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The Lake View

REUNITED & IT FEELS SO GOOD!

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1. Reunited! Summer's Here & We're Connecting

It's great to be back in full swing on Lake Pinehurst! We kicked off the summer with a **"Reunited & It Feels So Good,"** party at the newly opened Beach Club on June 13. *You showed up and showed out looking fabulous* as we connected with old and new friends with a 70's inspired beach party on a perfect day with gentle breezes and lots of sunshine.



LPA Member Barbara Wanhouse Marsh shared her sentiments on the LPA Facebook page: *"What a wonderful time we all had at the LPA get together! Thank you so much to all the 'butterflies' who put it all together! It was so much fun reconnecting with old friends (some of whom I did not recognize without their masks on! 😊) and making a whole bunch of new friends. Isn't it GREAT to be almost normal again...?!!!"* Yes, it is!

Also, a **big thank you** to the PCC Resort and Beach Club staff for all your help in making this event memorable.



It's said, a picture is worth a thousand words. Do you spot anyone you know, or maybe even yourself?

Maybe you'll even recall a few of these songs from the 70's... Singalong



"Feelin' Groovey"



"Peace Train"






 "DON'T STOP TIL YOU GET ENOUGH"

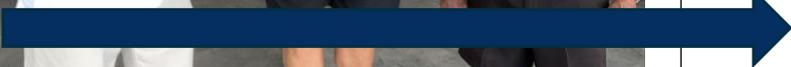


 "GOOD TIMES"



"Benny & the Jets"







“We. Are. Family.”

On the topic of family, a BIG and Warm congratulations to LPA Members Catherine & Josh Cuestas, who just welcomed their first child, sweet little Capri. Welcome to the world, Capri



2. LAKE PINEHURST ASSOCIATION REPORTS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FROM FRANK GLAUNER

It's summer and life is beginning to return to normal - what a great time to be enjoying our beautiful lake!!!

As you will see in their various updates in this newsletter, our Board members have been quite busy in their efforts to "enhance life on the Lake". We have had many new members join us and, with COVID restrictions being relaxed, the Social Activities Committee have been busy planning terrific events for the rest of the year.

The recent "REUNION" event was enjoyed by many of our members - what a great opportunity to meet new members and reconnect with old friends. A special thank you to Sueson Vess and her 'social butterflies' for organizing it. And what an appropriate location - the newly renovated PCC Beach Club!

We are pleased to welcome a new member to the LPA Board - Kirstin Lowry MacDonald - as our Communications Chairperson. She is now producing our Newsletter and is a great addition to the Board! In case you have not had the opportunity to meet her, you may know her by the wonderful photographs that she and her husband, Scott, have posted on our Facebook page.

Rick Norland will have more information in his comments about the invoice that members with water-front property will be receiving soon. I wanted to add my request as well that everyone contribute to sharing the cost of the weed management program. It is critical to maintaining the quality of the lake.

Stay well and stay safe - enjoy the summer!
See you around the lake.

MEMBERSHIP & HOSPITALITY

By Barbara McGinnis & Melinda Handke

Our Membership Continues to Grow! Our Lake Pinehurst family certainly is growing beautifully! We are now up to **198 households**, which translates into **359 individual members**.

Our New Member Campaign: A successful new member campaign in the winter and spring brought us **23 new member households** (more on that below). Thank you for encouraging new members to join us. Our slogan, "Enhancing life on the Lake", does begin with YOU. Member interest in staying informed about our community and participation in neighborhood activities makes this such a very special place. We value and appreciate all our members!



Please Give a Warm Welcome to Our New Members in 2021



Robert & Jennifer Bannon
 Todd & Mary Wilson
 Bob & Mary Jo Newman
 Daniel Baily
 Allice Fortner
 Scott & Marjorie Tamblin
 Henry Burke & Denise Weeks
 Mary Radigan
 Bill & Christine Laney
 Ty & Nicole Weller
 Joshua & Catherine Cuestas
 Eric & Sharon Romilly

Edward & Charity Freeman
 Josh & Brea Martin
 Linda Canaan
 Peter & Kathleen Connelly
 Stephen Eastman, Jr.
 Denny & Kimberly Scruton
 David & Mary Lois Denner
 Dick & Kathy Newcomb
 Jim Ranney & Chryl Garret-Weber
 Rich Paul & Laura Swanson-Paul
 Cecil & Barbara Cross

welcome

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, or by contacting a Board Member. As a reminder, the membership fee drops to half-price (\$17.50) after mid-year.

