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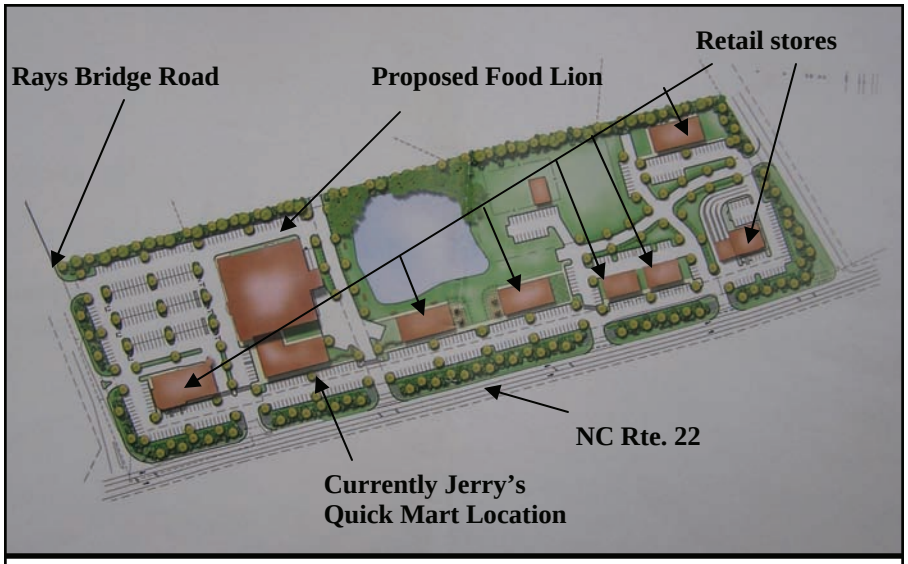
SHOPPING CENTER DEVELOPER SEEKS REZONING APPROVAL

$15 Million Center at Ray's Bridge Road to Feature Food Lion and Retail Shops.

On December 7, the Village received a rezoning application and 6 conditional use applications which, together, would result in a neighborhood shopping center containing 8 retail parcels and a Food Lion supermarket. The total retail space in the shopping center is projected to be over 750,000 square feet and the cost of the project is estimated at $15,000,000. The Developer is JDH Capital, LLC, whose office, according to Village officials is in Charlotte, North Carolina.

According to Mike Poston, Director of Planning and Zoning for the Village, the application will be a two stage process. In the first stage, the Village will be asked to rezone the residential parcel of land now owned by Brian and Christine Garton of 1579 Rays Bridge which will be the parking lot for the Food Lion store if all approvals are given by the Village. The second stage involves 6 conditional use applications, all of which would permit development of the retail shops planned for the development.

The rezoning application was heard by the Planning Board on January 27th. The Planning Board approved the rezoning application without comment or questions. However, the Planning Board may have thrown a monkey wrench into the process when Stafford Thornton, Chairman of the Board, noted that not one of the six conditional use applications had applied for any specific retail use such as a bank, or a store. Since there were six different property owners applying, Thornton reasoned that each application had to specify the type of retail activity that would go on if the conditional use was approved. He also suggested that the developer buy all the land and then make one application, but the Board tabled discussion until the Village attorney could be consulted.



The developer's conceptual drawing of the Food Lion shopping center.

Upon approval of the entire project by the Planning Board, a public hearing would be held before the Village Council.

Protest Petitions

Under North Carolina law, notice of the proposed rezoning must be given

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Editorial-

The Food Lion Rezoning Application. Deja Vous All Over Again?

Last year, the Village was faced with five separate rezoning applications, the effect of which would have been to permit 300 new homes to be built in the extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ), that one mile strip that extends out from the Village's boundaries. The Pitch urged the Village Council to deny the applications for rezoning and adopt a conditional zoning ordinance. Under the conditional zoning process, the developers would have been required to come in with full plans, every detail of which would have been subject to close scrutiny by the Planning Board and the Village Council. Once the environmental considerations, the drainage engineering, the density, the open spaces, and detailed engineering plans of the applications had been thoroughly vetted, the zoning would then have been approved, and not before.

That didn't happen. Instead, the zoning applications raced through the Planning Board with little comment. The Village Council took a closer look, but, with three new members who hadn't been through the process before, the rezoning did not receive the attention it deserved.

Closer scrutiny of these developments did come at the subdivision approval stage but, to this day, serious problems remain; particularly at the Newberry and the Arrowstone subdivisions. Almost a year after the rezoning, a traffic engineer is studying whether to allow access of those subdivisions to Pine Ridge, <u>even though the subdivision plans have effectively been approved.</u> Further, the Newberry subdivision appears to have serious flaws in its drainage system, which has prompted the Village engineer to re-examine the subdivision design.

In other words, some of these rezoning applications have become a mess. It is ironic that the one developer with probably the best design and most experience, walked away after the land he had contracted to buy was rezoned, leaving the land rezoned and the initial plans (which were excellent) in the wastebasket.

Can Village Council learn the lessons of last year. We hope so. The new rezoning application to develop a Food Lion anchored shopping center at the corner of Ray's Bridge and NC 22 should be denied at the outset. Then the Village Council should adopt a conditional zoning ordinance for the neighborhood shopping zoning district. Finally the Village should then request the developer to apply for conditional zoning for the project. In this way, the developer would have to bring in all of his plans for close scrutiny *before* the Village considers a vote on the project. When we say *all of his plans,* we do not mean the nice drawings in the flashy brochure. We mean architectural drawings, engineering drawings, environmental studies, traffic studies, and utilities analysis.

