

The Lake View

Lake Pinehurst Association Newsletter

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To all LPA members and lake residents,

Spring is here and the lake looks beautiful. I see many people already enjoying the recreational opportunities the lake provides. I believe we will have a lovely summer and lots to do on the lake.

On behalf of the Board, we want to thank all of the members who came to the business meeting on March 9. We were able to complete our **petition seeking to prohibit short-term rentals** in our Lake Pinehurst neighborhood. We have 160 property responses to date with 92% signing the petition supporting the prohibition of short-term rentals and 8% signing the petition in favor of continuing short-term rentals. We will be presenting the petition to the Village in early April. The Village will hold public meetings to discuss our petition and there will be many different views expressed. We hope the will of the people in our Lake Pinehurst neighborhood prevails.

With respect to **FEMA and our flood plain issues**, congress has submitted a bill for the president to sign that returns flood insurance rates to pre-2012 levels when they were raised significantly. We hope this reduces the cost to us, but we are waiting to hear from our residents to see what impact this bill will have on our properties. This bill does not remove your property from the flood plain.

The **weed management program** continues to be a “life and death” issue for our lake. If we fail to aggressively control the Hydrilla in our lake, the lake will become choked with these weeds and all recreational aspects of the lake will cease. Our property values will decline significantly. We need full participation of all lakefront properties, the five condo complexes and the Pinehurst Resort. Our cost-effective program is working and we have Hydrilla under control. We have asked that everyone participate since all of us benefit from this program. We must spray the entire perimeter of the lake throughout the year and add Hydrilla-eating carp to manage the deeper areas of the lake. Last year some individual properties chose not to participate. When someone chooses not to participate, it places increased financial burden on the rest of us to ensure that we protect and preserve the health and beauty of Lake Pinehurst and maintain our property values. It is my belief that those who choose not to participate disrespect their neighbors who must bear the additional cost and they also seem to have little concern for the value of their property. If there were a way to make this program mandatory, we would. It is a critical issue for everyone. Please click this web address to see more information on Hydrilla in North Carolina published by NC State University.
<http://www.weedscience.ncsu.edu/aquaticweeds/hydrilla.PDF>

There are two other concerns we want to raise.

First, **Canada geese** present a health hazard to the lake and surrounding properties. Three years ago we had more than 150 geese on the lake. These geese blessed our lake and surrounding properties with about 750 pounds of geese poop each and every day. If we let nature take its course, geese will overrun our lake and make recreational opportunities difficult if not possible. We have asked all lakefront properties to actively discourage the geese so they will go elsewhere. Please do not feed them. They will become dependent on humans for food, their population will increase, and, ultimately, they will have to be removed from the lake for human health reasons.

Second, over the last few years our lake has continued to fill up with **sand, silt, and dirt**. Some of this has been caused by the water flowing into the lake from streams, lakefront runoff, and the storm sewers that drain directly into the lake. However, some of this fill has come

directly from us. A few properties around the lake have built sandy beaches. Others have expanded their size by pushing their bulkheads farther into the lake and backfilling with dirt. Others have just dumped dirt into the lake without a retaining bulkhead. These actions cause erosion and could be detrimental to the lake. In North Carolina the water in the lake, and all living creatures in the lake, belong to the state. Dumping any fill matter into a lake may violate the regulations of the NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources (NC DENR). We encourage everyone to get permission from the state before placing any fill material in the lake.

Thank you to all our members and other lake residents who support the activities that focus on protecting and preserving the health and beauty of Lake Pinehurst. As always, we welcome your suggestions. You can email me directly at wreedy1@nc.rr.com.

Let's enjoy the lake to its fullest this year.

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

Aquatic Weeds

We will be working with the same contractor, North Carolina Lake Management, again this year to treat the lake. The reports from the last quarter are very good and Tom Riel, our aquatic biologist that performs the actual treatments, will use the same schedule going forward for 2014. Of course in the winter months we do not see any weed growth and the cold weather actually helps keep the growth at bay. The water has to be over 65 degrees for treatment and we expect to have a treatment soon. We will have the lake treated at least twice a month starting in April through October for algae, aquatic weeds and shoreline grasses. We will have a submerged weed treatment, which requires water restriction for 10 days, 2 times a year depending on need. This treatment is essential to prevent the hydrilla from growing and spreading. We will be sending out email alerts in plenty of time so you can turn off your sprinkler systems. The 2400 carp that were added over the last 4 years has also helped with the hydrilla problem that we encountered 5 years ago.

