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Councilman Bateman Resigns Post
Cites Health as a Major Factor

Mayor Giles Hopkins stated at the last July meeting of the Village Council that Councilman Bill Bateman was resigning from the Council effective August 1. The mayor said that Bateman's health was a factor in his decision to resign. Councilman Bateman had served a previous term on the Council from 1998 to 2002. His current term was scheduled to expire this coming December 12. His seat is one of the two seats that was scheduled to be filled in this November's election.

Councilman Bateman has served as the Treasurer for the Village for the past four years, and one of the tributes to his legacy is that the Village is in the strongest financial shape that it has ever been in. State law requires that the Village have 8% of its budget on reserve at all times. Normal practice for most municipalities is to have 60% of their budget in reserve at all times. The Village has approximately 85% of its budget currently on reserve.

In his first term, Bateman lobbied for, and achieved the construction of the new police department. The building was completed in the beginning of his second term. During his second term, Bateman lobbied for the construction of a new Village Hall, but was unable to persuade the Council or the electorate, that the building was needed. Councilman Bateman stated that in the latter part of his last term, he had concluded that the Village was ready to retain a full time Village Manager. He said that he hoped that would come to fruition in the next Council term.

VILLAGE COUNCIL APPROVES FOOD LION REZONING
Development Goes Back to the Planning Board

The Village Council , by a unanimous vote, approved the rezoning application of JDH Capital to change the zoning classification of one parcel in the proposed Food Lion Retail Center from Residential to Neighborhood Shopping District. As a result of the rezoning, the entire tract is now zoned Neighborhood Shopping District and can be developed in a manner consistent with the Food Lion developer's plans. The Neighborhood Shopping District zoning district is a *conditional use district*, that is– each retail store that goes into the shopping center will have to be approved by the Village Council. For example, if, along with the Food Lion, the developer wants to put in a drug store, that use would have to be approved by the Village Council, (and such an approval would likely be forthcoming). On the other hand, if the developer wanted to put in another gas station in the development, the Village Council might not be amenable to that idea and could refuse to allow that use in the shopping center. (**Continued on Page**

MEET THE CANDIDATES FOR VILLAGE COUNCIL

The Pitch Asked them to Answer this Questions. "Why am I running for Village Council?"

MOLLY BOGGIS

I will work hard to see that Whispering Pines has:

A land use plan to control proposed development: The plan must protect our environmentally sensitive areas and preserve open space. It must outline traffic networks to minimize congestion, preserve valuable land and create safe areas for pedestrians.

Tighter ordinances enforced at the Village level: To protect our wetlands and lakes for water quality, I want two critical ordinances: storm water and erosion control. I want subdivision ordinances to increase open space to at least 20% of the total development. I also want ordinances to mandate wider buffer areas around wetlands. I want to upgrade our design and landscaping standards.

A better decision-making process: We must have: **1.** An annual, prioritized work plan and budget, including proposed resources (personnel and financial) to implement the plan; **2.** An administrator responsible for coordinating day-to-day functions, providing all council members with professional information on which to make decisions, and implementing council decisions; **3.** More public involvement in decision-making. I have a doctorate in education and more than 25 years of experience leading and working with organizations at the local, state and national levels. www.mollyboggis4council.com; mollyboggis4council@charter.net;

Lynn Crawford

Why Lynn Crawford is Running For Village Council

On occasion, my wife and I have asked ourselves if there is anywhere we would like to live other than Whispering Pines. We decided we could never find the people and the environment any more to our liking than here.

My primary purpose in attempting to participate on the Council is to maintain those features that drew us here, namely, low density population, quietness, security, and residents that take pride in their properties. Having lived here for nine years, I realize the importance of improving and protecting the long term health of our lakes and infrastructure.

If elected I will press for the adoption of the recommendations of the newly created long rage Land Development Plan, particularly as they apply to land use patterns and environmental quality, since both address limiting growth and protecting our ecology.

My participation on the Community Appearance Commission, on the committee to study possible changes to the Village's Charter and on the Steering Committee to develop a long range Land Development Plan has given me a much greater awareness of the operations of the Village government and the need for a comprehensive approach to Village policies. Amen.

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ROBERT "SKIP" GEBHARDT

The keys are "Common Sense", "Slow Controlled Growth Rate", "Voters' Rights" and "Preserve Our Way of Life, our Beauty and our Environment"

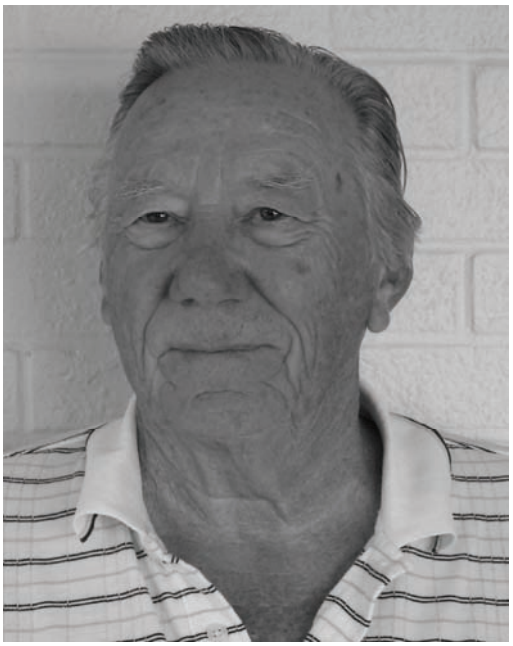
First. I want to see builders plans ***before*** their projects are approved, not after.