The Planning Board can then retain experts (at the developer's expense, not the Village's expense) whose reports would be the basis for recommending approval of the project to the Village Council. Council could then conduct a public hearing and gain valuable input in making its decision to approve, deny, or approve with conditions, the developer's project. <u>All before any vote is taken on any issue relating to the project.</u>

Is this going to happen? It is doubtful. Certainly there was no indication of any such close scrutiny at the recent Planning Board meeting. We have seen jet planes fly slower than the developer's request flew through the Planning Board. Nary a question was raised on one of the most important rezoning applications to come before the Village.

While admittedly the request for rezone is only a small part of the development plans, it is through the rezoning process that the Village Council can control the entire development. Assuming, that is, that
Council implements the conditional zoning plan.

The developer needs this rezoning to add to the rest of the project which already is zoned neighborhood shopping. Thus, under the conditional zoning route, the developer would have to show his plans for <u>all of the project</u> as a condition for getting rezoning approval of this small but crucial property.

Hopefully, the Village Council has learned its lesson from last year's zoning debacle. The Steering Committee, appointed by Village Council to draft a new land use plan, is nearing completion of its duties. This writer is a member of that committee. A plan is expected sometime in the next two or three months. Initial drafts of the plan (which are a matter of public record) show that conditional zoning is the recommended tool for this Village Council to use on rezoning applications.

We believe the Village Council should exercise patience, wait for the Steering Committee's report and adopt conditional zoning, which will give Council the right to see and study every detail of the Food Lion development before voting on it.

Skip Gebhardt

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C C W P News and Coming Attractions

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Includes: cart fee only, pool, fitness center, tennis, social activities, charging privileges

CCWP Golf members have reciprocal golf privileges at Foxfire. Active military get a 20% discount.

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GOLF

PRO SHOP HOURS: *8:00 A.M. - 5:30 P.M.*

10:00 SHOTGUN STARTS CONTINUE FOR NINETTES / PINETTES / MGA

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Open to all members 24 hours a day. Get a key to the workout room from Maureen at the Club.

Children under the age of 12 may not use the equipment in the fitness center. Children over 12 but under 18 years must be supervised in the fitness center by a parent or guardian.

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Schedule for our Thagard Grill & Bar

Breakfast: Every Day — 7 a.m. – 10 a.m.

Lunch: Every Day —11 a.m. to 3 p.m. .
(limited Bar Menu)

Bar: Every Day— 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Dinner: Friday Only 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

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YOGA

Looking for an activity that will stimulate your body as well as your mind?
Starting January 17 and every Wednesday through February 7, there will be YOGA classes at the clubhouse.
TIME - 8 to 9:30 A.M. or 4 to 5:30 P.M.
Cost - CCWP members $15.00 per class
Or $50.00 for the series.
Instructor - Karen Wheeler -
949 6578 / 978 501 1875
or call Karen Anderson at the clubhouse 949-3000 for details.
Reservation deadline is January 12, 2007

CCWP February - 2006 Club Events

February 2 - Twilight Golf / 2:00 p.m.
9 Holes - West Course
Light Fare Dinner 5:30
February 5 - Active for Life /3:45 p.m. MDR
February 7 - Art Class / 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
February 9 - Twilight Golf / 2:00 p.m.
9-Holes / West Course
Birthday Dinner / 5:30 p.m.
(in the grill room)
February 10 - Valentines Day Dinner
5:30 to 11:30 p.m.
February 12 - Active for Life 3:45 p.m. MDR
February 14 - Art Class / 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Line dancing 6 to 8 p.m.
February 15 - BINGO 5:30 p.m. / MDR
February 16 - Twilight Golf / 2:00 p.m.
9 Holes / West Course
Light Fare Dinner 5:30
February 18 - Sunday Brunch & Golf
10:00 a.m. / East Course
February 19 - Active for Life 3:45 p.m. MDR
February 20 - Yoga 8 to 9:30 a.m. or
4 to 5:30 p.m. MDR
February 21 - Art Class 9 to 12 p.m.
February 23 - Twilight Golf / 2:00 p.m.
9-Holes - West Course
Light Fare Dinner / 5:30 p.m.
February 26 - Active for Life 3:45 p.m. MDR

TEE TIMES FOR DAILY PLAY
CALL PRO-SHOP OR GO ONLINE
TO BOOK TEE TIMES AT
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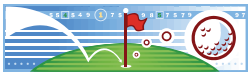
MAY CALL PRO-SHOP OR BOOK VIA INTERNET STARTING
AT 5:00 P.M. EIGHT DAYS BEFORE PLAY

COUPLES SUNDAY BRUNCH AND GOLF

Sunday, February 18, 2007
West Course
Brunch 10:15 a.m. / Golf 11:00 a.m.
Dessert and Prizes after Golf
Mark your calendar - find a couple to partner with.

Sign up sheet will be posted
February 4, 2007



C C W P Member - Social Event
A Chocolate Affair
Saturday February 10, 2007
6 to 10 p.m.

