



Lake Pinehurst Association Fall Newsletter 2026



President's Message from Frank Glauner

After all our concerns about what the Resort was planning to do with the Lake level, who knew that it would end up being Mother Nature that would deliver such a brutally hot and dry summer! Let's hope that we get back to some normal weather patterns and get the Lake refilled in time to still enjoy some nice fall days.

As we turn the calendar page and look to the remainder of the year, the Social Committee has some great events planned for us to gather and enjoy the wonderful community spirit of the LPA. Here's hoping many of you will be able to join in the festivities!

Help wanted: We could use some help with email and/or web-site maintenance if anyone is comfortable with computer activities and would like to get involved with LPA communications. Please let us know.

Stay safe and see you around the Lake. Frank



Where once there was water!

LPA Social Committee & Calendar of Events

By Sueson Vess

We held our **Spring picnic** at the Timmel Pavillion at Rassie Wicker Park on May 20th, and captured those members attending:





Our July 4th Boat Parade and Glenn Davis concert were recorded in the following photos:



Upcoming Event: - Chili Cook Off

I know it seems too HOT to be thinking about CHILI, but October and cooler weather is just around the corner. It's time to register for this fun event. We are hosting our **LPA Chili Cook Off** on **Wednesday, October 7th at 5:00pm** at **Rassie Wicker Park**. **We NEED COOKS!** - Chefs get two free tickets to attend, everyone else pays \$20 per person. Cooks register with Sueson Vess suesonv@gmail.com or call/text [630-846-4605](tel:630-846-4605). Check payable to Lake Pinehurst Association and mail to: Mary Kay Socha, [735 Diamondhead Dr. South](mailto:lake.pinehurst.association@gmail.com) OR pay via Zelle: lake.pinehurst.association@gmail.com **RSVP by September 27 - Mark your calendars and RSVP TODAY!**

Upcoming Event: - **LPA Holiday Gala at Forest Creek Country Club**, Tuesday December 8th – Save the date, details to follow!

Upcoming Event: - **Calling all boaters** — WE NEED YOU! We are hoping to have the Winter WonderLake Boat Parade on Saturday, December 5. We cannot do it without your help! Please consider decorating and lighting up your boat in the holiday spirit. The Beach Club will be hosting their event to appreciate our efforts. Let Sueson suesonv@gmail.com know if you plan to participate. As always, the parade is weather dependent and would be cancelled by inclement weather.

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

As we all know, the water level of the lake remains low, despite the expected water level reduction that was planned by the resort management in September. I estimate that we are about 1 ½ feet below our full level. The LPA board has not been advised of any further mandatory reduction of the lake level by the resort, so we are hoping the water level remains relatively the same until the new year.

The quality of the lake water this year was better than anticipated. The bacteria levels stayed within safe levels when tested during the summer months, despite a lack of rain and extreme heat all summer. Water test results can be seen on our website at <https://www.lakepinehurstassn.com/lakestatus>. Based on the results of water testing, Pinehurst Country Club will no longer be testing the lake for the remainder of this year and will resume next Spring.

Pinehurst Lake Dredging concept research: LPA board members Larry Gleisner and Jeff Heintz visited an ongoing work site managed by Legion Construction. This company manages dredging operations of waterfront properties like Lake Pinehurst. During the visit, we viewed the current dredging operation of a dock area of a Seven Lakes home on Lake Auman. The overall goal of their project was to remove and relocate sediment and pine straw remnants along the waterfront using a floating waterjet-propelled workboat built to remove aquatic debris. In layman's terms, it resembles a skid steer on water.



This piece of equipment was paired with a land-based backhoe. While the aquatic workboat collected debris from underwater using a large rake-like bucket, it brought the debris to a waterfront location where the backhoe collected it and placed it on shore for future removal.

Jeff and I inquired with the construction company's owner/operator about the feasibility of using this concept on Lake Pinehurst. He proposed the following: On a property-by-property basis, the workboat would remove sediment accumulated near bulkheads and around docks, depositing it onto two company-owned pontoon boats which would shuttle the sediment to an operational base on shore where the backhoe would empty the boats and transfer the spoil to trucks or buggies for ultimate removal.

Location of off-loading: We propose staging the backhoe and dump truck at the shoreline of the vacant land east of the lake spillway off Diamond Head Drive. To reduce man-hours and the over-water transportation, it might be possible to use alternate areas for the backhoe on vacant property on each of the north ends of the lake's fingers.

