 households** who are a part of the Lake Pinehurst Association family.



Our slogan "*Enhancing life on the lake begins with you*" is a mantra that works for us! Our member's interest in staying informed about community topics and participating in activities with their neighbors is what makes our community such a special place. We value and appreciate all our members. Thank you!

Please Give a Warm Welcome to Our New Members Since July



Jay and Allie Hirst on Diamondhead Sharon Morse on Sugargum (Brae Burn) David and Kerry Roseberry on Lake Forest SE Todd Baker and Lynda Ingram on Lake Forest SE



#### **Government**

#### By Jeff Heintz

Here is a summary of the LPA's involvement in governmental, regulatory, and police matters since the last newsletter:

The Neighborhood Advisory Committee, and most of the consultant-driven projects undertaken by the Village took the summer off, so there isn't much to report on those. Both the "Small Area" planning project and the study by the National Park Service on the status of Pinehurst's National



Landmark designation are still underway and there will be virtual public meetings on both of these later in the fall. Both could result in significant changes in the Village, so when the opportunity arises, you should sign on and participate.

New construction continues at a breakneck pace in the Village, and we've had issues, such as the effect (aesthetic and physical) of clear-cutting building lots. Thankfully, the weather hasn't been as severe as in recent years, but we've still had a couple of instances where sediment from a construction site washed into the Lake. Each time, the LPA notified the Village Building Department and the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality. Both sent representatives to the offending site to meet with LPA members and the contractors, resulting in the installation of significant improvements to perimeter silt fencing to reduce the risk of additional runoff in the future. While this is helpful, it is no substitute for a Village stormwater management plan, which could set forth steps to be taken before construction starts to protect against damage before the runoff occurs. Regrettably, and unlike many other communities, Pinehurst doesn't have one, and we continue to nag the Village about that. Such a plan could, among other things, require contractors to implement meaningful precautions against runoff before damage occurs. (What a concept!) The absence of robust oversight and enforcement efforts at the Village level remains a disappointment.

The unwarranted and ill-considered effort by **the North Carolina General Assembly** to interfere with cities and villages' authority on local matters continues. As does the devious method whereby the legislature inserts substantive law into the state budget bill, where it can presumably be passed when nobody's looking. The **LPA Board adopted a resolution opposing** this underhanded legislative technique, as did many other organizations, the cities, villages (include Pinehurst) and counties. As this is written, however, the budget bill hasn't been passed so it remains to be seen how this will turn out.

There have been a couple of attempts recently to victimize LPA members through internet fraud or other criminal activity. While not strictly in the LPA's area of responsibility I can report that in the one instance I witnessed, quick action by the Pinehurst Police prevented any loss or damage. The prospective thieves were thwarted and were gratifyingly angry as they hung up the phone (they used some very bad language). At about the same time as this incident, a question came up at the Neighborhood Advisory Committee meeting in September about when to call the police in instances of attempted internet fraud, or when vandalism or theft is discovered.

> The answer is "always!" If a crime is in progress, call 911. If it's not, call the non-emergency number: 910-295-3782 as soon as you discover what's happened. Recent experiences show that the police are responsive, knowledgeable, and effective at protecting Village residents.

As always, if you have questions about any of this or would like further information, contact me at your convenience.



#### Lake Management

#### **By Rick Norland**

It's been another beautiful summer here on Lake Pinehurst. Now that the nights are getting cooler, there are still many warm days to enjoy the lake with a boat, kayak or paddle board. I jumped in the lake mid-October, and the water was cooler but still comfortable. My preference is to jump in rather than experience the torture of slow immersion.

Tom Riel of NC Lake Management sprayed the lake for hydrilla in mid-September. This treatment required owners to turn off any lake fed sprinkler systems for a week. Please note that my email is in the directory so please contact me if you have a weed issue.



In addition to spraying, the Resort arranged to

add 561 sterile grass carp to the lake in mid-October. The carp favor the taste of hydrilla and will help keep it under control. You may recall that 285 carp were also added in April.

**The Resort mowed the grass and low bushes on the dam** in mid-September and also earlier this year. It's the Resort's responsibility to maintain the dam and NC requires them to mow it. The purpose is to prevent roots from damaging the dam.

#### The lake looks great! Please go out and enjoy it.



### LPA Social Committee & Calendar of Events

#### **By Sueson Vess**

Our social calendar is full of activities and opportunities to safely gather and participate in our vibrant life on Lake Pinehurst!

In October we had a fun BBQ: "Lake Living High on the Hog", at Rassie Wicker Park with 80+ happy people. The Social Butterflies were busy at work (and eating) and didn't take any pictures. Trust me it was fun and delicious.

We are gearing up for two fun events to kick off the holiday season:

- There's no place like Lake Pinehurst for the Holidays! Gata-Dinner Dance, Thursday, December 2, 5:30pm at Forest Creek Country Club.
- Winter WonderLake<sup>™</sup> Holiday Extravaganza 2 Sunday, December 5, 5:00pm see information on how YOU can participate.



#### Winter WonderLake™ Holiday Extravaganza 2

The first Winter **WonderLake<sup>™</sup>** event was a huge success and we're excited about a repeat performance! We are collecting nonperishable food and monetary donations for The Sandhills Branch of the Food Bank (checks payable to Food Bank CENC) on the front porch of **Steve & Cynthia Davis's home: 639 Diamondhead S.** 

Donations accepted until December 6.

OF CENTRAL & EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA THE Sandhills Branch of the Food Bank serves 4 counties: Lee, Moore, Richmond, and Scotland. **This year our Holiday Boat Parade**, on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, may be viewed from your home, dock, boat OR the Lake Pinehurst Marina which will be open for our viewing pleasure.

December 5<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm

#### **SIGN UP TODAY!**

- $\checkmark\,$  Decorate your boat
- $\checkmark\,$  Decorate your dock
- $\checkmark$  Decorate your house
- ✓ Donate to the Food Bank Starts 11/15-12/6
- ✓ Checks are welcome Food Bank donations
- $\checkmark$  All of the Above

#### How to sign up to be in the parade:

- Send an email to <u>Sueson@specialeats.com</u>
- You will receive a "goodie bag" to brighten your spirits!
- Please reply by November 28th



#### **Important Notice for All Lake & Pinehurst Residents**

It has been brought to our attention there is a local ordinance contained in the **Pinehurst Municipal Code**, Section **91.04**, which says:

"It shall be <u>unlawful</u> for any person to intentionally <u>feed any wild</u> <u>animal</u> within the confines of the village. This provision excludes the feeding of wild birds but <u>includes the feeding of Canada geese</u>."

(Pinehurst Municipal Code, Section 91.04. Emphasis added.)

What does this mean for us? It is unlawful to feed wild animals, including geese.



Click on Links for Resources:

<u>Here is the Ordinance</u>

Why it's harmful to feed geese & ducks

### **Notes from the Editor**

#### By Kirstin Lowry MacDonald

We hope you enjoyed this newsletter. If there is a birth, special anniversary date, a public thank you, or some other momentous celebration that you would like to include in the newsletter, please let me know, and we'll include as space permits. Suggestions are always welcome as well. Last but certainly not least, a BIG thank you to the Board members for all of their work and submissions within this newsletter. See you on the lake!

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