Discover That Love is a Box of Chocolates
Dance to the Love Songs of DJ "King Curtis"
Hor d'oeuvres and Love Potions
Served from 6 to 6:45 p.m.
Dinner served at 6:45 p.m.
Mixed Green Salad with Raspberry Vinaigrette
Roasted Pork Loin with a savory sauce
Apple Sauce / Red New Skin Potatoes
Green Beans with Roasted Red Peppers
French Rolls / Coffee
Dessert is Red Velvet Cake with
Vanilla & Chocolate Ice Cream
Accompanied by
Strawberries, Chocolate Syrup / Whipped Cream

Romantic tables for TWO or for Ten
Sign-up forms available on the
Social Bulletin Board

Send to Lucie Saylor or place in the Members Box
Located in the pro-shop.
Cost is $21.00 per person
(Includes everything for this romantic evening)

Country Club News . Special Event

Valentines Day Escape

Wednesday,
February 14, 2007

Choice of Prime Seasoned & Grilled Angus Filet Mignon With Peppercorn Gravy and Whipped Potatoes

Or

Seasoned, Grilled Tilapia Filet with Tangy Fruit Salsa and Confetti Rice Pilaf
Plus Complimentary Roses and Split of Wine
One night Accommodation and one round of golf for two -- $190.00 total per couple includes tax and gratuity (non-member rate.)

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WHISPERING WOODS - CLUB NEWS - JANUARY, 2007

Congratulations to member Gary Crabb for his first hole in one on the 135 yard 4th hole of The Carolina on January 26th. He used an 8 iron.

LGA

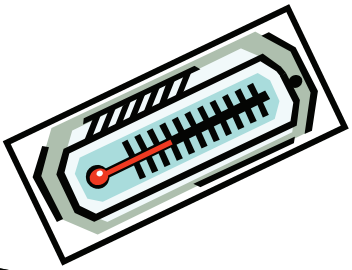
SHOT GUN STARTS 10:00 A.M.
Continue
Through February

For Guilt Free Golf --
Sign-up before - or check in - at 9:30 a.m.
for 10:00 play.

SHOT GUN STARTS 10:00 A.M.

MGA

Feb. 7 - Captain's Choice
Feb 14- Two Low Net
Feb. 21 - Peer Play / Gross & Net
Feb. 28 - 6-6-6 / 1-2-3 best ball



Its almost
50 degrees
- No wind
-Sun's Out

WHISPERING PINES

WHISPERING WOODS

SUBSCRIBERS WANTED

No Experience necessary.

This month The Pitch is being sent to all of the residents of the Village and the ETJ. For those of you who do not currently subscribe, here is some basic information. The Pitch is a monthly publication which has been around for forty years. It is devoted to news and events solely in Whispering Pines. We currently have a website, but it will not be fully launched until next month. The website will be restricted to our subscribers and will have Letters to the Editor, posting of pictures of past events, and previous issues of The Pitch. Look for it at www.wppitch.com.

For those of you who may be interested in an annual subscription, please send a check for $13.50, made payable to The Pitch and addressed to The Pitch, 25 Lakeview Drive, Whispering Pines, NC 28327.

ETJ RESIDENT LODGES COMPLAINT AGAINST DEVELOPER

Steve Wilkins, a resident of the ETJ, has property that is adjacent to the Newberry subdivision, which is currently under development behind Pine Ridge Drive. On January 9, 2007, he filed a letter with the Village, along with videos, and pictures showing the effect of a large runoff of water from the Newberry subdivision after two recent heavy rains.

The runoff apparently breached a temporary retention pond that was designed to collect silt and other soil during the development period. Much of the silt was deposited on Wilkins's property, although there were reports that some of the silt had reached Spring Valley Lake.

Wilkins complaint has prompted the Village to ask its engineer to review the drainage plans of the Newberry subdivision to determine if they comply with North Carolina law. There are additional questions whether Wilkins' rights relating to water flows have been infringed. He has stated that he intends to consult an attorney to determine whether legal action may be available to him.

The dispute stems from the development of a cul-de-sac immediately adjacent to Wilkins's property. Prior to development, storm water drainage on the land adjacent to Wilkins' property was mainly absorbed by the thick forestation on that property. However, the developer has replaced that forestation with a cul-de-sac, and has created a funnel like drainage system that, in heavy rains, flows directly onto Wilkins' property. Currently, there is a retention pond that is intended to collect silt flowing from the cul-de-sac, but, in the recent heavy rains, that retention pond failed.

Wilkins' concerns go beyond the recent damage caused by the heavy rains. He believes that, when the cul-de-sac is fully developed with houses, the volume of runoff water will increase dramatically and, since the only location at which the runoff will occur is on Wilkins' property, there will be significant and continuing damage. Residents on Spring Valley Lake have expressed similar concerns that the water runoff, from the roofs and pavement, will start depositing heavy metals and other pollutants into Spring Valley Lake.

The Village is awaiting the report of its engineer.

Census Bureau Offering Jobs

The U.S. Census Bureau is seeking applicants for part-time and full-time temporary jobs. Starting pay is $11.05 per hour and there is paid training. Employees receive reimbursement for mileage. Assignment are usually in your own area.

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BIRD CHIRPINGS
JANUARY 2007

Given the warmer than usual winter weather over the past month, reports from around the Village have been scarce. I expect this will change shortly as colder weather is upon us (finally!) and natural food sources for our local wildlife are dwindling rapidly. January and February typically are very active months for those of us who feed the birds. Replenishing my hopper and tube seed feeders is a daily chore. And the woodpeckers, nuthatches, bluebirds and warblers are almost constant visitors to my peanut butter suet cakes hung around the yard in wire cages. Longleaf pine cones smeared with lard are also very popular with the Yellow-rumpeds and Ruby-crowned kinglets.