Second, there are over 500 lots that can be developed immediately. We must take steps to limit the rate of development of those lots. I will not yield to pressure that will come from the builders.

Third, the new Land Use Plan will be implemented next year. I was on the Committee that prepared that Plan. The Plan will protect us and our environment from shoddy construction, improper drainage and environmental damage. I want to make sure that the stringent subdivision development construction requirements set forth in the Plan are not watered down.

Fourth, the Village will vote on a new charter next year. I am on the Committee that is drafting the charter. I want to make sure that the new charter will include the voter's rights of initiative, referendum, and recall, to protect the residents from runaway politicians.

CARL LANNING



Growth is upon us in Whispering Pines as it is County wide. We cannot stop it but must control it so the quality of life that attracted all of us to this community is maintained and enhanced.

We must work closely with neighboring communities and the county to solve the area wide problems outside of our jurisdiction.

We must be forward thinking and develop necessary regulations and ordinances before the problems become current and critical.

We must not allow developers to design projects according to their plans and time tables.

We must be able to give a developer a plan of how the village intends to allow development and a check list of the items they must provide before consideration.

In light of the above I recommend we place a moratorium on considering any new subdivision or commercial development until:

All existing ordinances have been reviewed and modified to assure they are fully defined and represent the wishes of the community.

The land use plan has been reviewed in its entirety and approved. This document must provide an overall drainage plan and traffic study and must provide for the protection of our lakes and infrastructure.

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

Saturday July 28, 2007, 6:00 p.m.

The Jefferson Inn, Southern Pines

That old saying that even the blind squirrel gets lucky and finds a nut once in a while certainly proved true for us this month. Not having chosen a restaurant to visit, we were just bandying names around when we came up with The Jefferson Inn, which has been touted in the press lately.

This lovely old inn is located on New Hampshire Avenue in Southern Pines and has excellent parking. We were greeted with smiles and promptly seated in the new dining room which wasn't the warm and cozy atmosphere one might expect in a place with a name such as that. The black and mustard interior with the black table cloths and black leather chairs is definitely trendy. One editor thought it fine, the other thought it cold.

We discovered as we were seated and then greeted by our delightful waitress that the prior night was their invitation only opening (we were 287th on their invitation list for 55 invitees). Our menu was a shortened version of a full menu to be introduced in the near future when they are at 100% but contained enough of a variety to provide something for everyone. We assume that the menu will be displayed shortly on *www.jeffersoninnsouthernpines.com/.*

The Dessert Editor started with the She Crab Soup and the Entrée Editor selected Spinach Salad which were both superb. The soup had just enough spice to give it a slight kick.

For entrees, The Entrée Editor chose the rack of lamb and the Dessert Editor selected the 7 oz. filet mignon. Both came with two sides and, although we both opted for the baked potato, we settled for the mashed potatoes since the baked potatoes weren't quite ready. The filet also came with a house salad which was as crisp and fresh as you could want. Both the lamb and the filet were cooked exactly as ordered and were fork tender. The accompanying mixed vegetables (with the filet) and grilled asparagus (with the lamb) were cooked to perfection and, along with the mashed potatoes, were an excellent complement to both meats. The steak was one of the best ever.

The Dessert Editor's hopes for a waist line busting chocolate dessert were dashed, since there was nothing even remotely akin to chocolate on the dessert menu. She opted for the bananas foster on the recommendation of our waitress who didn't steer us wrong. They, along with the freshly brewed decaf, were the perfect ending to an absolutely lovely evening that started with prompt seating, impeccable service, and an excellent meal that flowed from one course to the next with no interruptions or waiting. We certainly hope they can keep to that standard when they are going full tilt. The only drawback, if it could be called that, was that the bread was served only slightly warm and there were no bread plates and butter knives on the table. However, that was a very minor inconvenience in the grand scheme of things and we're sure those sorts of issues will get worked out as they go along.

At the end of the dinner, we fully expected a bill of $90 to $100 (without drinks). We were pleasantly surprised when the total cost of our meal, without drinks, was $67. Further, drinks were $6.00-$7.00, which seems more realistic than the $10 charged by other upscale restaurants.

