

**LATE
WINTER
ISSUE**

The Lake View

SPRING IS IN THE AIR!

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One of the best things about Lake Pinehurst (besides the people, lake, pets, and wildlife)? The Four Seasons, of course! We have enjoyed a mild “winter” sans snow and ice. And an Early Spring is already in bloom!

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You'll never miss another Sunrise or Sunset....



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President's Message from Frank Glauner

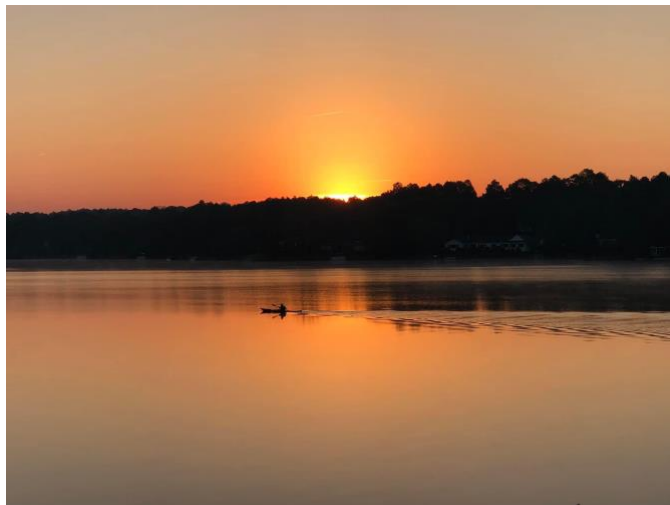
Welcome 2024!

2023 was another great year on the Lake – thank the Social Committee (Sueson Vess, Claire Karamalegos, Pat Gleisner, and Franceska Aaron) for putting together a couple of terrific events to close out the year. Both the Winter WonderLake™ parade and the Holiday Gala were wonderful evenings. Be sure to attend the Annual Meeting on Sunday, April 7th at the Pinehurst Country Club and hear all that is planned for 2024! Our guest speaker is Mayor Patrick Pizzella.

Our Membership Drive is underway – if you haven't already sent in your renewal, please take a moment and do so. We would like to have it completed by the end of the month and your action now will save the membership committee from a lot of follow-up phone calls. Attendance at our Annual Meeting is open to **paid** members only.

As always, I would like to thank all the members of the Board who have been working on our behalf. They can always use some extra help. If you are interested in getting involved in our efforts to “enhance life on the Lake”, please let one of the Board members know. Also, please let us know if you have any suggestions – feedback is a gift.

Take care – see you around the Lake,
Frank



LPA Social Committee & Calendar of Events

By Sueson Vess



Our 2024 social calendar is full of activities and opportunities to gather and enjoy life on Lake Pinehurst! Get your calendars out and **SAVE THE DATES**, since you won't want to miss this year's events! To learn more about these events **Join us at the Annual Meeting on April 7th**

- Spring event: Thursday, May 16th 5:30 pm
- Sunday Boat Tie Ups  **STARTING SOON!**
- Independence Day Parade – **SOMETHING NEW!**
- Fall event: Tuesday, October 8th 5:00 pm
- Winter WonderLake™ Parade Sunday, December 8th
- Holiday Gala at Forest Creek, Tuesday, December 10th

If you missed some of our events...its because we **NEED YOU TO BE THERE TAKING PICTURES!** The Social Butterflies are looking for recruits!



MEMBERSHIP & HOSPITALITY

By Barbara McGinnis

We are off to a great start to our 2024 membership renewal drive. We hope that all members will renew soon. Your renewal now saves me a phone call in February/March! Our annual business meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 7th at the PCC. As usual, there will be an open bar (beer, wine, soft drinks) and tasty nibbles to eat. Please either mail your \$35 membership dues to our PO box: LPA, PO Box 3432, Pinehurst NC 28374, or even better yet, pay online via Zelle. Look for our LPA email address when you access Zelle through your banking website. Lake.Pinehurst.Association@gmail.com Attendance at our LPA Annual Meeting is open to all paid members.

Given our mission to keep our members informed and involved in all things that impact our neighborhood, our organization works hard to enhance our sense of community by planning and hosting multiple social gatherings throughout the year. We also offer a "Lake voice" into a variety of local organizations, and provide places where members can stay informed: our website www.lakepinehurstassn.com (member directory) and private Facebook page. We closed out the 2023 membership year with 344 members from 187 families. Please be sure to encourage any new families to consider joining the LPA. Membership applications are posted on the LPA website.

New members in 2023 included:

Brandon and Madison Brazzeal
 Matt and Kay Carey
 Gary Christenson
 Peter Fore and Sharon Ward-Fore
 Anthony and Casey Gray
 Bruce and Julie Greenfield
 Tim and Laurie Jones

Michael and Kay Knoebel
 Eduardo Mandarino and
 Madeline Kulisek
 Penny Mattern
 Wendall Platamone
 Mark and Liz Savino

Our slogan ***"Enhancing life on the lake" ... begins with you!***

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GOVERNMENT

By Jeff Heintz



The 2023 elections resulted in a Village Council that I believe will be more responsive to residents' concerns generally, and specifically insofar as they relate to controlled development and growth in the Village. The winning candidates all ran on a platform that included more proactive enforcement of Village ordinances (principally the Short-Term Rental, Noise and Unruly Gathering ordinances), and I'm hopeful they will see to it that the Village administration follows through on that.