Male Ring-necked Duck on Spring Valley Lake. Courtesy of Michael McCloy

So it is not a surprise that the *Great Backyard Bird Count* is on the horizon. Thousands of volunteer birdwatchers from around the U. S. and Canada will submit their observations between February 16-19 as part of a huge Citizen Science endeavor begun by Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology and Audubon ten years ago. This project is amassing valuable information on the distribution of winter birds across the continent. Anyone with access to the Internet is invited to participate. The hope is that even more people will participate this year than ever, providing more information about population trends and to better inform conservation efforts. The count web site is directly linked to the data not only from years past but in real time during the course of the weekend. You can explore the diversity of species of birds being reported by producing lists or maps over a given area. Believe it or not, North Carolina boasts the second largest pool of volunteers, next to the Laboratory's home state of New York. For more information, go to www.birdsource.org/gbbc or contact Susan Campbell for details.

I did hear from **Jean Rich** about bluebirds exploring one of her boxes on a warm afternoon. It will not be long before they are searching in earnest for the perfect location to raise their first brood of young. Until then, small groups of individuals may be found gathered, using an empty bird box for roosting on cold nights.

Finally **Joan Bruno** and her bridge group noticed a red-phase Eastern Screech-owl in the trees in her yard on Line Lake recently. Although these small owls tend to roost during the day in thick vegetation or in cavities, they may perch out in the open up against a tree trunk where they are very well camouflaged as a result of their bark-like plumage.

Male Downy Woodpecker at suet. Courtesy of Frank Ripp

Please send wildlife sightings and photos to susan@ncaves.com or report by phone to 949-3207.

MINUTES OF VILLAGE COUNCIL January 5, 2006 and January 17

The following are summaries of the minutes of the meeting. The full minutes are on file at the Village Hall.

- A Public Hearing was held to discuss whether to amend the fence ordnance to allow shadow box fences on January 17, 2007. No action was taken.
- Council discussed Cardinal Lake Dam. Mayor Hopkins asked Whispering Wood Golf Club to re-submit paperwork requesting that the Village take ownership of Cardinal Lake. He reported that the golf club is prepared to give the Village an engineering study which shows a preliminary cost estimate of the physical repair of the dam in the range of $75,000.00 and $125,000.00. Council agreed to have the Village consulting dam engineer review the engineering study. Mr. Hart, owner of the golf club, stated that State approval of the engineering study for the repair to the dam is expected in 30 days and that approval would determine the actual cost for the repair.
- Mayor Pro Tem Zamaroni reported that a bid from Wilbur Smith Associates of Raleigh was accepted for the traffic study on Pine Ridge Drive. Council held a Special Meeting on January 18, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. for the community to speak with a representative from Wilbur Smith Associates about what should be considered while performing the traffic study.
- Council is researching/updating the office database software. No action has been taken to date.
- Council discussed the proposed Site Master Plan for new Village Complex as per poster in the lobby of the Village Hall.

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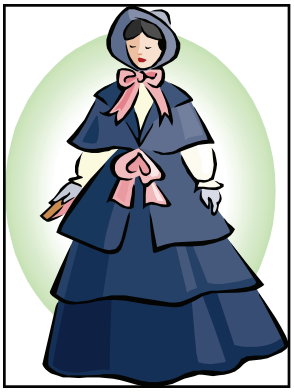
WHISPERS

The next meeting of Whispers, the women's club of Whispering Pines, will be on Wednesday, February 14. It will be the annual CARD/GAME PARTY AND LUNCHEON FUND RAISER.



Social hour is at 11:30; luncheon is at noon. The menu will be Winter squash soup, low country chicken salad, rolls/ butter, cherry cobbler, coffee & tea. The cost is $15.00. Please send your checks (made out to "Whispers") to Rita Briskie, 151 Pine Lake Drive.

For Questions, call 949-8168. Your check is your reservation and the deadline is Saturday, Feb. 10.

Bring your friends to play bridge, mah-jongg, dominoes, or new-this-year, BINGO. Please include the names of those in your game group and bring your own game materials. Bingo equipment will be provided.

FOOD LION

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to abutting property owners not less than 10 days nor more than 25 days before the public hearing on that rezoning and published within a newspaper of general circulation within the Village. If five percent (5%) of the owners within 100 feet of the property to be rezoned protest the rezoning, then the rezoning must be approved by three-fourths of the Village Council. In this case, rezoning would require a supermajority of 4 of the 5 Councilmen.

This protest procedure was the subject of significant criticism by Pine Ridge Road residents in the rezoning of the Arrowstone and Newberry subdivisions. They argued that they had not been fully advised of the timing requirements associated with the protest procedure. It does not appear that the property owners within 100 feet have to be given personal notice of the proposed rezoning, unless their property actually abuts the property to be rezoned.

Under the protest procedure, a protester would have to sign a written petition that says that he or she is protesting the proposed zoning amendment and filing it with the Clerk not less than two days prior to the first public hearing on the rezoning before the Village Council. Mike Poston, Director of Planning and Zoning, says that the Village does not have any official protest forms.

According to Village records, there are six property owners eligible to file a protest, and it would appear that only one filing of the six would force a supermajority vote.

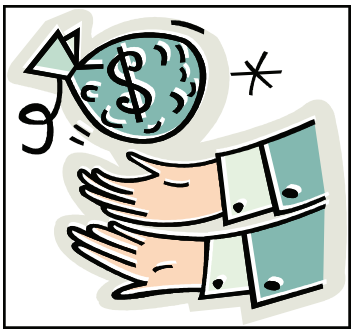
If the rezoning is passed, the next phase would be conditional use approval by the Village Council. At this stage, the developer would have to show a specific site use for each parcel in the shopping center and detailed engineering drawings. While there would be a public hearing on the conditional use applications, no protests would be allowed as in the rezoning application.