If you want something a little less formal, there's a lovely courtyard where you can order sandwiches and other light fare and there's a great bar area as well with a room which will be available for private parties in the near future. They're open for dinner from 5 to 10 during the week and 5 to 11 on the weekends. If you're looking for a special place for friends or family to stay while in the area, the Jefferson Inn has 14 rooms that are all beautifully appointed and off-season rates that start around $125 with in-season rates, of course, starting slightly higher. The Jefferson Inn is definitely on our list of places to visit again as we're anxious to see what the full menu will contain. ***Did you have a different experience at this restaurant? If so, write a Letter to the Editor at www.wppitch.com.***

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Halfway House East and West open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Club House Breakfast Buffet
Weekends 7 to 10 a.m.
Features all you can eat

Ninettes/Pinettes/ MGA Schedule on next page

Aug - 1 -Water aerobics 9 a.m.-10 a.m.
Bridge 10 a.m. to 12 noon EDR
Aug -3 -Water Aerobics 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Duplicate Bridge 10 a.m.- 3 p.m.
Aug - 6- Water Aerobics 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Mah Jongg 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Bridge - women's 1:30 to 4 p.m.
Aug-7- Italian Club Pool House 6:30 a.m.
Aug-8- Line Dancing-MDR-6 p.m.
Aug 10 - Water Aerobics 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Birthday Night 5:30 to 9:30 pm
Aug 15- Water Aerobics 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Members' Association Meeting 3 to 4 p.m.
Aug-16- Bingo 5:30 to 9 p.m.
Aug-17 - Water Aerobics 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Duplicate Bridge 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Aug 19-Sunday Supper Golf & Lunch
Aug 20-Water Aerobics 9 to 10 am
MahJongg 10 a.m. to 1:30 pm
Aug 21-Italian Club 6:30 p.m.@ Pool
Aug 22-Communications Com- 2:30 p.m.
Line Dancing MDR 6 to 8 p.m.
Aug 25-***Member Wine & Roses***
Dinner MDR 5:30 to 11:30 p.m.
Aug 27- Water Aerobics 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Golf Committee 3:30 to 5 p.m.
Aug 28- Italian Club - Pool- 6:30 p.m.
Verification - East Course
Aug 31- Water Aerobics 9 to 10 a.m.
Duplicate Bridge 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

CCWP - Ninettes / Pinettes / MGA - Golf Information

Ninettes- Aug 6, Member-Member
Aug 13, Ones
Aug 20, TTFF
Aug 27, Low Net
Shot Gun start each Monday 8:00 AM

Pinettes - Aug 7 - Sadie Hawkins Day
Lunch - West Course
Aug. 14 - Even Holes - Net-East
Aug. 21 - N.O.S.E -Net-East
Aug 28 - Chairman's Tourney
Lunch - West Course
Shot gun start each Tuesday 8:30 a.m.

M G A
Aug 1 Ryder Cup - East Course
Aug 2- Ryder Cup - West Course
Aug 8- President Cup - East Course
Aug 15- President Cup - East Course
Aug 22- President Cup - East Course.
Time = 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Tee Times for daily play
Call the pro-shop or go online
8 days before play

Sunday Supper Golf & Lunch
August 19 - 9:00 a.m. Shotgun / West Course
Italian Buffet / Gerwig & Paffs are Hosts

Aerification - East Course - August 28, 2007

Labor Day Color Tournament

Monday, September 3rd - 8:30 Shotgun - 7:15 a.m. registration
$15.00 per person - includes prizes and lunch
Sign up as couples or as a single -- pairings by committee
Format:

There will be two colors on each pin and the members who have those colors will putt out. This is the score that will count.

Additional prizes for closest to the pin and straightest drive will be awarded.
Don't forget to sign up in the pro-shop.

Gibbons - Lynch Challenge - on July 6, West Course

The Helen Gibbons and Patrick Lynch challenge match play event was a sight to behold -- Mary Steffan was the standard bearer and scorer and the only representative of the nationally unknown WPGA (Whispering Pines Golf Association).
The course was very busy that day -- with many women supporting Streak Gibbons.-
Gibbons won three up - Lynch has asked for a rematch - and assures everyone that

MEET THE NEW CCWP HEAD PROFESSIONAL

In case you have not visited the CCWP Pro Shop recently **Phil Fecteau** has joined CCWP as the Head Professional. Phil has been in the golf business for more than 20 years in the Massachusetts and Rhode Island area.

Phil and his wife Jean live in Pinehurst where he keeps his collection of more than 100 Scotty Cameron putters. A graduate of Blackburn College in Carlinville, IL, with a degree in history and political science, he went on to earn a Masters Degree in public administration from the University of Idaho. He was named New England teacher of the year in 1998 and has played in several PGA events to include the National Senior Club Pro Championship last year. His teaching accomplishments are verified by the number of students who have gone on to play for some of this country's leading universities, including incoming freshman Kim Donovan at Duke (sorry UNC fans). A member of the National Golf Writers Association, look for his monthly tips in the Rub Of The Green.

