



Lake Pinehurst Association Spring Newsletter 2026



President's Message from Frank Glauner

As spring is transitioning to summer, it's great to see how many people are already out enjoying the lake -- now if we could only get some rain to reverse the effects of the drought we are experiencing! As we have more members in or on the water, it's time to pass along a couple of safety reminders...

- If you have any trouble while boating, don't forget we have a page on our website that lists several numbers you can call for assistance - <https://www.lakepinehurstassn.com/boat-help>
- If you have electricity at your dock, this is a good time to double check that your GFCI circuit breaker is working properly - Electric Shock Drowning (ESD) is a silent killer when you have current leaking into the water - <https://www.electricshockdrowning.org/>

It's also time to say thank you to a few folks...

- By now most of you know that we are facing some challenges this fall with the Resort planning to lower the lake for dam repairs and hurricane preparation. More details are available later in this newsletter, but I wanted to highlight that Larry Gleisner is working hard at developing detailed information on options for all of us; Jeff Heintz is maintaining great communications with the Resort to understand their plans and share them with us; and Maura Chilson is working with the PCC Committee regarding their water quality testing program. Thanks to them and all of the Board members who are working on our behalf.
- And a very special thanks to Rick Norland for the excellent leadership he has provided as an LPA Board Member for several years leading our Lake Management efforts.
- Thanks to all who volunteered to help the swimmers in the recent Lake Pinehurst Triathlon. It's always gratifying to see the great turnout that the LPA members provide to support this event!

Take care everyone. Stay safe.

LPA Social Committee & Calendar of Events

By Sueson Vess

We held our Annual Meeting on March 1st at The Paddock where board members presented activity in their areas of responsibility to members. Following the presentation and Q&A session, members socialized with food and drinks.



Upcoming Events:

-Please join us for our **Lake Pinehurst in Bloom** picnic with excellent food and FUN. This is a great opportunity to meet new neighbors and enjoy old friends.

Wednesday, May 20, 5:30-7:30 PM, Timmel Pavilion at Rassie Wicker Park

We have a great menu planned, including grilled chicken, pulled pork, roasted potatoes, carrots, broccoli salad and a yummy strawberry dessert. There are gluten free and vegetarian options. We will have sweet and unsweetened tea, lemonade and water - YOU BRING your own beer and wine.

RSVP By: May 10, 2025. Cost: \$25 PER PERSON

You can pay by check, payable to "Lake Pinehurst Association". Mail to: Mary Kay Socha, 735 Diamondhead Dr. South. Or pay via Zelle to: lake.pinehurst.association@gmail.com

Questions? Please email Mary Kay Socha mksocharn@gmail.com

-Details of our **July 4th activities** will be announced closer to the date.

Cheers from your Social Chair and team of creative Butterflies! - Sueson Vess, Cathy Gentz, Pat Gleisner, Claire Karamalegos, Mary Kay Socha!

Lake Management

By Larry Gleisner

In anticipation of the Fall water reduction of the lake, the board has taken the initiative to research options available to our members. As of March 2026, we have approximately 140 boats docked around our lake. It is likely that some boat owners may want to consider the options of relocating their boat during these times of water reduction.

We researched other similar lakes like the Whispering Pines and Seven Lakes communities who also lower their lake periodically. During those times, Whispering Pines waives their ordinance to allow boat owners with trailers the option of parking their boats either in their yards or driveways. As you probably know, a Pinehurst ordinance prohibits us from parking our boats in that manner. We would have to consider lobbying the village council for a similar waiver.

For those without boat trailers, we reached out to Seven Lakes Marine in West End. Many of our boat owners already patronize them for maintenance work on their boats. They have a boat yard that can accommodate storage of 150 boats at \$100 per month. Seven Lakes Marine will charge us \$100 round-trip pick-up/drop-off fee from the marina and \$150 from your dock in addition to the above storage fee. Seven Lakes Marine does not currently have any transportation options for those with "Duffy Boats" or sail boats. We have checked with Chatlee Boats in Sanford NC, but they do not store any boats.

We have questioned several respected boat manufacturers and mechanics regarding the option of lowering your boat to rest on or near the lake bottom. In each instance, we received the response of “it depends”. Most of our lake bottom is either sandy or muddy which would allow a soft landing to the lake bottom. However, if you know of any obstacles like tree stumps, that may hamper this option. The only other suggestion provided was to keep your dock ropes loose and lift your boat motor prior to the drop in water level.