At long last, the Neighborhood Advisory Committee on November 20, 2023, got presentations from Pinehurst Police Chief Glen Webb regarding the Noise and Unruly Gathering Ordinance, and from Alex Cameron, Director of the Department of Planning and Inspections regarding the STR ordinance. Both presentations highlighted the challenges facing enforcement of these ordinances by the Village. In the case of the noise ordinance, enforcement is predicated on an analysis of decibel levels, and the process is cumbersome (if you want the gory details, please contact me). Since the meeting, Chief Webb has implemented more proactive efforts to streamline the enforcement process, and his commitment to protecting the interests of residents is gratifying. If you wish, you can request the police take a baseline noise reading at your property by making the request through MyVoP, and that will advance the enforcement process in the event you have a complaint in the future. The decibel-threshold system, however, is, frankly, unduly complicated and I hope the Village follows Raleigh's lead and eliminates that component of the enforcement process.

Mr. Cameron's presentation was devoted almost entirely to the challenges associated with enforcement of the STR ordinance. Generally, complaints of violation fall into three categories: "operational" violations, such as exceeding the occupancy limit of 2 adults per bedroom; "grandfathering" violations, such as an STR commencing operation after October 27, 2022, the effective date of the ordinance; and violations of the health and safety requirements contained in Special Condition 9 enacted contemporaneously with the STR ordinance. Unfortunately, the Department of Planning and Inspections takes the position that it is unable to inspect, inquire, or research into the basis of an alleged violation, and requires "absolute proof" that one exists before it will commence enforcement proceedings. I think the position of the Department is too narrow, and that provisions of the Pinehurst Planning and Development Ordinance, and North Carolina statutory law give the Department significantly greater authority than what the Department acknowledges. There will be further dialog with the NAC, and with Village Council to hopefully arrive at a workable enforcement protocol.

The revisions to the operation of the Neighborhood Advisory Committee are complete. You'll recall I thought this was a bad idea, but in practice it has resulted in broader representation across the Village, which is a good thing. It has also created

an additional means of contacting NAC representatives, and you can now contact me at: NAClakepinehurstassoc@vopnc.org. Of course, you can also reach me at jheintz@brouse.com. Be advised that using the NAC address means that your email is a public record. You may also visit <https://form.jotform.com/232773651336156> and request to be placed on a list to receive NAC communications when they come out.

Finally, an internet service provider called Ripple is trenching fiber-optic cable throughout the Village, in phases, beginning at Route 5 and McKenzie, and heading west to the Donald Ross area. Under North Carolina law, a utility company (which Ripple is) has the right to use public rights of way for its distribution system, and the consent of the Village is not required (yet another gift from our “rules for thee but not for me” state legislature). When the project is complete, we will have an internet service provider to compete with Spectrum, but the construction process will be an inconvenience (to say the least). The Village can, and has, imposed construction practices and restoration standards on Ripple, and will inspect the work to make sure they are being followed. I have not yet seen the schedule of when this will occur in our neighborhoods, and when I do, I’ll let you know. In the meantime, the next NAC meeting will be devoted to a presentation from the Village about this project, and if you’re interested you should attend. It will be February 19 at 3:00 p.m. in Village Hall.

But wait... There's More

Interested in receiving email notifications from the Village? Click the links below to sign-up! Here is list of useful links to various pages on the VOP website (www.vopnc.org):

- [Police incident reports](#)
- [Council e-news, Parks and Rec e-news, Business e-news, Village e-news](#) (select any of interest)
- [Emergency notifications \(Code Red\)](#)
- [Follow Pinehurst news on social media](#) (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat)
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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

Welcome to 2024. The lake has been refilled to normal levels with all the recent storms. The summer level was lower than normal, but not so low as to cause any new navigation issues. As always, please be cautious in your pontoon boat when entering some of the coves as they can be shallow in areas. I know the one located near me between Lake Forest Drive SW and Lake Shore Drive has claimed a number of shear pins. When this breaks, your propeller stops working.



We coordinated with the Resort and Village to post signs on Village property on Queens Court in December that notify non-residents that Lake Pinehurst is a private lake and trespassing is not allowed. Queens Court has two locations where people have been seen entering the lake. The Village is involved as the signs are posted on their property.

The hydrilla in the lake is under control. The Resort put 846 sterile carp into the lake in 2021 and 200 more in 2022. This cuts down on the amount of spraying that needs to be performed to control hydrilla. 75 carp were placed in each of the two ponds on Queens Court by the Village in 2021. The carp like to dine on hydrilla and you frequently see these large fish swimming lazily in the shallows during the summer. We did spray the lake last year in October for hydrilla and spot sprayed around some docks during the summer as needed for algae and grasses. If you have an issue around your dock, please contact me. My contact information is in the directory.

Boat Rescue

By Steve Davis

We have been in that unfortunate situation where we are out enjoying the lake and something unforeseen happens: our battery dies, our shear pin breaks, and we are stranded! Usually a neighbor comes to our rescue. During the "season" the PCC Marina has a rescue boat that can come to our aid. Being proactive and prepared is the key! Always bring a cell phone and a list of a few neighbors that may be available to help. Contact Steve Davis ciaostevedavis@gmail.com if you are willing to be a volunteer helper.