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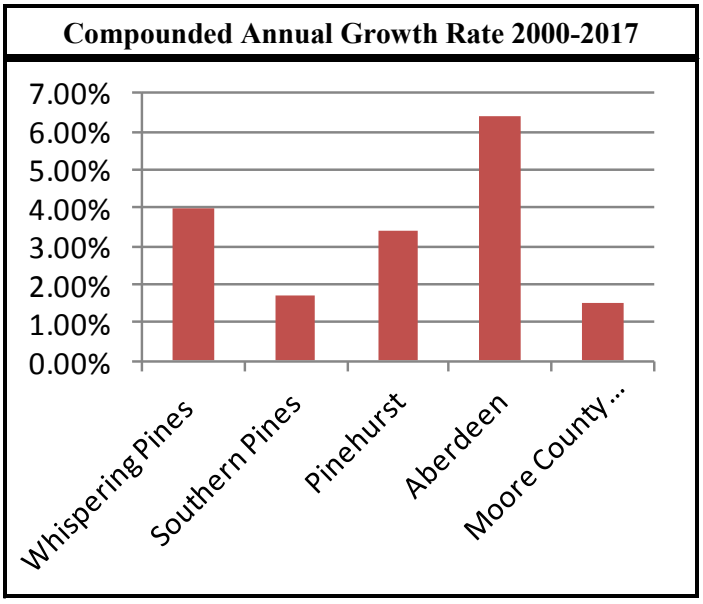
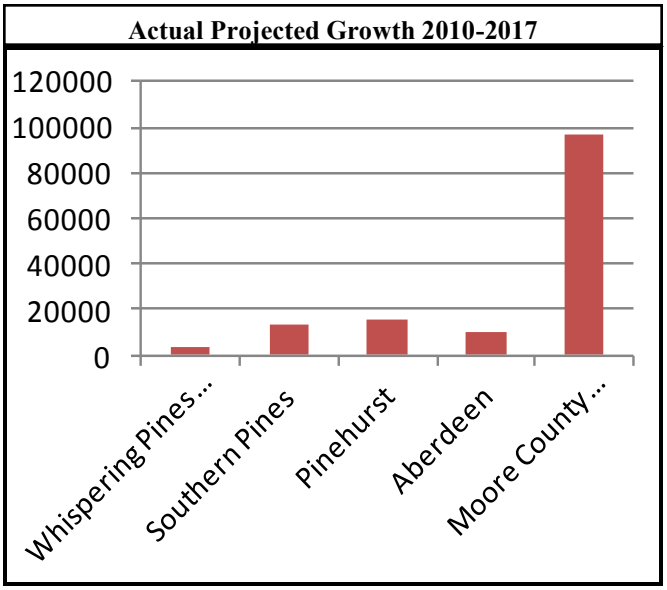
## Village's Projected Growth Rate Second Highest in Moore County

**By Skip Gebhardt**

The Pitch has done an analysis of current growth and has projected that, of the five incorporated cities in Moore County, Whispering Pines' annual compounded rate of growth through 2017 will be a little over 4%, second only to Aberdeen which is forecast to have an annual compounded growth rate of 6.4 % through 2017. In real terms, The Pitch has forecast that in 2017, Whispering Pines will have a population of approximately 4,000 which is an increase of 955 residents over the 3,025 population in the 2,010 census.




The two charts set forth herein show the forecasted rate of growth and the projected actual growth from 2010 through 2017 for the four major cities in the county (Southern Pines, Pinehurst, Aberdeen, and Whispering Pines). The Pitch's analysis of forecasted growth for the most part used new building permits issued by the cities from 2009 through 2013. This established a projected rate of growth which was then applied to the period from 2010 through 2017. The only exceptions to this growth analysis were data published by the State Department of Commerce for Moore County (projected annual growth rate 1.8%), and data provided by Southern Pines Planning Department for Southern Pines (projected annual growth rate of 1.7%).




The rapid growth in Aberdeen appears to be a result of significant multi-family apartment units that have been constructed and will be constructed in that city. The rapid growth in Whispering Pines appears to be related primarily to three factors: first, the crime rate in Whispering Pines is dramatically below the rates in the other three cities and the County. The chart below shows the crime rates of four sister cities in Moore County (excluding Aberdeen for which no data was available).

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# *Editorial*– Let Growth Pay for Growth.

There is a constant debate that rages where new development is concerned. The current residents do not want their tax monies used to pay the costs of growth and the developers don't want to do anything that increases their costs. In many states, impact fees are imposed on developers to pay for the new parks, roads, libraries, and schools that are required to serve the increased population resulting from new development.

Unfortunately, for the most part, in North Carolina the cities are not authorized to impose impact fees. However there are minor expenses currently paid for by our Village taxpayers that should be charged to developers. In connection with a developer's application to develop a subdivision, he (or she) must provide a preliminary plat to the Village Zoning Administrator, Planning Board and Village Council. That plat is an engineered drawing that lays out all of the lots to be developed in the subdivision, the open space to be provided to the Village as required by the LDO, the landscaping of the general subdivision (not individual lots), the location, number and type of street lights, and the drainage of surface water for the subdivision including retention ponds to hold storm water.