Whispering Woods
WGA and MGA Golf Information

W G A

Aug 3 - Matchmakers at WW (8:30 a.m.)
Aug 7 - Fun Day Tournament
Aug 14 - Par 4's
Aug 21 - Tar Heel Jr. (Ladies at Quail Ridge)

M G A

Aug 1 - Team Texas Scramble
Aug 8 - Team Stableford (2 Best Balls)
Aug 15 - Team two low net
Aug 22 - Ind. Skins Game (Gross & Net)
Aug 29 - Peer Tourney (Gross & Net)

Congratulations to Whispering Woods Golf Club

The Women's Carolinas Golf Association held its first annual Junior Girls Golf Championship at the WWGC. Girls who will graduate from high school in the year 2010, or later, were the players. Three divisions took to the tee ranging from age 8 to 18. Stuart Taylor , General Manager of Whispering Woods, his staff and all the club members, received sincere thanks from the players and the WCGA. Tournaments of this caliber would not be possible without clubs that are willing to offer their facilities for the girls.

RESIDENTS CELEBRATE JULY 4TH THE OLD FASHION WAY

A beautiful sunny, warm 4th of July celebration was enjoyed by over 200 Whispering Pines residents at Thagard Lake Park. Artic Creamery supplied 3 flavors of ice cream, along with lemonade and some rousing patriotic music.

A big thank you to our Village for sponsoring these events which allow our neighbors a chance to socialize

and enjoy just one of our beautiful parks. A special thanks to the activities committee and volunteers who make it happen. Mary Ann Benway, Andrea Conway, Giles & Linda Hopkins, Paul & Sally Nealon and Teri Yeager. John Hopkins, Fred Lyons and George McNally helped with the parking.

Want to see more pictures of the celebration? Log on to our website (www.wppitch.com) and click on Community Events.

PITCH CREATES NEW EDITORIAL BOARD

Seeks Guest Editorials From Residents

The Editors of The Pitch have created a new Editorial Board to review the suitability of guest editorials which will be solicited from residents of the Village.

Florence Keith, a former Councilwoman of the Village and Bill Wade, a long time resident of the area , have been selected so far to fill the Board.

The Editors of The Pitch are seeking editorials from all residents within the Village and ETJ. These Editorials must be on topic related solely to the Village and ETJ. The editorials must be timely, and in good taste. Attacks on individuals will not be allowed, but constructive criticism of the Village Council or Village Committees is determined to be fair game. Please email your guest editorials to *wppitch@embarqmail.com* or send to The Pitch, 25 Lakeview Drive, Whispering Pines, NC 28327.

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BIRD CHIRPINGS-JULY

(Courtesy of Susan Campbell)

There have been quite a few interesting wildlife happenings around the Village recently. Many young birds are showing up at feeders and birdbaths with their parents. They may not have quite mastered their flight skills or sound like adults yet--but they will soon.

Apparently, both a pair of Cooper's Hawks and Sharp-shinned Hawks are feeding young on the western side of the Village. This is very unusual. Just having the larger Cooper's Hawk is noteworthy but the Sharp-shinneds,

Fledgling bluebird by Frank Ripp

who typically nest father to our north or west, are a real surprise. This may well be a testament to how healthy our bird population is here at the moment. I have heard and seen adult male and female of both species around Spring Valley Lake regularly as they try to make sneak attacks on other local birds. More times than not, our ever-present Eastern Kingbirds or Blue Jays see the adult approach, sound the alarm and drive it away in a matter of seconds.

Also, I encountered a calling Broad-winged Hawk at the intersection of Niagara-Carthage and Vass-Carthage Roads recently. This is a small hawk species I believe has summered in the Village before. However, it is easily overlooked given its size, coloration, and its affinity for mature forest interior-type habitat.

Interestingly, American Goldfinches are just beginning to nest. Males are very bright yellow and spend a good portion of the day singing from high perches. Females, who are a dull yellowy-brown, are busy making nests high up in trees with the down of thistle and grasses that have gone to seed.

Some bird species are simply wandering around now that their breeding season is over. I have seen both a Yellow-crowned Night-heron and a Mississippi Kite flying over our cove in the last few weeks. Night-herons breed in swampy areas to our east and, as their name implies, are nocturnal hunters of reptiles, amphibians and fish. Mississippi Kites, who are insect-eating raptors, have expanded their breeding range into the Sandhills in recent years. I suspect it will not be long before they are found nesting in Moore County in wet, forested habitat. As tropical systems become more likely in the weeks ahead, watch for more unusual birds to be swept into the area

Also, most of our Mallards are quite a sight right now. The adults are in heavy molt. Not only are they replacing body feathers, but they are growing new flight feathers too. As a result, they may have very limited flight capability. Likewise, the immature ducks that may look full grown are not yet able to fly very well yet either. Anyone who is out boating should keep this in mind. Mallards on the lakes should be given the right of way for about another month.

Ken Benway reported a very large turtle, a Yellowbelly Slider, crossing Cardinal Drive not long ago. This was no doubt a female either looking to lay a late nest after some rain or in search of a different body of water to take refuge in.