Some residents have asked whether boat owners could move their boats to deeper depths of the lake, anchor them and maybe kayak back to their docks. While it seems like a viable option, that comes with having experience of how to properly anchor it to accept the wind and storms in open water. The LPA does not endorse this option, and we feel confident the resort would not endorse it either.

Some residents have asked about the anticipated dredging project being considered by the resort to restore an area nearest Sugar Gum Road to its original depth after the Chantal storm of last summer. The resort remains committed to fulfilling that project, but it is unlikely to consider a dredging project from a water barge. We will keep you apprised of this discussion as it develops.

Membership and Hospitality

By Barbara McGinnis

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.

Our membership is composed of 189 households with 345 individuals.

Please be sure to encourage your neighbors to consider joining the LPA. Our slogan “Enhancing life on the lake”..... begins with you!

Membership applications are posted on the LPA website (www/lakepinehurstassn.com).

Please welcome our new members as of the start of the year!!

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| Linda and Dave Miller | Blaine Paxton Hall | Patrick and Staci Shelley |
| Jean Neil | Leta Outlaw | Brian and Victoria Limpert |
| Sharon and David Whipkey | Russell and Wendy Eng | David Kelly and Amy Wang |
| Mark and Nicole Tuggle | | |

Government/Village

By Jeff Heintz

We are at the beginning of the 2026 hospitality season, and while we hope for a quiet one, sometimes our visitors can be inconsiderate. There are Village ordinances that prohibit on-street, overnight parking, unreasonable noise, and unruly behavior, among others. The Village is installing new signs to remind our guests of these regulations, and hopefully, they will be effective. But if you believe you are experiencing behavior that violates one of these ordinances, please report it to the Pinehurst Police Department's non-emergency number, **910-295-3781**. Officers will respond and take appropriate action.

Farmers Market 2026:

Tufts Memorial Park, 1 Village Green Rd

April 15 - September 30

Saturday Hours : 10:00am - 1:00pm

Wednesday Hours: 3:00pm - 6:00pm

Live After 5 (free):

The Pinehurst Arboretum, 80 Carolina Vista

Friday, May 8 : 5.15pm - 9 pm

Live music, dancing, children's activities, food trucks on site.

For more information about these and other Pinehurst Village activities and events, go to www.vopnc.org.

Beach Club / Marina Report

By Maura Chilson

2026 PCC Beach Club Schedule (Access for LPA members who are also PCC members) :

Saturday, May 9 : Beach Club Opens Weekends : Friday | 1:00 p.m.~7:00 p.m. Saturday & Sunday | 11:00 a.m.~7:00 p.m. Snack Shack Open During Above Hours. NOTE: Open Memorial Day, Monday, May 25.

Saturday, June 13 : Beach Club Opens Tuesday - Sunday | 11:00 a.m.~7:00 p.m. Snack Shack Open During Above Hours. CLOSED on Mondays. NOTE: Open Monday, July 6.

Boat Access:

Boats moored at the Marina by PCC Members can be accessed year-round by using assigned key/code to get in. Pontoon boats are available for rent by PCC Members and Resort Guests. Please contact Taylor Davis Whitley -taylor.davis@pinehurst.com

Lake Water Testing:

Water testing will take place monthly and, if results warrant additional testing, the schedule will change to weekly. Results will be posted at the Beach Club Snack Shack and on our website at <https://www.lakepinehurstassn.com/lakestatus>.

The Polar Plunge:

The Polar Plunge for Special Olympics North Carolina took place on Saturday, February 28th 2026 at the Pinehurst Beach Club. With air temperatures just below 50 degrees, the icy dip raised \$4,750.



Pinehurst Triathlon:

Part of the North Carolina Triathlon Series, the Pinehurst Triathlon took place on Saturday, April 11th 2026. Offering both an International and a Sprint Distance Triathlon option, the races begin with a beach start at the Pinehurst Marina, where it has been held since 1997. As in previous years, Lake Pinehurst Association members provided boats around the course to help any swimmers who needed assistance.





Boat Rescue & Assistance



PCC Beach Club : The PCC boat is available to respond to requests for help during the hours they are open.

They are also available to help move boats to the Marina ramp when your boat needs to be pulled (this should be scheduled in advance).