Pricing: Using the above concept, Legion Construction would offer a homeowner a fixed price based on the number of boatloads it needed to complete the removal of their debris. He anticipated the average job to entail between 1 to 3 days per household. The price could be negotiated depending on the number of homes that are interested. The more homes that commit, the lower the price.

Other options: An idea offered was to use the same floating boat and place a 20X40 foot barge in a central location on the lake that would hold a dumpster. The floating work boat would make single trips to the barge and empty sediment in the dumpster. The dumpster would be sporadically offloaded at the shoreline and replaced with another dumpster. This option was not deemed viable due to the man hours lost in making the one-bucket-at-a-time movement.

Another option that was considered was for the floating work boat to offload the sediment on each homeowner's property. It would then be the owner's responsibility to remove their sediment. He offered the ability to use the backhoe in the homeowner's yard provided the homeowners have access between their homes.

Concerns: The resort's stance? Where are the sewer lines under water? Power lines? Any other underwater concerns? Aquatic life impact (where are the turtles and fish going to go)?

Membership and Hospitality

By Barbara McGinnis

We're happy to report that the Lake Pinehurst Association is growing nicely. We've welcomed 5 more households to our group since May, bringing our new household total so far this year to 15. Our membership is now up to 195 households, with 359 individuals.

Please welcome: **Richard and Lisanne Sykes : Michael and Connie Cason : Scott and Jessica Melvin : Amy and Sean O'Connor : Lorraine and Scott Boice**

Members can stay informed via our website [www/lakepinehurstassn.com](http://lakepinehurstassn.com) (member directory) and private Facebook page. Please be sure to encourage your neighbors to consider joining the LPA, membership applications are posted on the website.

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

Government/Village

By Jeff Heintz

Finally, the Village of Pinehurst has adopted an ordinance prohibiting construction contractors from allowing sediment, mud, and construction debris to run off their building sites onto the property of others. The ordinance also requires them to remove runoff material within 24 hours after notice from the Village. Homeowners always had (and will still have) a civil remedy against contractors who allow this damage to occur, but only after the damage was done. The requirements of this ordinance (and the penalties it provides) will, hopefully, encourage contractors to install meaningful runoff protection measures to keep runoff damage from happening in the first place. You can find a copy of the ordinance [here](#). The enactment of this law has been a long time coming. Thanks to the Village for (finally) recognizing and addressing this issue.

Upcoming Village Events:

<u>Silver Shield: Cybercrime Prevention</u> Pinehurst Village Assembly Hall Tuesday, Sept. 29th, 2-4 p.m. Learn scam spotting skills. Free event.	<u>Live After 5.</u> The Village Arboreum Friday, October 9th 5.15 pm to 9 pm Last Live After 5 of 2026.
<u>Holly Arts and Crafts Festival.</u> Village Center & James W. Tufts Memorial Park Saturday, October 17th, 10 am to 4 pm	<u>Oktoberfest and Kinderfest.</u> James W. Tufts Memorial Park Saturday, October 24th 4 pm to 9 pm Kinderfest 4 - 6pm, Oktoberfest 6 - 9pm
<u>Monster Mash Dash</u> Cannon Park, Pinehurst Saturday, October 31st Fun Run: 8.30 am, free. 5k: 9 am \$25, \$35 after Oct. 1st	<u>Pinehurst Turkey Trot</u> The Village Arboretum, 105 Rassie Wicker Park Saturday, November 21st 1- Mile Fun Run 8.30 am, 5k Race 9 am Village website for sign-up details and pricing.
<u>Christmas Tree Lighting</u> James W. Tufts Memorial Park Friday, December 4th, 5 pm - 7.30 pm Official lighting 6.30 pm. Food and beverage vendors onsite.	

For more details about the above events and more Pinehurst Village information, go to www.vopnc.org

Beach Club / Marina Report

By Maura Chilson

The Beach Club closing day is Monday September 28, 2026.

Those with boats moored at the Lake Pinehurst Marina can still access them by using their key fob. If you don't have a key fob you can contact Mirna.holder@pinehurst.com or [910-235-8177](tel:910-235-8177) at Pinehurst Country Club.

Pontoon boats will be available for rent by PCC Members and Resort Guests until December 1st. Please contact Andrew.hudson@pinehurst.com. Boat rentals will then restart in March.

Boat Rescue & Assistance



Requests for boat rescue by the PCC boat during the off-season should be directed to the Member Services desk [910- 235-8100](tel:910-235-8100), Mon.- Fri. 9 am - 5 pm, Sat. 9 am - 2 pm. After hours, call Taylor Davis Whitley [252-290-0135](tel:252-290-0135).