Available Utilities.

Some Council members have questioned whether there would be utilities available for the project. Questions have been raised about the availability of water. According to informed sources, the Town of Southern Pines has stated that it will not provide service to the east side of Rt. 22, and Carolina Water has also stated that it cannot provide additional water to that area. Further, there is a question about sewer and whether the shopping center could have a septic system large enough to service the entire development.

WHISPERING PINES THRIFT SHOP

WE CELEBRATE THE VOLUNTEERS



On Monday, March 19th the **Whispering Pines Thrift Shop** is inviting ALL VOLUNTEERS (weekly workers, monthly workers, subs and retired workers) to lunch at CCWP at 12:30 p.m. The occasion is our 25th year of non-profit operation and the raising of over $660,000 for Moore County charities and agencies.

For your reservation call Millie Silva 949-2197
or Helen Montoro 949-3180

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Minutes of Village Council

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- Councilman Zschoche reported that an engineering report on the needed repairs to Spring Valley Lake dam is expected from the Village consultant on January 16, 2007. He anticipated that when the rusted out culverts are replaced, the State may order the installation of an emergency spillway in the location of the maintenance building.
- Councilman Saunders stated that he would like to educate the public on the justification for a new Village Hall Complex perhaps by conducting an information referendum in November; however, if it is determined that a new maintenance building is needed because of a State mandate to install a Spring Valley spillway, then it would not be included in the referendum. Robert Gebhardt, editor of *The Pitch*, stated that the newsletter will go out to all Village and ETJ residents in January and offered to dedicate two pages to inform residents of the status of the Village Complex.
- Councilman Zschoche said he will be looking into ways to increase the current Village open space. He suggested that an example of increasing current open space would be to acquire public access to Hummingbird Lake.
- Councilman Zschoche reported that Spring Valley Lake is currently being lowered for weed control. He stated that the Village personnel will be inspecting them for safety during that time.
- Councilman Zschoche reported that he has pictures of the structural condition of Pine Lake Dam. He also stated that the engineering consultant for dams will determine the structural needs of all the Village dams. He stated that there may be a need to put money into the annual budget for next year once the structural needs are identified.
- Councilman Zschoche reported that a program has been instituted to improve visibility at intersections.
- A Public Hearing was held on January 17, 2007, to discuss a request for annexation from Larry and Ann Oliver for a Subdivision located off Dewberry Drive.
- Council discussed creating a Code Enforcement position. No action was taken.
- Council approved the reappointment of Bob Tice as Chairman, Chuck Lunney, and Lynn Crawford to the Community Appearance Commission. Linda Bruening, Pat Robinson, and David Jensen were newly appointed.
- Council approved two budget amendments: one was to appropriate funds for an unemployment claim and the other was to appropriate funds for a newly created police officer position.

Whispering Pines Travel Club

"The CCWP Travel Club trip to visit the National Parks in June is fully booked. The tour commences June 7 in Rapid City, SD, and ends in Las Vegas on June 19.

A leisurely 10-day tour of Switzerland is available to members and non-members beginning September 6th. Highlights include stays in Zurich, the Interlaken area, and Zermatt and rides on the Mountain Train and the Glacier Express. All land arrangements for the Globus Gateway tour, including tours, hotels, most meals, insurance and more, are included in the $2,128 per person price.

Air from Raleigh will be booked separately to take advantage of lower fares than those offered by the tour

company. Call the club's travel coordinator Don Winslow, 949-3565, for details.

Moore County Department of Aging

The new Moore County Senior Enrichment Center is sponsoring an AARP Driver Safety Program on Tuesday, March 27, and Wednesday, March 28, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

This two day refresher course covers age related changes and tips for declining skills.

Location: 8040 US 15/501 (2 miles north of the Pinehurst traffic circle). Fee: $10 . Class size is limited. To register call 947-2881

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Comments from Council:

Utilities: Councilman Saunders reported that Channel 18 is not operational because equipment purchased with the 1997 franchise agreement with Charter Communications is not interfacing with updated equipment. Charter has agreed to fix the equipment, but advised him that this repair will last only another year. Mr. Saunders reported that his investigation into this problem revealed that, as of January 2007, the State of North Carolina created grants to upgrade equipment for public access television which would pay for half of the cost of new equipment. He reported that a new system could be purchased for approximately $4,000.00 to $5,000.00 of which the Village would be responsible for half of the cost. During this year he plans to look at upgraded systems, one of which is in Sanford.

THE PITCH GROWTH REPORT
(Provided by Mike Poston , Dir. Village Planning and Zoning)

Bldg. Permits Issued		**Average Square Feet**
December 2006		
Village	2	2868
ETJ	0	—
Year to Date 2006		
Village	25	2618
ETJ	6	2601
Year-To-Date 2005		
Village	31	2485
ETJ	10	1804

Councilman Saunders reported that the CAC closed 308 observations; 77 violations are still open; and 125 letters were sent out in 2006. He applauded Mr. Tice and the committee on doing a great job.

The aluminum recycling trailer was emptied again generating $380.00 in revenue.

Lakes/Roads/Dam: Councilman Zschoche stated that an announcement will be put on the website informing residents to call Village Hall if they have questions about what can or can't be done when repairing their docks and bulkheads.