This is the time of year to be watching for new colonies of fire ants to appear in open areas. We have had to remove two different mounds that popped up in our backyard this summer. Fire ants get their name from the nasty combination of the bite and sting they inflict when disturbed. Mounds will almost instantly boil with ants if the surface is touched. Colonies are made up of hundreds of small bodied workers and soldiers that are bi-colored black and brown. This tropical species crossed the border into Moore County in the early 1990s. Mounds are characteristically domed with large amounts of excavated soil in sunny locations—either moist or dry. These aggressive ants certainly can prey on slow moving insects as well as both bird eggs and nestlings.

And last, but certainly not least, hummingbird activity has picked up substantially as more young every day are finding their way to flowers and feed-

Female Ruby-throated Hummingbird on nest by Wayne Forsythe

ers. Make sure you are cleaning and refilling your feeder every three days now that the heat and humidity have increased. Hummingbirds can taste spoiled nectar and will head elsewhere. Also feeders that become coated with mildew are no fun to deal with. Cleaning should be done with only hot water and a brush—no dishwashing soap. Soaps can leave a film on plastic feeder parts which the birds can taste. If necessary, a 10:1 bleach solution (water: bleach) can be used to deep clean your feeder. But be sure it is completely rinsed and then air dried before it is refilled. Remember, a 1:4 (sugar: water) mixture is all you need to provide in your feeder—no coloring is necessary. Store bought mixes often contain flavorings and preservatives that are of questionable benefit and furthermore, may be unpalatable.

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

VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES - JULY 2007

- A Public Hearing was held on July 11, 2007 for the rezoning request from New Heritage Realty/Ron Kirby for Foxcroft Woods. Council approved the rezoning on July 19, 2007.
- A Public Hearing was held on July 11, 2007 for the rezoning request from JDH Capital. The rezoning request is for a parcel on Rays Bridge Road from residential to Neighborhood Shopping. Council approved the rezoning on July 19, 2007.
- A Public Hearing was scheduled for August 8, 2007 to hear a request from Wes Caddell for voluntary annexation of the road that connects Hardee Lane to the Arrowstone Subdivision.
- The Land Transfer Tax was discussed at the July 19th Regular Meeting. Council voted 3 -2 to oppose the proposed tax.
- The proclamations thanking Dick Blessing and Stafford Thornton for their service on the Planning and Zoning Board were approved.
- The termination of the contract with the MAPS Group was approved. Canceling the contract which does not meet Village needs is a cost avoidance of $12,000 to $13,000.
- Council discussed establishing a Performance Plan for Council for the Budget Year 2007-2008. No action was taken.
- A Council Workshop meeting is scheduled for 9:00 A.M.on August 4, 2007 at the Whispering Pines Country Club to discuss an employee performance evaluation system; a performance plan for Council; and other business matters.
- Council discussed the amendments to Chapter B and C of the General Code of Ordinances pertaining to the restructuring of Fire Department and the Department of Public Safety. The proposed amendment establishes the Fire Department as a separate department of the Village; gives Council clear authority over the department, allows the Council to appoint a Fire Chief; allows the Fire Chief to appoint the members of the fire department, approve volunteers and establish lines of authority and includes the incorporation of the Fire Fighters Association. No action was taken.
- Final Plat approval for Foxcroft Plans was considered. No action was taken.
- The release of the bond for the Arrowstone Subdivision was approved.
- The Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with the County and other municipalities was approved.
- The tax settlement for the year 2006-2007 was accepted and the Tax Collector was charged with the tax collections for the 2007-2008 taxes. There has been a 100% tax collection in the Village for the last three years.
- The following Planning and Zoning Board appointments were made: Gerald Galloway was appointed as Chairman; Bob Kroll was reappointed as a Village voting member. Tim Venjohn was reappointed as an ETJ voting member; Betsy Robinson was appointed as a full voting member from an associate position; Joan Bruno was appointed as a full voting member from an associate position.
- The following Lakes and Watershed Board appointments were made: Peter Campbell was reappointed as Chair; Ed Sharkany was reappointed as the Flyrod Lake representative; Mickey Terzigni was reappointed as the Spring Valley Lake representative; Dave Bruening was appointed as the Thagard Lake representative.

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

Bldg. Permits Issued		Average Square Feet
June		
Village	0	—
ETJ	0	—
Year to Date 2007		
Village	15	2,455
ETJ		
Year-To-Date 2006		
Village	14	2,592
ETJ	5	2,706

Randy L. Bailey

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Food Lion Rezoning Approval

(Continued from Page 1.)

It will be during the public hearing on the conditional uses that the Planning Board and Village Council will question the developer closely on the availability of utilities and water. Currently, The Village of Southern Pines provides water services to the area and the developer will have to negotiate a supply for the project. Similarly, the availability of waste treatment will have to be demonstrated. There is waste treatment available from Southern Pines, but that again will have to be negotiated by the developer.