The Marina Manager, Bill Janhonen, can be reached by phone (203-554-8075) or by email (wjanhonen@wsjenterprises.com)

Special thanks to the following LPA members who have volunteered to assist those in trouble:

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| PCC Beach Club | 910-235-8759 | Only when open |
| Bill Janhonen | 203-554-8075 | Marina Manger |
| Larry Gleisner | 336-404-1781 | LPA Member |
| Henry Vess | 630-269-8115 | LPA Member |
| Alan Naisby | 832-405-2011 | LPA Member |
| Cliff Converse | 585-281-3196 | LPA Member |
| Steve Davis | 215-801-1468 | LPA Member |
| Glenn Davis | 910-295-8093 | LPA Member |
| Jon Chase | 910-484-4492 | LPA Member |

Please note that there is a Boat Help section on the LPA Member website and Members can download the JPG file or a PDF file to their phone for easy access while on the Lake.

Lake Photo Gallery – Views, Lake Action and Our Neighbors in Nature

- Lake Views

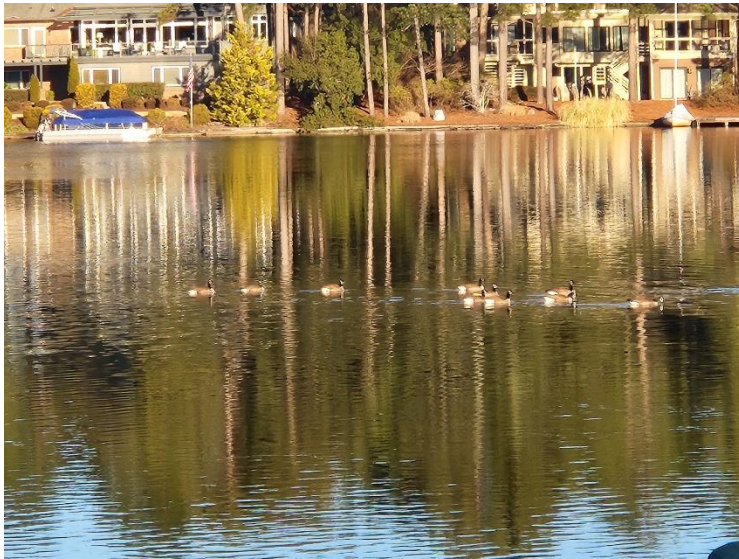


- Action On and Around The Lake



- Our Neighbors in Nature





The Geese are back in town!

Much sadness around the lake when we learned that Ron had lost his best friend, Betty. Nice to see Ron out and about on the lake at times with the ducks.



Member Recognition

We continue to compile a list of Lake Association members who have spent 25+ years living around the Lake. Please email Jane Sutton (jsuttonn@gmail.com) if you fall into that category. With each newsletter, we will spotlight 25+ year residents to help us know our neighbors better. This month, we focus on **Dale and Darlene Skinner....**



Dale, originally from Chicago, and Darlene, from Warsaw, Indiana, were married 60 years ago, moved to Pinehurst in 1992 and, having always lived by water and enjoyed various watercraft, started a search for a lakeside property. They moved to Lake Pinehurst Villas in 1995, and purchased a pontoon boat.

Dale served as president of the Homeowners Association of Lake Pinehurst Villas for 9 years.

He still works in the insurance business, but makes sure to find time to play golf 3 times a week. At 98 years old, he is proud to have shot his age at golf for the last 24 years.

Darlene has been involved in music from a very early age, both as an organist and a teacher. In Pinehurst, she was a Music Director at the Village Chapel from 2001 to 2011, and has been Music Associate - organist, pianist, handbell director - at Pinehurst United Methodist Church for 13 years.

The Skinners have two married sons and 5 grandchildren in the Charlotte area. Both sons inherited their Mother's talent for and love of music, performing with various instruments around Charlotte.

Having travelled extensively in the U.S. and around the world, the Skinners tell us they still very much enjoy their home on Lake Pinehurst, and the safety and wonderful people of Pinehurst !

From the Archives

For this edition, we focus on the Marina before the 2015 updates and development of the PCC Beach Club:



Long a place of rest and recreation on Lake Pinehurst, the Marina was traditionally the setting for a fun day on July 4th, with various games and activities for children and adults, including sack races and sandcastle building. Photos shown below are from 1998 and 2002 respectively.



Many thanks to all those who contributed photos to this Newsletter – please keep them coming!

Cheers to All!