Finances: Councilman Bateman reported that 58% of the fiscal year has passed and expenses are at 50% with 65% of the budgeted income received. Mr. Bateman also reported that a new police vehicle was purchased; roads were paved; office computers were updated; and money was put in reserve for a new fire truck and future police vehicles.

Chief Gregory announced that Steve Cirillo was promoted to Sergeant on January 1, 2007.

BROOKLYN BORN BRONCO BUSTER
(or Oooh My Aching Sacroiliac)

The definition of a sadist is a person who refuses to hit a masochist. The definition of a masochist must be a person who rides bulls and broncos in rodeos and loves it. But, Whispering Pines resident Jim Fisher doesn't think so, and he should know. He rode bucking broncos and bulls bareback for six years on the rodeo circuit in the 1950s. How did a nice young man from Brooklyn wind up in the wild wild west? It was easy.

When Jim was 5, he had a friend who had a pony track right below the infamous Coney Island roller coaster. Jim started riding the ponies at the track and became hooked on horses. When he was ten, he worked with horses at Prospect Park; and, for the next two years, he spent his summers at Aqueduct Race Track walking and taking care of horses and training to be a jockey. It was there, at the age of thirteen, that Jim met "Sunny" Jim Fitzsimmons who would later become the trainer for the great racing horse, Seabiscuit. Unfortunately, by the age of fifteen, Jim had started growing and his dreams of being a jockey evaporated.

Jim's attention then turned to rodeo where he befriended Jim Mancuso, a bareback rider. The two, along with former jockey Jim Nichols, went to the amateur Saddleriver Rodeo (Jim calls it a pumpkin roller). It was there that Mancuso gave Nichols and Jim a 15 minute primer on bareback riding. They both entered the competition and, amazingly, Nichols won first and Jim was second.

The rest, as they say, was history. Jim joined Jim Eskew who was sponsoring rodeos all over the east coast. At the tender age of 16, Jim was competing once a week in rodeos, riding at least 2 broncos in each rodeo. He was paid

Birdie Drive resident Jim Fisher bull riding in his 20's at the 1955 Vero Beach Rodeo. (Jim is the one on the top, at least for 8 seconds)

$25 a week and slept in the horse barn.

Between the ages of 17 and 23, Jim joined the rodeo circuit going from the northeast, to Florida, and to the southwest. He competed in all of the great rodeos, including Madison Square Garden in New York. Jim won more than 10 minor tournaments, but never hit the Jackpot; his best earnings year (before expenses) was $10,000.

Jim says the real work came at the auctions in Rapid City, South Dakota, where broncos were auctioned off to rodeo sponsors. Jim would ride 4-5 broncos or bulls a day for which he would be paid $5-$10 per ride, depending on whether it was a horse or a bull.

Jim says that bull riding is toughest, not because of the ride, but what happens after. The bull, for some strange reason, gets very offended, and wants to take it out on the rider once he hits the ground. The clowns, who divert the bulls' attention, are worth their weight in gold.

Would he do it all over again? Jim says "you bet."

THINGS AND TIMES

(Courtesy of Bob Tice)

If a deaf person swears, does his mother wash his hands with soap?

If someone with multiple personalities threatens to kill himself, is it considered a hostage situation?

Is there another word for synonym?

Where do forest rangers go to "get away from it all?"

If a parsley farmer is sued, can they garnish his wages?

Would a fly without wings be called a walk?

If a turtle doesn't have a shell, is he homeless or naked?

What was the best thing before sliced bread?

One nice thing about egotists: they don't talk about other people.

Why is there an expiration date on sour cream?

How is it possible to have a civil war?

If one synchronized swimmer drowns, do the rest drown too?

If you try to fail, and succeed, which have you done?

Whose cruel idea was it for the word "Lisp" to have an "S" in it?

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TIPS FOR THE GARDENER JANUARY

(Courtesy of Dr. John Gerwig)

The Sandhills Region geological formation is wedged within the coastal plains and Piedmont (Piedmont is the plateau between the coastal plains and the Appalachian

A sapling long leaf pine.

Mountains). The Sandhills extend from North Carolina to Georgia and consist mostly of deep porous sands.

Geologist believe these sandy soils were deposited by the advance and retreat of early seas, with clays added to them from Piedmont erosion. Over time these sandy clays were eroded by wind and streams to make the rolling, sandy landscape of the Sandhills region.

The dominant pine species in the Sandhills are the Longleaf (Pinus palustris), the Loblolly (Pinus taeda), and the Shortleaf (Pinus echinata). The longleaf pine is the North Carolina State tree and has needles 8-18 inches that occur in bundles of three. Longleaf seedlings sit in a fire resistant "grass" stage for the first 5 years, during which time they develop a deep tap root. Upon emerging from the grass stage, growth is rapid. Its mature height can be 80 to 100 feet which it reaches in 150 years. The top of the tree is rounded. It can live to be 300 years old.

The loblolly pine does not have the distinct grass stage as does the longleaf. At maturity it will reach a height of 90 to 110 feet and tends to flatten out at the top. The needles are 6-15 inches and generally in bundles of two. It is the most important and widely cultivated timber species in the Southern U.S.

The shortleaf pine is second only to the loblolly pine in standing timber volume. Shortleaf has the widest geographic range of any of its counterparts. It can withstand competition from other vegetation longer than most other pines. The shortleaf pine needles are 3-5 inches. It derives its scientific name from the Latin word *echinus* which means hedgehog. The prickle on the cone provides a "hedgehog–like" appearance. The shortleaf has the smallest cones, the longleaf the largest and the loblolly medium.