Once the preliminary plat is approved by the Village Council, a final plat is presented, and when approved, is recorded in a Plat book with the County's Registrar of Deeds.

It is our understanding that in most cases, outside planning professionals are not used; rather the Village Zoning Administrator, Planning Board and Village Council undertake that duty. This is a situation where professionals should be used and the de velpers should pay their fees. Currently the residents are bearing some of the review costs, since the Zoning Administrator is a salaried employee and, other than the application fee, his pay for review is not charged back to the developer.

There problem with the current do-it-yourself type of review that the Zoning Administrator is relatively new, and neither the Planning Board, nor the Village Council have the professional expertise necessary to enable them to successfully accomplish the review process. We should not expect or require the Planning Board or the Council to become experts on the various facets of land planning. That is what should be expected from outside experts and the developer should pay for them.

The recent Food Lion development is a classical example of using an outside professional as an adviser. The developer of the Food Lion center had to submit a plan very much like the plan for subdivisions described above. The developer realized that the development would be slowed if he were required to respond to all of the questions and requests made by the Planning Board and Council members.

Instead, the developer agreed to pay the Village a sum of money (somewhere around $10,000 if our memory serves us correctly) to hire a planning professional, engineer and attorney, of the Village's choice, to provide the expertise that the Planning Board and Council lacked. Thus, for example, members of both bodies were advised that they could not, under our existing ordinances, require a different brick color, but could require cutoff lighting that protected light invasion on neighbor's properties. Time and again, the professional advisor was asked whether the developer's plan was consistent with general planning standards and whether it was consistent with the Village's ordinances. Through this procedure, the process was expedited and Board and Council members could focus on those matters required by the Village's ordinances rather that trying to impose their own standards on the development.

The authors of the LDO recognized that with a staff of one the Village needed sophisticated advice from outside experts to guide it through the plat approval process. The authors also recognized that the developers, not the taxpayers, should pay for that expertise.

The current LDO requires that a developer deposit a certain amount of money with the Village when the application is submitted. That deposit is intended to be used to retain professionals to advise the Zoning Administrator, the Planning Board and the Village Council in the application process so that members do not have to go to great lengths to acquire the necessary expertise; it is provided for them. The LDO also provides that in complicated cases, if the deposit runs out, the developer has to make further deposits. After all of the payments to the professionals (including the Village Attorney and the Village Engineer) have been made, the remainder, if any, is returned to the developer.

This procedure, which we believe is not being used, introduces professionalism into the development process, and should reduce contentiousness as the developers believe that they are being asked to do costly things not required by the LDO and the Board and Council members distrust the developer by thinking he is trying to slip things through that may be required in the LDO. Obviously when the village startds using the procedure and outside professionals hired, the deposit should be used to pay them.

Growth should pay for growth. It is our understanding that at present the use of professional planners as contemplated in the LDO is not being totally implemented and to the extent that they are being used (i.e. attorneys and engineers) the Village residents are bearing the cost.

*Skip Gebhardt and just being himself, Ron Saylor*

# *VILLAGE INFORMATION*

*By Nancy O'Connell*

*Village Calendar for February 2014*

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|---|---|
| **Council** | **Feb 11** |
| **Planning & Zoning** | **Feb 28** |
| **Lakes & Watershed** | **Feb 18** |

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*Police Statistics— December 2013*

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|---|---|
| **Burglary** | **0** |
| **Larceny** | **3** |
| **Vandalism** | **0** |
| **Assaults** | **0** |
| **Fraud** | **0** |
| **Citation Charges** | **70** |
| **Warnings Charges** | **86** |

*Year to Date Statistics/Jan 1 to Dec.31*

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|---|---|
| **Burglary** | **1** |
| **Larceny** | **43** |
| **Vandalism** | **6** |
| **Assaults** | **5** |
| **Fraud** | **20** |
| **Citation Charges** | **1,023** |
| **Warning Charges** | **1,269** |

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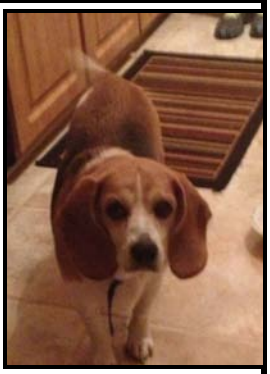