Lawn Care

As we go into the growing season, I would like to encourage everyone to alert their lawn care companies to please blow the cut lawn grass back towards the house instead of into the lake. This will help keep the shoreline grasses down and especially now, during the spring, it's important not to blow towards the lake since there will be a lot of grass seed put down on our lawns as well.

Beavers

There have been some beaver sightings in the last month and they will cause major landscaping damage. We will always have beavers coming to our lake and to protect your landscaping put wire around the base of your shrubs, trees, rose bushes, etc at least 3 feet high. You can buy the wire, similar to chicken wire, at Lowe's Hardware. Please report any beaver activity to either Thom Mann or to me. If you see the beavers, call Thom, if you see damage email both us.

Lake Quality

We have seen vast improvement in the quality of the lake over the last 5 years thanks to your individual participation. Please continue to support the weed control program which is a great value for only \$50 per year! We need 100% 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 have a great spring on our beautiful, healthy lake!!!

Lake Activities:

It is time for you to be thinking about how you will decorate your boat for the annual July 4th Boat Parade. More information to follow.

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

The **LPA annual business meeting** was held on March 16, 2014 and followed by the much anticipated social hour. The social hour, sponsored by the Lake Association, was catered by Rick's Catering (Rick and Peggy Davis). Our social hour allows a chance for everyone to visit, discuss lake topics and events and meet neighbors old and new. The food and social interaction was terrific. If you were not able to join us this year think about adding it to your calendar for next spring.



Chief Phipps & Tom Reedy

Bartenders Orlando & Krono

The **Annual Beach Party** will be held on May 21st from 4:30 to 7:00. Please watch your email for more information. Get your reservations in early and please ask friends and neighbors to join in the fun. Rick's catering will again provide the barbeque and fixings.

December will bring the **Annual Christmas Dinner Dance**. Last year's event was most enjoyable. Music will again be provided by The Sand Band. Please mark your calendar. December 10, 2014.

Government: Christy Eibel 910-420-2503 ceibel1@me.com

Dog Walkers

I have received reports again about dog walkers in the Lake Forest SW district NOT picking up the dog waste.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR PET AND BE A RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNER.

Signing up for EMERGENCY ALERTS from the Village

If you are interested in signing up for emergency alerts from Andy Wilkinson and the Police Department, please follow the directions below.

- Go online to the village website-- www.vopnc.org
- Click on Residents
- Click on Customer service
- Click on Sign up for emergency notification (code red)
- Read info and click on code red highlighted
- Fill out information

You can also receive e-news by signing up in that same section.

If you have any questions, call the Village Office and ask for assistance. 295-1900 between 8:30 am and 5:00 pm

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO PROVIDED FEEDBACK REGARDING THE SPEED LIMITS

Everyone that I have spoken with is pleased with the 25 mph speed limit.

Walkers, cyclists, dog walkers, and especially those with young children feel safer.

Also in our NAC meetings, the residents on Monticello Dr. are very happy---there are fewer cars traveling Monticellothe neighborhood representative from Monticello thanked all of us coming from the lake area that turn left at the light on Rt 5 and drive down to Morgantown Rd. They are thrilled with less traffic and slower speed limits.

January NAC Meeting

2013 Village of Pinehurst Community Survey results were presented by John Frye who is the Finance Director for the Village. This is the 2nd year for the survey. The Village is under contract to do the survey 3 years in a row. There is a full report on the Village website. FYI--The report is over 100 pages long so please do not print the report. Go to www.vopnc.org and on the homepage down in the bottom right corner is the 2013 Community Survey Document. Click on it and it will take you to the whole report and additional information.

- FYI---The survey was mailed to 2500 residents
- 509 responded

- 400 was the goal to be completed

There was so much information that John was covering and so quickly that I stopped taking notes and just listened. Please visit the report to read more.

February NAC Meeting

Chief Earl Phipps was our speaker at the February NAC meeting. He presented a community safety overview. We are fortunate that he came to the LPA Annual meeting and provided an even more detailed report than I received at the NAC meeting. His new high tech equipment was quite impressive.

