SPRING ISSUE

MAY, 2022

# The Lake View

#### **THREE CHEERS FOR SPRING!**

Hip-Hip... Hooray!! (Say it again & again!!)

**Recap \* LPA Reports \* LPA Calendar of Activities \* LPA Contacts** 

#### 1. Winter Gives Way To Spring, AND Not A Moment Too Soon!

Snowmen, Snowblowing & Fires.

Now onto warmer days One of the best things about Lake Pinehurst (besides the people, lake, pups, and wildlife)? The Four Seasons, of course! And winter certainly gave us a wild ride, with children sledding, snowman-making, Bob Monin snow blowing, and much more.

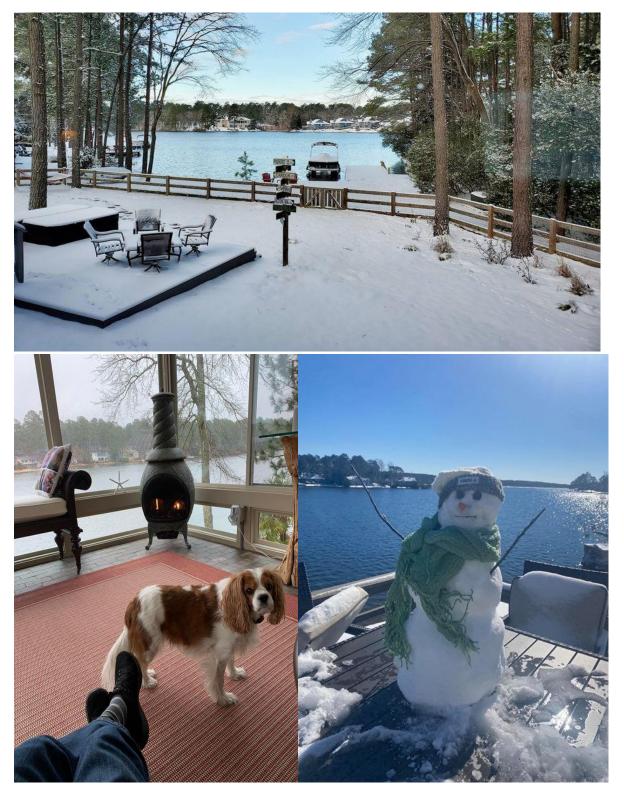


So, let's take a quick look back at some of "cool times" that made the latter part of this winter memorable.