Not native to the Sandhills but introduced into the area is the White Pine (Pinus strobes). It can easily be identified by its circle of limbs around the main stem. Each circle of limbs represents one years' growth. So, by counting the number of circles up the main stem, one can determine the age of the tree. It will survive only 50 – 75 years in the Sandhills. In the Northeast, it will survive 300 years.

The Sandhills is a part of the longleaf/wiregrass ecosystem which once covered 90 million acres and has been reduced to fewer than 2 million acres today.

Dr. John Gerwig is professor emeritus of Rutgers University and was for 30 years the Director of Rutgers Cooperative Extension in New Jersey.

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GARDEN CLUB NEWS

(Courtesy of Ernest Abrams

Members attending the January meeting heard Master Gardener, Larry Cohen speak on "Planting Bulbs and Managing Voles." The zone for this area is 7B. When planting bulbs, consider whether you want a spring or a summer garden. A spring garden needs a bright exposure of 6 to 10 hours of sun. Size, design, color, and depth should be considered.

Planting bulbs that will produce blooms that are in contrast to the color of your house will make more of a statement. A bulb should be planted 2 to 3 times the depth of the bulb itself. If the bulb is planted too shallow, it could freeze. If it is planted too deep, it will take too much energy for the plant to push up. Planting your bulbs in the fall gives them the winter to develop a good root system. It is best to plant your bulbs on the higher side of a

raised garden to keep them from sitting in water. He also stressed the foliage must be kept on the plant. The decaying foliage sends food back into the plant giving it a better chance of good flowering. Two websites that were recommended were www. gardenwatch.com which rates all mail order companies and www. gardenweb.com which has great gardening information.

Larry also mentioned a few techniques for controlling voles. One is to make a small cage out of chicken wire and plant the bulb inside.

In other Garden Club news Paul Nealon reported pine straw was spread at Chapman Park and Lucy's Dream Park. Bob Kern worked with Paul on this project. Several of our parks have new caretakers. Fred and Ann Lyons have volunteered to be the caretakers for Jones Park. Lorraine Motta is the new caretaker for Club Park and Don Kerver is replacing John and Janice Boettger at Country Club Entrance Park.

The next Garden Club meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. , February 6th, at the Whispering Pines Rescue Squad Building. Speaker, Claudia Watson will present "Colorful Reward for Your Landscape."

Good Hands Gang

We will be making over 400 Easter baskets on March 12th from 8-11:30 in the East Dining Room at CCWP. Prior to the 12th, we will be collecting wrapped candy or jelly beans. If you would like to contribute candy or non-perishable food items, please leave at Galtere's, Lohmiller's or call 949-3084.

If you would like to help with the baskets or just check out what we do, come the morning of March 12th. Our book/media sale will be in May. If you have donations you need to contribute now, please call Betty Lohmiller at 949-2056.

COMPUTER CLUB

February Meeting

The Computer Club of The Sandhills will hold its February meeting on Monday the 12th at 4:00 p.m. at Whispering Pines Village Hall. **Chad Landingham**, an instructor in the Continuing Education Department of Sandhills Community College will present a program **"Voice Over the Internet".**

Voice over Internet Protocol, (VoIP), an exciting new technology, allows free long-distance phone calls using a personal computer. It is a phone network using the infrastructure that connects computers all over the world. Don't miss this exciting program.

A native of Winston Salem, Chad majored in Industrial Technology at Western Carolina University. Afterward, he worked in IT support with Micro devices in Greensboro and with Personal Computer Systems in Knoxville, TN. In addition to teaching at Sandhills Community College, Chad provides PC support services to the public. (www.athomepcsupport.com)

Visitors are welcome.

FREE INCOME TAX HELP!

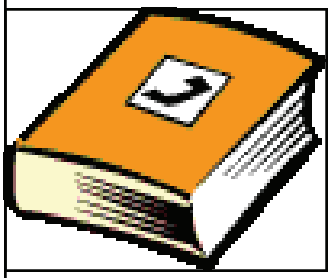
AARP will be opening their tax-aide offices the beginning of February at several locations to offer assistance to taxpayers with middle and low incomes with special attention to those age 60 and older. Returns will be prepared and filed electronically.

If you have some questions that need answers, they will be happy to help you as well. The Tax-aides will be available at the Centura Bank in Carthage (947-1000) on Monday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at the Library in Southern Pines on Tuesday and Saturday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Boys and Girls Club at the Southern Pines Recreation Center (692-0777) on Monday thru

Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. You are welcome to stop in during those hours or call to make an appointment. If you have any questions, call Sallie Daughtrey at 949-4211.

WHISPERING PINES WITHOUT A PHONE DIRECTORY?

Yes, that could happen this year if we don't have the volunteer staff to make it happen! The preparation for the 2007-2008 Directory begins in February and we still have one key position vacant: Advertising Chairperson to manage advertising solicitation . Without someone to fill this critical role, the Directory will not be published this year. ***This is our last call for someone to come forward and volunteer.***



The Directory has typically raised $5,000 to $9,000 for Whispering Pines ***Whispers*** to distribute to various charities in Moore County. ***Whispers*** is a philanthropic organization that was formed by the women of the Village over 40 years ago. However, we are enthusiastically inviting the men of the Village to assist us with the Directory and other endeavors. If interested, please contact Marion Outland at 949-3122 immediately. It would be a great disappointment not only to the Village residents but also to the charitable organizations if the Directory were to be discontinued.