Advantages of Membership include:

- Fun social activities throughout the year. Gatherings and activities both on and off the lake, watch for periodic emails!
- 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
- Access to and inclusion in the LPA Member Directory
- Enjoying our beautiful lake and friendships, together

Government

By Jeff Heintz

Since the last newsletter, there have been several important issues that have come before the Neighborhood Advisory Committee. I've summarized them below, and can discuss them in more detail individually upon request.

It's not Broken, So Let's Fix It. As you may recall, *the Village of Pinehurst has determined to implement growth strategies* in two "small areas:" Village Place North, which extends roughly from the Historic District core north and east to Rt. 211 and Pinehurst South, which is the area generally from Rt. 5 and Monticello Drive east of the railroad track going south. To see how the plans have evolved, and how resident input was solicited at two public workshops (in February and June) go [here](#).

The Pinehurst South plan is the one we're most interested in, as it is closest to us, and will impact traffic on Rt. 5. It has changed considerably, but probably not how you might think, and so far as I can tell, not in a way that's reflective of resident input. The showstopper is that *the Village's municipal service area, currently located on McCaskill Road, in the heart of the Pinehurst North area, is to be relocated to south of the racetrack*, just outside the border of the Pinehurst South area. Part of Monticello Drive would be reconfigured to accommodate the service area. Representatives of the Consultant were unable to inform workshop participants as to what exactly it is the Village does there, how much traffic it generates, or



how intrusive its relocation might be, and those questions are to be answered before the process goes much further. We shall see, but unless it's a sculpture garden (which it's not) this seems like a fairly big deal for the Pinehurst South area.

The remainder of the changes in Pinehurst South are basically a rearrangement of the deck chairs. But this train is leaving the station, so if you have feelings about this, please follow the link that's included in the link above, and make them known.

You Wanna Buy A Home? Many lots in the lake area that have been vacant for decades are being built upon as the economy heats up. Everyone knows that change is inevitable, but these projects result in dramatic and permanent disruption for longtime residents, usually to their dismay. Moreover, the lots are often clear cut, which diminishes our tree canopy, increases the risk of significant erosion and runoff (especially during construction) and detracts from the beauty of the lake area and the Village as a whole. Originally, construction related "stuff" like planning, permitted uses, building standards and practices, landscaping, tree removal, stormwater management, etc., were regulated by the Pinehurst Development Ordinance, known as the PDO (the PDO is accessible [here](#)). However significant portions of the PDO have been pre-empted by legislation at the state level, or are viewed as vulnerable in the current legal environment. In those instances the Village does not enforce the PDO, but you can't tell that from looking at the ordinance on the website. That means that builders are largely unregulated when it comes to these things, and *that* means that you could end up with an unpleasant surprise when a long-vacant lot near or next to you is built upon in this superheated real estate market.

If you live near or next to a new home being built, and believe its construction might have an adverse effect on your property, don't merely look at the PDO and conclude your worries are over. *Contact the Village Planning Department, Darryn Burich, Planning Director* dburich@vopnc.org 910-295-8658, and ask for information about the project. If you have objections, make them known. The Planning Department, like all departments in the Village exists to serve residents and typically is responsive and cooperative (but remember the immortal words of that great urban planner Mick Jagger: "you can't always get what you want, *but if you try sometimes, you get what you need*"). *On stormwater related issues you can also contact Penny D. Markle, an Environmental Specialist* with the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality at penny.markle@ncdenr.gov. Do this as early in the process as possible, like when the builder's sign goes up, or when you see survey ribbons on the project site.

What do Dinosaurs and Home Rule Have in Common? The former are extinct, and the latter is on its last legs. This is because the North Carolina State Legislature ("we're from the government and we're here to help you") has developed the habit of *pre-empting the ability of local communities to regulate* what most people would think are entirely local matters. One

result is the weakening of the PDO discussed above; another is the development of a laundry list of breathtakingly stupid state laws. HB 496 (accessible [here](#)) is currently pending in the North Carolina House, and would prohibit counties and cities from adopting ordinances regulating removal of trees. Not to come off like the Lorax, but it seems like areas like Pinehurst (a “Tree City,” after all) should be able to exercise reasonable, proportionate oversight of how the tree canopy is sacrificed to serve new development. Amazingly, the principal sponsor is our own state representative, Jamie Boles. I could go on, but here’s just one more example: HB 349/SB 461 (accessible [here](#)) bears the innocuous title of “An Act to Increase Housing Opportunities.” It would do that by allowing “middle housing” (defined as townhouses, and two, three and four-family buildings) *in any residential district notwithstanding any local zoning to the contrary*. How would you like one of those next door?