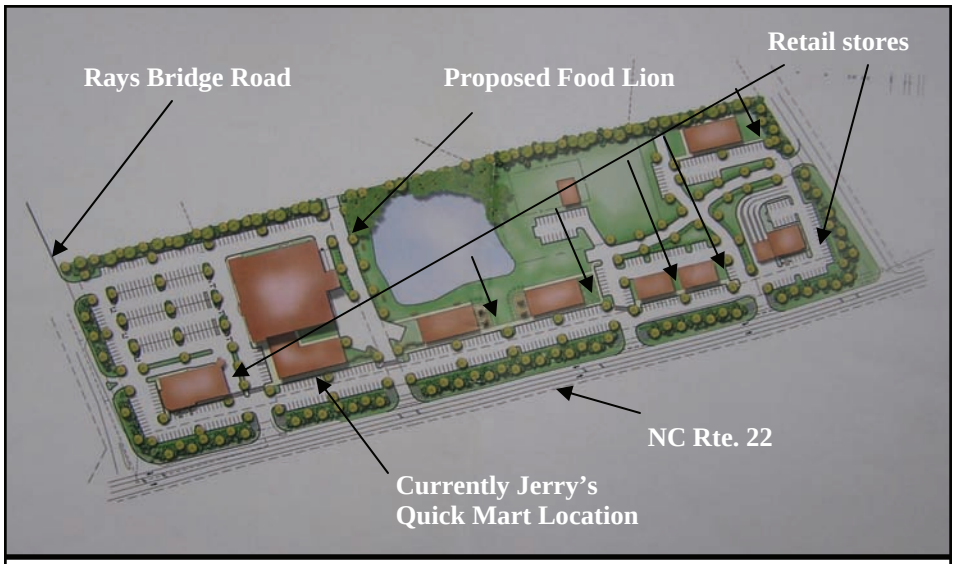
The rezoning application was heard by the Planning Board on January 27th. However, the Planning Board threw a monkey wrench into the process when Stafford Thornton, Chairman of the Board, noted that not one of the six conditional use applications had applied for any specific retail use such as a bank 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.

Since then, Thornton has completed his term as Chairman of the Planning Board and Gerald Galloway has been appointed as Chairman. Observers believe that Galloway will bring close scrutiny to the project, but that it ultimately will recommend approval to the Village Council. Upon approval of the entire project by the Planning Board, a public hearing would be held before the Village Council.

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.

During the public hearing, public comment included concerns about the attractiveness of the new center. Councilman Zschoche countered by saying that a picture of Jerry's would not be appearing on his Christmas cards at any time in the future.



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

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Village Council Minutes

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Comments from Council and Staff:

Mike Poston, Director of Planning and Zoning reported on the following for the month of June:

- No zoning permits or certificates of occupancy were issued.
- One nuisance complaint was filed.
- A citation was issued for the oversized vehicle parked in a driveway on Pine Ridge Drive. A $50.00 per day fine is accruing.
- The Planning and Zoning Board is working on accessory building and commercial architectural standard ordinances.

Mayor Pro Tem Zamaroni reported on the following:

- There are currently two associate member positions available on the Planning and Zoning Board. Residents interested in serving on the Board should contact Mike Poston at Village Hall.

Councilman Zschoche reported on the following:

- The investigation of one stump removal from Pine Dam will start in August. Based on that investigation, the Village will apply to the State for permission to remove the remaining stumps. After the removal of the stumps, the Village will proceed with landscaping.
- A tree trimming program will be started to cut low hanging branches over the roadways that are damaging Village fire trucks.

Councilman Saunders reported on the following:

- The water rate was increased a little bit; perhaps, the small increase is due to the intervention of the Village at the Public Utilities hearing.
- The CAC is doing a tremendous job with correcting the property maintenance violations around the Village.

Mayor Hopkins reported that the Fourth of July event at Thagard Lake Park was a huge success with over 200 people attending between 2 and 4 PM. He thanked Paul and Sally Nealon for their hard work in planning the event.

Lastly, Mayor Hopkins announced with sadness that on August 1st Councilman Bateman will be resigning his position on Council for health reasons.

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PERSONALS

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

James Johnson passed away on June 26.

Rex Meyers, Jr. passed away on July 15.

Thomas Whalen passed away on July 15.

THE WHISPERING PINES THRIFT SHOP

We've done all our summer clearance sales including the famous $2.00 BAG SALE and now we will be closed for the month of August. Planned reopening will be Wednesday, September 5th.

Now some real serious talk. With Food Lion coming in, we will be losing our lease (along with Jerry's). These two buildings will be demolished to make way for the "Shoppes of Whispering Pines." At the current time, we have no other location although our relocation committee has been looking for 6 months. We wish the JDH Capital Developers would look beyond the bottom line and think of something else really good for the community. What I'm really saying is, can't they find 2000 sq ft. of space and tuck us in there somewhere at a discounted rent? Can dreams come true? Please let me hear your comments. Joan Molloy, WPTS President 2molloys@pine hurst.net

The shop is located on HWY 22N, 1.2 miles past the airport.