Boat Towing : Advance scheduling for help towing boats to the Marina ramp can be arranged by contacting Andrew.hudson@pinehurst.com.

(Please note that the previously listed contact – Marine Manger Bill Janhonen – has retired)

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

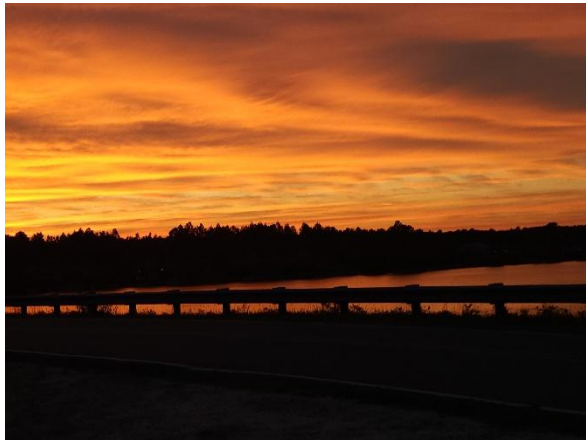
PCC Lobby	910-235-8100	Mon-Fri 9-5, Sat 9-2
Taylor Davis Whitley	252-290-0135	PCC After Hours
Larry Gleisner	336-404-1781	LPA Member
Henry Vess	630-269-8115	LPA Member
Alan Naisby	832-405-2011	LPA Member
Jon Chase	910-484-4492	LPA Member
Steve Davis	215-801-1468	LPA Member
Glenn Davis	910-295-8093	LPA Member

If you are able to help, and we can add your name to the above list, please contact Jane at JSuttonN@gmail.com

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



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 spotlight 25+ year residents to help us know our neighbors better. This month, we focus on **Jean Neil....**



George and Jean Neil first came to Pinehurst for a business meeting at CCNC in 1965. Twenty-five years later, in 1990, they semi-retired and decided to make Pinehurst home. Their house on Diamondhead Drive was built for them in 1993. Jean recalls the view from their new house of the Girl Scout Camp across the lake, and notes that the lake was very quiet in those days, with many empty lots and a lot fewer docks.

George had a Pilot's License from the Military, and became an avid private pilot, with a Warrior-style plane based at Moore County Airport. Jean completed a pinch hitter training course to safely take control and land the plane, if needed.

The Neils were also part of the Lake Pinehurst sailing community. Sailboats would convene at a red buoy off the point of land across from the Marina on Sundays, weather permitting, from May through September. A bullhorn would start the fun race at 3 pm, and a social time followed. In later years, George and Jean became owners of a Duffy boat and enjoyed escaping out onto the lake during COVID.

Jean fondly remembers community picnics and get-togethers at the Marina. Members of Pinehurst Country Club and Forest Creek Country



club, the Neils have also been very active in other community organizations over the years, including support for the Arboretum. Jean belongs Pinehurst Garden Club and is the current Chairperson of Weymouth Garden Club.

Jean still delights in family visits to the lake house, and has enjoyed watching her grandchildren, and now great-grandchildren, play in the lake. Jean also notes that she loves her daily rituals of coffee on the deck looking out over the lake each morning, and a cocktail on the deck in the evenings. Cheers, Jean !



From the Archives – The Tree Houses



Shortly after Lake Pinehurst was expanded into the current 200 acre lake in 1972 to support irrigation for the area's famous golf courses, a collection of iconic, stilted, elevated condominiums were built along the shores of Lake Pinehurst and Golf Course #3 as part of the 1970s resort expansion/ growth era by then owners, Diamondhead Corporation.

Designed to blend into the natural landscape, the condominiums gained their " tree house" moniker due to their elevated status and their distinct

architectural integration with the mature, local pine canopy. They feature elevated, multi-level layouts and private wrap-around wooden decks.

Legends in the Lake Pinehurst Tree House Community are **the Shipman family**. Alan and Lynn Shipman brought their family of 4 children, ages 5 to 15, from New York to Pinehurst in 1987.

The Tree House was to be a temporary move, but the family loved their new home on the lake. They fished regularly on their 14ft Jon boat and golfed in the evenings across the road on Course #3. The children made friends and rode their bikes in and around the Village, to the Gun Club and to attractions in those days such as the St Andrews and Bretton Woods pools.



The Shipman Tree House was sold in 2025 after Alan Shipman passed away, but the family greatly treasures its memories of life in the Tree House on Lake Pinehurst.

Many thanks to all those who contributed photos to this Newsletter, and to Celeste LeJeune for help with the Tree House story – Please keep it all coming!

Cheers to All!