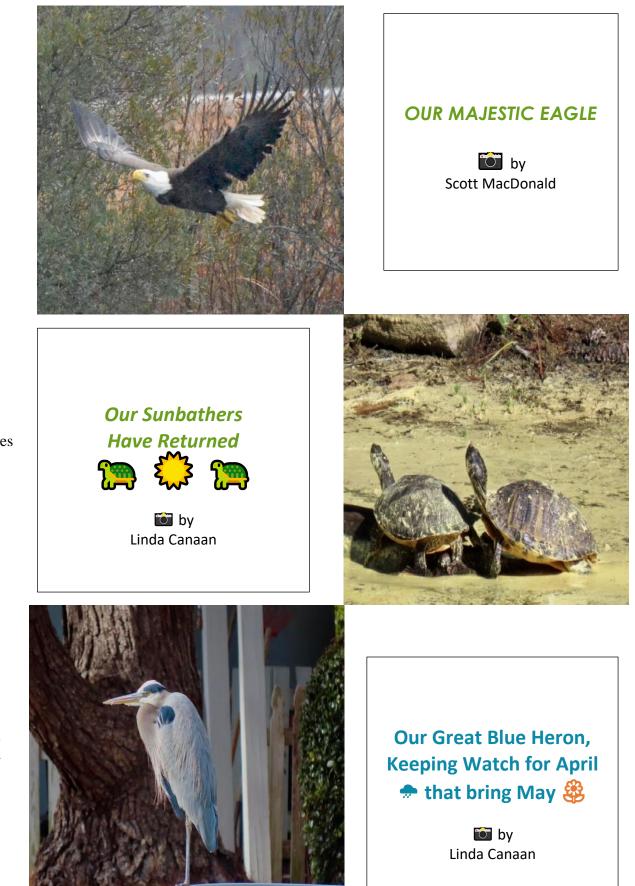
#### Water & Boating Galore

thanks for the capture, Kendra Stuart Barringer



Rainy Day Blessings Thanks, Sandie Fullerton Hackman

Carol Chase Carol Chase and Frosty making the most of some sunshine



Thank you Neighbors,

For your regular shares

Of some of the most magnificent residents on the lake! Another Reason to Join Lake Pinehurst Association's Facebook Page....

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



Scott MacDonald



Sueson Ross Vess



Carol Chase

# 3. LAKE PINEHURST ASSOCIATION REPORTS

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# President's Message from Frank Glauner

Springtime in Pinehurst - always such a special time of the year (other than the pine pollen)! It is so beautiful driving around the neighborhood and enjoying all the flowering plants and trees. The water is warming up and people are starting to get out and enjoy our wonderful Lake Pinehurst. 'It's a beautiful day in Pinehurst!'

As everyone is starting to get out and enjoy the lake, I wanted to pass along a few random comments:

- <u>to the new boaters</u>: be cautious as you cruise into some of the coves it gets pretty shallow in places where we have had sand wash into the lake
- <u>to all boaters:</u> for the last couple of years we have not had the PCC rescue boat available for help; however, Taylor Davis has advised me that we can once again call the Marina for assistance at the times the Beach Club is open. For all other times, be sure to have a neighbor/friend in mind in case you run into a problem such as a dead battery.
- <u>to all fishermen and women</u>: please keep in mind that the boat owners get very nervous when you are casting near their dock those boat covers are quite expensive and don't take to treble hooks very well!
- to all homeowners with electricity at your dock: double check that your GFCI circuit breaker is working properly - Electric Shock Drowning (ESD) is a silent killer if you have current leaking into the water (https://www.electricshockdrowning.org/)

#### (President's message continued)

**Congratulations** to all our members who participated in the Lake Pinehurst Triathlon and a big **thank you!** to all our members who turned out to provide support for the swimmers. It seemed to be one of the largest events in recent years.

And a thank you to all who responded to our recent survey regarding the Annual Meeting. Our attendance was lower than in past years. Based on the survey, the feedback we received from those who did not attend was:

- 66% had a scheduling conflict
- 3% did not like the choice of venue
- 4% did not feel it was worth giving up the afternoon
- 7% had health concerns about public gatherings
- 20% simply forgot

For those who were unable to attend, you can find the meeting minutes on our website (<u>https://www.lakepinehurstassn.com/</u>) on the "About Us" tab. You can also find the schedule of all the Social Activities that are planned for the year on the website.



Resident Patrick James Henry reported that, "the white ducks were participating in the swimming portion of the triathlon." However, there's been no word on their performance in the biking or running portions.... (Thanks for the Datrick)

## LPA Social Committee & Calendar of Events By Sueson Vess

### **BIG NEWS & HAPPENINGS!!**

Our social calendar is full of activities and opportunities to gather and participate in our vibrant life on Lake Pinehurst! Get your calendars out, since you won't want to miss this year's events!

• May 12, 2022: Spring Picnic Hooked on Lake Life, was

great fun and we "reeled 👰 in" approximately 80 attendees, while welcoming new members.

- Any Given Sunday Boat Tie Up Join us for a Floating Block Party! May-October Sunday Raft Up 5:00-??
  - © Meet up with neighbors in the middle of the lake
  - Bring an appetizer or dessert to share (or BYO if preferred)
  - BYO beverages

Let's make it EVERY Sunday –planning on Facebook/Email



- Decorate your boat & join the fun!
- Parade start time: 5:00 PM
- LPA-sponsored Dockside Concert by Jo & Glenn Davis following the parade

• Cheers or Prost...It Rhymes with Toast! Thursday, October 13, Rassie Wicker Park Timmel Pavilion, 5:00-7:30pm It's time for an Oktoberfest Festival! Break out the lederhosen and join us for a wúnderbar time with friends, food and music!