Our local Pinehurst administration has weighed in on these misguided shenanigans by the state legislature, but *it would help if our local representative and state senator heard from us as well*. Our state representative is Jamie Boles, and you can contact him at Jamie.Boles@ncleg.gov. Our state senator is Tom McInnis, and he can be reached at Tom.McInnis@ncleg.gov.

If you have any questions about any of this, contact me and I’ll explain as best I can (but if your question is “why is this happening?” I’m not going to be much help).

Lake Management

By Rick Norland

It’s another beautiful summer here on Lake Pinehurst. If you’ve been on the lake with a boat, kayak or paddle board, you’ve been enjoying the cool breezes that are there on the hottest days.

Lake Treatment. Tom Riel of NC Lake Management spot sprayed for grasses and algae in May and June. This treatment does not affect anyone irrigating from the lake. This year he also sprayed Horse Creek cove for submerged weeds due to it being so shallow. This year the pond that feeds Horse Creek cove was sprayed for submerged weeds. Treatment was funded by the Resort and the residents that live on the pond. The advantage to us is that fewer weeds in this pond will reduce the weeds that transfer to our cove. *Please note that my email is in the directory so contact me if you have a weed issue.*



Your Neighborly Support. NC Lake Management intends to spray the entire shoreline for the invasive hydrilla weed in July, and a notice will go out to turn off any irrigation from the lake. The cost for spraying and the addition of hydrilla eating carp is jointly shared by our lakefront property owners and the Resort. *While payment is voluntary, you'll be a good neighbor in supporting this program, and it is a minor amount. The cost is not part of Resort dues and will be a separate invoice from the Resort.* None of the spraying is harmful to the fish or prevents us from enjoying swimming or boating in the lake.

I hope you enjoy the rest of the summer!

LPA Social Committee & Calendar of Events

By Sueson Vess

Our June 13, 'Reunited Party' at the Beach Club pavilion was a great success with over 126 people registered. Everyone was delighted to clearly see faces again.

We had a fabulous July 4th parade with a record number of parade participants AND adoring fans on the shore! Plus a fun and entertaining concert by Glenn Davis. We also asked you to vote (on the LPA Facebook page) for your favorite parade. *And the winning boat is.... Boat #4, "The Love Boat" by Spike and Debbie Smith. Congratulations!!* Thanks for sharing the day!



Come see alllllll the photos on our LPA Facebook page 😊



More fun is in the works. Save the dates:

🍁 **Tuesday, October 12th 5:00-7:30PM, "Lake Living High on the Hog". It's a Fall BBQ at Rassie Wicker Park** Timmel Pavilion. Look for the flyer, soon to arrive in your email.

❄️ **We are planning for winter fun** (nice to think about cooler weather during these warm days)

- Fingers-crossed that we are able to gather inside for our annual **Holiday Gala at PCC Members Club**. We have the date reserved as well as The Sand Band for **Wednesday, December 8th**.

- Plans are underway for **Winter WonderLake™ Boat Parade and Holiday Giving**, same as last year.

🙏 **Thanks to all the amazing Social Butterflies** who make our events possible:
 Claire Karamalegos, Franceska Aaron, Cynthia Davis, Patty Gleisner, Kirstin Lowry MacDonald

PCC Pool, Fitness and Beach Club Committee

By Sueson Vess

- 😊 PCC and the Resort are extremely short staffed – send all willing, able-bodied people to apply at PCC.
- 🎤 Nancy Sadler is coordinating music and fun events at the beach club (as well as the pool) for us all to enjoy.
- 🏊 We are still waiting for the slide to arrive at the beach club – COMING SOON!

Notes from the Editor

By Kirstin Lowry MacDonald

We hope you enjoyed this newsletter. It's a little longer than usual, but we had a lot to catch up on! We will return to the regularly scheduled quarterly issuance. If there is a birth, special anniversary date, 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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