A few other notes from Chief Phipps and our Village of Pinehurst Police Department:

- A message to our citizens--Keep your eyes on your neighborhood and CALL THE POLICE DEPARTMENT if anything is out of the ordinary or looks suspicious. Even if you think it may not be anything...there may be a crime being committed.
- Our area is having quite a spike in phone, email, and mail scams. If you are receiving phone calls from unknown numbers, the Police Department suggests you do not answer. Many of these numbers are actually coming in from China and other countries. PLEASE DO NOT GIVE OUT ANY PERSONAL INFORMATION ESPECIALLY YOUR CREDIT CARD NUMBER OR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER. If you are continue to have problems or have any questions, Chief Phipps asked that you call the police department. They are willing to check out the situation to find out if it is legitimate or not. Most are scams and the retired population seems to be their main target. If you receive anything in the mail and want to report it, you can take the documents to the police department. If you want to report a scam, you can also go to the North Carolina Attorney General's website.

March NAC Meeting

Our presentation was on the upcoming US Open. Our speaker was Leighton Schwob. Leighton provided us with the history of the USGA and the connection with Pinehurst. I will list below the highlights and am also including a website where you can read even more about this exciting event coming to Pinehurst.

- <http://www.vopnc.org/Residents/News-Announcements/Details-Page/ArticleID/141/USGA-Presents-2014-U-S-Open-Plans-to-the-Pinehurst-Neighborhood-Advisory-Committee>
- Copy and paste this link or go through the Village of Pinehurst website.
- 1999 was the first year the US OPEN was held here

- 2005-- Quickest turn around USGA has ever repeated at a location
- Pinehurst has record held for most spectators- 325,000 plus
- Record corporate sales from events in Pinehurst

Fun US Open Facts

- Over 9000 member ticket packages sold
- 6164 volunteers
- 1171 are from Pinehurst
- 3907 are from NC
- All 50 states represented and 12 countries
- 600 restrooms
- 44 hours live coverage by ESPN and NBC
- VIEWED by 180 million around the world

Economic Impact

- \$75-85 million
- The average visitor spends \$1200
- Men's Open brings \$140-170 million dollars to economy
- With Women's Open the total will be \$170-200 million

Merchandise for Non-ticket holders

- Pavilion will open four days before and citizens do not need a ticket to shop

Ticket updates

- Paid attendance 40,000 per day
- Series ticket packages sold out
- 25% of tickets are two week series
- Sellout is 40,000 max per day
- No tickets available for Men's Thursday thru Sunday to buy at gate
- Spectators should enter Gates 1,2,3, and 10 (Course 7)
- No cell phones permitted
- Mon thru Wed- cameras will be permitted....none on Thursday thru Sunday

Road Closures beginning June 8, 2014

- Morganton Rd will be closed from Doral Woods to Rt. 5
- Pinetree Road is closed
- Muster Branch closed
- Village Green Road closed
- Palmetto Road closed

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD, PLEASE email or call me. I am our government representative for the lake district and I am more than willing to talk with Village officials on important matters.

Communications: Frank Glauner 910-235-5283 fglauner@gmail.com

It's spring time and everyone is starting to think about enjoying the good weather on the lake. Don't forget that we have a "Wanted/For Sale" section on our website in case you are looking to buy or sell "water toys".

Contact Frank Glauner (fglauner@gmail.com) if you want to list something.



Spring is Finally Here



Bert Ozmet Practicing for the Sunday Races

Membership: Barb & Fred Nuenighoff 910-295-4548 fgn7@msn.com

Household memberships in the 2014 Directory	174
Additions after directory was printed	
New Memberships as of April 1	3
Total Memberships	177

Changes to the 2014 Directory

- **Auch** – mailing address 16301 **Riverdale Ct.** Spring Lake, MI **49456**
- **Auch** – email address donauch@att.net & judithauch@att.net
- **Buck** - email address R/LBuck@pinehurst.net
- **Gramacy** email address bgramacy@embarqmail.com
- **Longnecker** – email address jlong6652@gmail.com
- **Meisel** – email address - HoneyMoonHome@gmail.com
- **Steidinger, Andrew** – email address astei@me.com
- **Witchell** – cell phone – (910) 987-5862

New Members Listed in the Directory

- **Mande, Christian & Marion**
- **Rodriguez-Otero, Javies & Gonzaler, Olga**

New Members as of April 13th

- **Gallagher, Ruth**
800 Lake Forest Drive SE
Pinehurst, NC 28374
(910) 420-8086
rgallagher@nc.rr.com
- **Hemphill, Marla**
425 Lake Forest Drive SW
Pinehurst, NC 28374
(210) 748-8080
Marla.ping@gmail.com
- **Morgan, Bob & Ellie**
465 Lake Forest Drive SW
PO Box 283
Pinehurst, NC 28370

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