Receiving: Mon. and Tues. 9 a.m. to noon
Shopping: Wed thru Sat. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

WP TRAVELERS HIT THE NATIONAL PARK SCENE

Twenty Whispering Pines wanderers completed a trip to the National Parks in June. The group flew to Rapid City, S.D., and joined a Globus Gateway tour, arranged by Olmsted Travel, that meandered 13 days through Yellowstone, the Grand Tetons, Bryce Canyon, Zion National Park, and the Grand Canyon before ending up in Las Vegas.

Aside from the breathtaking park views and vantage points that wowed the crowd, the travelers had a tour of Deadwood conducted by a grizzly ole' mountain man: enjoyed a trip through slot canyons located on Navajo territory, relaxed on a Lake Powell dinner cruise, and rode chuckwagons to a western barbecue and songfest. (The dinner cruise ended up with the Whispering Pines contingent, led by Hal Dugenske, Jim Fisher and friends, leading all the travelers on the boat in singing old favorites, from Row, Row Your Boat to the Polish National Anthem. The latter needed the help of Don Winslow and a Polish traveler from Buffalo.)

A stop in Salt Lake City gave the group a chance to sit in on a Mormon Tabernacle choir practice that left the audience in awe of the singing talent of the 350 person choir and the play of the 100 piece orchestra.

The trip included the sightseeing, bus travel, all hotels, many meals and other features. The Village group was comprised of Hal and Hope Dugenske, Jim and Sandy Fisher, Don and Betty Winslow, Chuck and Phyllis Gardiner, George and Nan Wisnowski, Joe and Sue Thomas, Bill and Carol Saylor, Bob and Sylvia Hennessey, Marge and George Tovey and Larry and Joanne Boron.
By the way, even in the open spaces of Wyoming, the travelers did not get too far away from golf. One of the hotels had a putting green in the lobby, and, naturally, the Moore County mob conducted a putting contest. The winner, Hal Dugenske who edged out Marge Tovey for the prize money.

In the works for next year is a trip to Australia and New Zealand. Anyone interested in possibly joining a group to head to the Outback can contact Don Winslow.

TIPS FOR THE GARDENER – AUGUST

John L. Gerwig, Ph.D.
Agronomist

Moss

Moss is considered to be a weed in a lawn. To the writer's knowledge there is no chemical that will kill the moss and not kill the grass. Moss grows better than grass in damp shady areas. To get rid of moss you have to make conditions such that the grass is more competitive than the moss. This means getting rid of damp shady conditions. If you don't wish to remove trees, the next best thing is to hire someone to remove enough branches so that your grass will get more sun and the soil will not be so wet. Applying lime may also make the grass more competitive. Improving drainage may be necessary if you live in a lower area where the soil remains wet. Perhaps the best solution is to just enjoy the moss and run around on it barefoot!

Scorched Lawns

If your lawn grasses have turned brown and gone dormant they will recover some when the fall rains come. For summer grasses you can't do anything until next spring if they do not recover on their own. Wait until May and sprig in new summer grasses.

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

The Pitch's Website Is Up and Running

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Village Council Approves Rezoning for 36 acres.

The Village Council unanimously approved the rezoning of 36 acres of Agricultural to Residential Zoning at its July regular meeting. New Heritage Realty Development Corp and Kirby Holding Group made the application to the Council.

The property was the subject of a rezoning application for a larger property in January of 2006, but the Village Council only allowed half of the property to be rezoned at that time. The new application completed the entire rezoning process. The application had been approved by the Planning Board.

The rezoning application had previously met resistance in the Village Council when Mayor Pro Tem Zamaroni expressed concerns because of the impact the development would have on Nick's Creek, Little River, and the wetlands in general in that area.

Further, the recent survey by the Pitch showed that over 85 percent of the respondents to the survey wanted a moratorium on subdivision development and felt that the moratorium should be in excess of one year.

Councilman Zschoche voted for the rezoning on the grounds of fairness to the developer. He noted that the Council had approved half of the developers application on the prior application He also stated that this was his last vote to approve rezoning that would result in increased development until the pending Land Use Plan was adopted.

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COMPUTER CLUB

August 2007 Meeting

The Computer Club of The Sandhills will hold its next meeting on Monday, August 13th from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.in the Whispering Pines Village Hall. The program will be a "Help Session", conducted by a panel of "experts" in a question and answer format. This forum provides an opportunity to get help on a perplexing issue, or, to get an answer on a particular topic of interest. These help sessions have been very popular and are held periodically.

Problems and questions submitted prior to the meeting are researched by the panel and a response is presented at the meeting for the benefit of everyone.. Additional questions from the audience will be taken as time permits. Attendees also participate by adding their knowledge and experience.

Guests are most welcome to attend, get some good tips and join in the discussion.