WE ARE FAMILY -

Congratulations to residents Maynard and Evelyn Woodbury who were seen celebrating their 64th anniversary at the Ironwood Cafe!

Congrats also to Tom and Barbara Harp on the appointment of their son, Cam Cameron, to the position of head coach of the Miami Dolphins.

PERSONALS

LOCAL DEATHS We express our condolences to the families of the following Village residents:

Carl Davis passed away on December 29.
Jean Polley who passed away on December 31.
Judith Thoden passed away on January 1
Joan Curtis who passed away on January 15.

DINING OUT

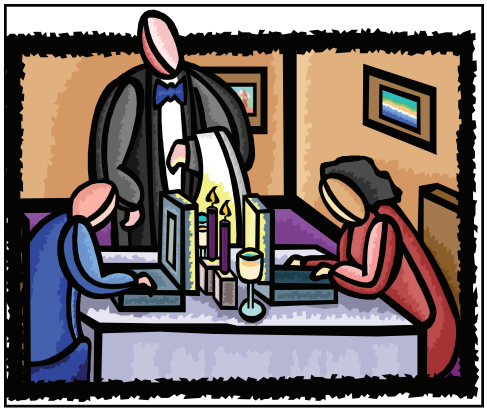
Another monthly critique of restaurants in the Sandhills area for the non-connoisseur.

Shucker's Oyster Bar. Saturday January 13, 5:45 p.m. For menu see www.shuckersoysterbar.com

Last month we reviewed fine dining at the Ironwood Café. This month its time to go down and dirty at Shucker's Oyster Bar in Southern Pines. ***Shucker's*** is a great gathering place for groups of four to fourteen, whether it's after golf, or just a fun get together among friends. We have been there a number of times and the experience has always been the same, whether with a large group or just a couple dining out.

If you eat early, reservations are not a problem, and rarely do you have to wait. Once seated, the service from start to finish is excellent.

The food editor and desert editor of the Pitch, accompanied by John and Marilyn Hogle, Bill and Gladys Wade, Hal and Hope Dugenske, with Nancy O'Connell bringing up the rear, spent a great early evening consuming everything from shrimp to flounder. It seems that endless teams of waiters and waitresses were at our table within seconds after being seated. Drinks were promptly served and orders taken immediately. In summary, the service was excellent from start to finish.



There were no complaints about the food either; it was hot and good. Marilyn, Gladys, Hope, and Bill had fried shrimp and loved it. The desert editor had the steamed shrimp dinner and rated it "finer than frog's hair". Hal had the shrimp alfredo and thought it was excellent. Nancy loved the fried flounder and John rated the lemon pepper salmon A+. The food editor thought the stuffed flounder was just average, but loved the steamed little necks and the clam chowder. (The gimlets were pretty good too.)

The cost of two dinners {on average) with one drink, but before tip, was about $35. One reminder: if you go, show your Sandhills Senior Card and you will get a 15% discount off your meal.

Unfortunately, we cannot bring you a report from the dessert editor. She has joined the twelve step program following a discovery that some "fantastic" new slacks no longer fit.

You will not find tableside cooking with flaming dishes at *Shucker's,* but you will find a fun-filled, relaxed atmosphere where you can kick up your heels and enjoy good food and good service.

Some History of Whispering Pines from the Pitch

(Courtesy of Bob Zschoche)

January 1972 (35 years ago).

- The PITCH subscription cost goes up to $2.00.
- An early version of the Whispering Pines Travel Club saw 13 couples travel to the Caribbean for a week long cruise.
- Council begins discussion about annexation of the area around Shadow Lake.
- The first Whispering Pines phone directory is published. (Anyone with copies of old directories they wish to donate to the PITCH archives, please call the History Columnist.)

January 1982 (25 years ago.)

- The Village Council did not meet during this month.
- The PITCH reports the sale of Whispering Pines, Inc, to Roland Beausoleil of Connecticut.
- The first meeting of the new Whispering Pine Garden Club was held on January 19th. (Thanks to all members who have contributed to the success of the Garden Club over the years).

January 1992 (15 years ago.)

- The PITCH subscription cost is $6.00.
- The Councilman for utilities announced that Carolina Water Service would be treating the water for unpleasant odor and discoloration.
- Spring Valley Lake is being lowered to allow for cleaning, dock repair and weed kill.

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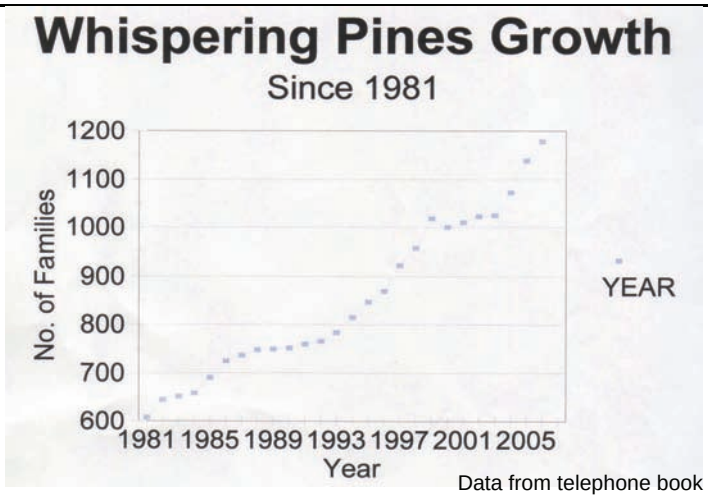

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