Winter WonderLake<sup>™</sup> Holiday Extravaganza Boat Parade and Land-Based Light Show!

#### Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm

We know how to celebrate the season, entertain our neighbors and care for those less fortunate in creative, safe and fun ways.

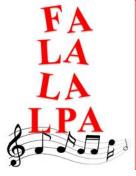
Santa and his helpers will join us!

Decorate your boat
Decorate your dock

✓ Decorate your house

 $\checkmark$  Donate to the Food Bank

✓ All of the Above



Lake Pinehurst Association Holiday Gala

Thursday, December 8th

**Forest Creek** 

Save the date!

### **MEMBERSHIP**

#### By Barbara McGinnis & Melinda Handke

Our slogan "Enhancing life on the lake begins with you" ....is a mantra that works for us! Our members' interest in staying informed about community topics and participating in activities with their neighbors is what makes our community such a special place.



Our membership continues to grow, too, with 15 new member households this year.

Please Give a Warm Welcome to Our New Members in 2022

Keith and Christine Harris, Lake Pinehurst Villas Alexander and Amanda Jacoby, Burning Tree Rd Ashley and Vickie Smith, Westlake Pointe Lane Rick and Dot Kimelman, Diamondhead Drive Bradley and Rachelle Rush, Diamondhead Drive S Tim and Laura Driscoll, Lake Forest Drive SW Karen Butler, Lake Pinehurst Villas Rd Paul and Mary Guay, Lakeside Ct Tina Oakley, Gingham Lane James and Kelly Rohrer, Pine Vista Drive Steven and Janis Casey, Lake Forest Drive SW Linda Sullivan, Westlake Pointe Drive Daniel and Jackie Vetter, Lake Pinehurst Villas John and Michel, Hauser, Lake Pointe Drive Heather and Art Miller, Lake Forest Drive SW



## GOVERNMENT By Jeff Heintz

- MyVoP. When issues have arisen that require attention from the Village, • (think: stormwater runoff, animal issues, illegally parked vehicles, potholes in the street, etc.) the quickest way to get a response is to use a link on the Village website called MyVoP. To access it, go to: https://www.vopnc.org/our-community/living-in-pinehurst/servicerequest-center-my-vop. The link gives you an interactive series of screens where you can select the proper department for your inquiry and describe it. The system creates a file that can be followed as the complaint is investigated. A staff member in the appropriate department is assigned to investigate, and the system establishes response deadlines, so if action isn't taken promptly, supervisory personnel can get involved and move things along. I've used MyVoP and have gotten guick response and good results. When you use the system, be sure to complete the survey screen that pops up once the matter is completed and let me know what you think of the experience.
- <u>Stormwater Management.</u> The long-awaited Pinehurst Stormwater Management Plan is progressing. The Village has engaged McGill & Associates (an engineering firm) to assess the stormwater situation Villagewide and draft a plan. The problem in our neighborhoods generally stems from construction on lots that have remained vacant for years, but that are being built upon now that the real estate market is superheated. McGill has identified the need for restrictions that can be applied to minimize stormwater discharge from development lots in single-family residential areas like ours, so it looks like they're on the right track. Again, time will tell. You can follow McGill's progress at: https://engage.vopnc.org/stormwater
- <u>Small Area Plans.</u> As you know, the Village is trying to plan the future of two largely undeveloped areas: what is called Village Place North (generally running from the downtown Village area out to Rt. 211) and Pinehurst South (generally running from the racetrack area along Rt. 5 to Aberdeen) continues at a snail's pace. The current plan for Pinehurst South (which is of the most interest to us) is for mixed-use: commercial, office and residential. The residential properties will be both multi-family and single-family. Darryn Burich, Pinehurst Director of Planning has said that the single-family homes will be like what was built in the Walker Station development on Midland Road. That's not something that excites people who've heard about it, and I hope the Pinehurst South plan will evolve in a different

direction. The Small Area Plans process can be accessed at: <u>https://engage.vopnc.org/smallareaplans</u>. Future meeting schedules will be posted there, and you'll have an opportunity to comment on how the plans are progressing.