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MOORE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AGING

Att**racting Butterflies to your Garden.** Moore County Master Gardener Marissa Back will provide interesting insight into attracting these beautiful creatures to your yard. Thursday, August 16 from 10 - 11 am. Reservation requested.

Hurricane Lottery. Tuesday, August 21 7 - 9 p.m. Join us for this fascinating presentation by Jeff Orrock, National Weather Service Meteorologist and Severe Weather Specialist. Is Moore County due for The Big One? Moore County EMS Director, Scot Brooks, will share strategies for making sure your family is prepared. Call 215-0900 to reserve a seat.

Play table tennis with some charming young teens! We are taking Table Tennis reservations for the week of August 6 - 10, when some charming young teenage American hosts and their visiting Japanese student guests would be delighted to have the opportunity to play with you!. Please call us at 215-0900 with your time preference.....play for 15 minutes or play for an hour....they are just anxious to play! Beginners are welcome!

September at the SEC:

Scrapbooking/Greeting Card class. The first and third Friday of each month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.. Come see why people are getting hooked on scrapbooking. Scrapbooking can be as simple or involved as you wish to make it. Have fun making your own personalized greeting cards. Materials list will be provided. Please call to let us know you are interested 215-0900

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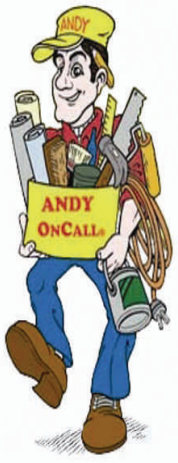

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Annual August Birthday Party

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RSVP by calling Eleanor at 949-4645 or Ron at 690-8274 by August 13th.

THINGS AND TIMES

(Courtesy of Bob Tice)

THE OLD DAYS BEFORE COMPUTERS

- **Memory was something you lost with age**
- **An application was for employment**
- **A program was a TV show . in my case, radio**
- **A cursor used profanity**
- **A keyboard was a piano**
- **A web was a spider's home**
- **A virus was the flu**
- **A CD was a bank account**
- **A hard drive was a long trip on the road**
- **A mouse pad was where a mouse lived**
- **A user was someone who took advantage of you**
- **A provider was a generous person down the road**
- **A big screen was the DRIVE - IN theatre**
- **A lap - top was intended for grandchildren**
- **A desk - top was something that folded down to write on**

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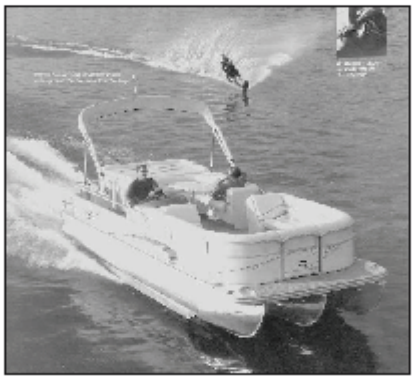

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Some History of Whispering Pines from the Pitch of Yesterday

(Courtesy of Bob Zschoche)

July 1972 (35 years ago).

- The PITCH is on vacation for July of 1972. The following July items were published in August.
- Acquisition of the Village water system from the owner, A.B. Hardee is discussed. An engineering firm is retained to analyze the current system.
- The process is started for voter approval of a bond issue to finance a new Village Hall.

July 1982.

- The PITCH reports that Jean Fisher attempts to train her 2 cats to catch mice IN THE HOUSE. The training does not succeed and Jean must use mousetraps. The cats report they do not care.
- Whispering Pines is noted by the Readers Digest for hosting a meeting of the North Carolina Chapter of the Acoustical Society of America with the comment, "That makes sense".
- Wendell Roberson is awarded a new contract for garbage collection.

July 1992.

- The program to recycle plastic is under scrutiny because the Village must PAY $200 per ton for the recycle center to accept plastics. The Village pays $10 per ton at the regular landfill.
- Newcomers to the Village include Eileen and Ralph Spatz (now on Sandpiper).

WHISPERING PINES DEMOCRATS

Are you a Democrat living in Whispering Pines? Do you think you might be the only one? Actually there are 615 of us, and wouldn't it be nice if we knew one another? There will be a wine and cheese get together for all Democrats living in Whispering Pines on Friday, August 17th at 4:00 P.M.in the home of Doris Pence at 111 Lakeview Drive. To be included you must call Doris at 949-3358 no later than Wednesday August 15th. Please join us, we look forward to seeing you!

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Cell 695-6758
Diane Norman
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Caregiver: Lady seeks position looking after elderly or disabled – call Christie at 947-5600 and leave message.

Care Giver: Private duty in home. Local area. 25 years experience. Reliable, honest. Excellent references. Call 245-7274.

Care Giver. I, Ora Watkins, am looking for work as a care giver to the elderly or handicapped. Price is negotiable and I will work first or second shift. Call 944-1586.

Caregiver's Services. I have 15 years experience in Moore County. References. Please call 910-246-3414.

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See you next month. *Johnnie & Skip*