 <u>Short-Term Rentals.</u> Since the last Newsletter, the Neighborhood Advisory Committee and Village Council have been actively exploring regulation of short-term rentals in Pinehurst, especially in single-family residential neighborhoods like ours. While it seems like this process is taking forever, considerable progress has been made, from November of 2021 when the NAC was told "there's nothing we can do" to April 2022 as the Council deliberates over a regulatory structure that will, hopefully, put the brakes on the unchecked proliferation of short-term rental properties and impose common-sense oversight to protect tenants, neighbors, and neighborhoods. The North Carolina Court of Appeals recently issued a decision that significantly clarifies Pinehurst's ability to take these needed steps, so stay tuned......

# 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 (<u>www.vopnc.org</u>):

- Police incident reports
- <u>Council e-news, Parks and Rec e-news, Business e-news, Village e-news</u> (select any of interest)
- Emergency notifications (Code Red)
- <u>Follow Pinehurst news on social media</u> (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat)
- <u>Report incidents, request for services and review incidents on MyVOP</u>
- <u>Surveys and results on major Pinehurst Projects</u>
- Email a Council member
- Watch Council Meetings

As always, if you have questions about any of this or would like further information, contact me at your convenience.



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### Lake Management By Rick Norland

Please be aware that beavers have returned to Lake Pinehurst so homeowners on the lake **should protect the base of their ornamental trees and bushes** with wire. I've used <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" X <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" grey steel hardware cloth that's 24" high. It's a galvanized wire mesh that's available at Burney Hardware, Ace Hardware or Lowes Hardware. You'll want to wrap around the base to prevent the beavers from toppling your tree or bush. It can be very upsetting to lose a prized, ornamental tree.

**The Sugar Gum bypass** that re-routed the force main from Sugar Gum Lane and Lake Hills Road through the Resort #5 golf course up to Route 5 has been very successful during its year of operation. The original pipe has been rerouted with a larger diameter and thicker wall pipe. **No new wastewater spills** have occurred into the lake due to the new line.

**The lake is in good condition.** This year, on May 3, 200 sterile grass carp were added to the lake to help keep the invasive, hydrilla weed under control. It's fortunate that the carp have a dietary preference for this weed. The lake was also sprayed in September for submerged weeds like hydrilla and as needed during the year in the shallow coves by Horse Creek and Brae Burn Village. Spot spraying was also performed during the year for algae and grasses at homeowner's request. **Please contact me if weeds are an issue** at your dock. **The Resort and the lakefront homeowners share in the cost** of the spraying and the carp. It's a voluntary contribution from homeowners, but it does help keep the lake ideal for boating, swimming and fishing. Last year the request was only \$50. **An invoice will be sent in July** from the resort to lakefront owners that is separate from Resort dues.

The dam is inspected every 18 to 24 months by the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality with the last inspection in January 2021. No significant issues were found. The LPA placed 4 plastic markers along the shoreline of the dam as a reference for any potential erosion. We can monitor this visually.

Enjoy our warmer weather on the lake. The pollen thankfully seems to be abating.

# **Notes from the Editor**

#### By Kirstin Lowry MacDonald

We hope you enjoyed this newsletter. If there is a birth, special anniversary date, a public thank you, 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 their work and submissions within this newsletter.

Also, a **BIG THANK YOU** to those who contribute photos and information on our Lake Pinehurst Association Facebook page. Special mention and thanks go out to this edition's neighbors who shared some terrific photos with us.

> Linda Canaan Sandra Monin Kendra Stewart Barringer Sandie Fullerton Hackman Carol Chase Sueson Ross Vess Patrick James Henry Scott MacDonald

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