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# Growth Analysis

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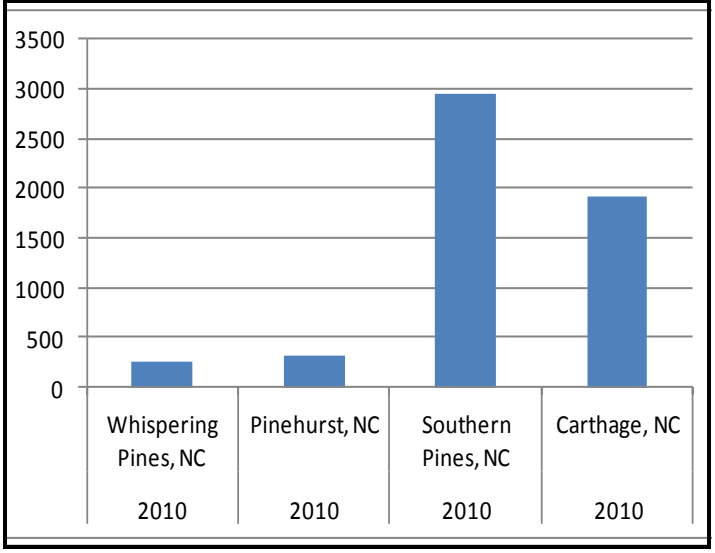
The second cause of growth in whispering Pines appears to be the Farm Life Elementary School which has a reputation for excellence throughout the state. Although not a magnet school in the language of educators, it certainly seems to be drawing younger families with children into the Village.

**Crime Rate Index (based on an algorithmic formula that creates an Index for comparison only).**




The third cause of growth is the ambiance and attractiveness of the community and social and economic standing of its residents. With eight lakes and three golf courses, and open space (including golf courses) constituting over 35% of the Village land area, it is the epitome of a low density high recreation area.

Educationally and economically, the Village stands out even more. The per capita income of the Village is the second highest in the County and the County per capita income is higher than any of its six bordering counties. More than 75% of the community over the age of 25 have attended at college level education, with 37% having earned an associates or bachelors degree and an additional 16% having earned a graduate degree. With this high education level, together with an increasing influx of military officers, the Village is a natural drawing card for like minded potential residents.

The fourth factor in the Village's rate of growth appears to be the development activity within the community. Within the last ten years, more than ten properties which were formerly farmland or its equivalent have been rezoned to residential development. Most of those properties are still selling new construction residential homes. Growth tends to feed off of growth and the combined advertising of the developers and word of mouth endorsement by the purchasers has led to significant new construction. For example, in 2009 the Village issued 28 building permits with 23 issued inside the village and 5 issued in the ETJ. In 2013, the Village issued 46 permits for residential construction in the Village and 7 in the ETJ, nearly a 100 % increase over 2009.

From the evidence it appears that the growth rate of the village is uncomfortably higher than most residents would like. The reason for opposing rapid growth is that a surge of new residents could change the ambiance of the community. This is evident in Florida where in Collier County, the population grew from approximately 80,000 in 1980 to 160,000 in 1990, then to nearly 300,000 in 2000. What was a small laid back fishing community became almost overnight one of the jet set communities in the country. That, of course is the extreme but, with growth comes a higher crime rate, more congestion and traffic, and it appears that most residents prefer the Village just the way it is.

Is there a way to slow growth in the Village and to create hurdles that would discourage developers from building too fast. Obviously, the best way is to refuse to rezone any new large land parcels from agricultural to residential zoning. However, with at least ten major parcels rezoned to residential in the past ten years, and approximately 400 building lots available, refusal to rezone new land would not put much of a dent in growth.

State law prohibits cities from imposing moratoriums on growth with some very limited exceptions. Moratoriums are allowed when water and sewer services are not readily available, but the Village does not control its water supply and has no sewer system. The Village did impose a short moratorium several years ago in order to allow the completion of the Land Development Ordinance, but the moratorium lasted less that six months.

One opportunity to slow growth has arisen in the proposed Whispering Ridge development on the vacant land near the corner of Ray's Bridge Road and NC 22. The land was rezoned to residential more than five years ago, but no development activity took place until several months ago when a developer obtained an option to purchase the land, subject to approval of a development plan by the Village Council. After months of haggling, the Council and Developer could not reach an agreement on a development plan and the developer pulled out of the deal leaving the land zoned residential but with no development plan. It appears that the Village Council could immediately rezone this land to RA, which although allowing some residential development, makes the land commercially unfeasible to develop for tract type housing. Other than the foregoing, it appears that only an economic downturn could possibly slow the Village's rate of growth.

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*By Don Winslow*

Some entities are too big to deal with. Thankfully, in this age of the internet, many things can be handled on the computer and life goes on.

But there are times when the internet doesn't have the answer or doesn't let you do what has to be done and a phone call is needed. But try to make contact with a human being in bureaucratic America and you better be prepared for your steam engine to start a-bubbling.

The one that outdoes them all is the post office. Long waits, lots of listening to automated messages, sometimes a music piece played over and over, are what you can expect when you try to reach that government organization. And my recent experience trying to reach the USPS headquarters tops them all.

Needing to change some address data that could not be done on a computer, I called the number the screen reached out and provided to me. It was mid-week so I figured someone was working in the world of Cliff Clavin and I would get a human voice to respond.

I waited…….and waited……..and waited.

Ten minutes went by. Another ten minutes disappeared. An hour plus was lost in space and no one answered. I wasn't left on hold and forced to listen to dead silence, however. No, sir. My postal service played a message telling me about certified mail, express mail, the convenience of the postal service, and a variety of other things I did not need to hear. In any case, after an hour and 48 minutes, the music stopped, the message went mute and a click came across the airwaves. A REAL PERSON WAS COMING!!!!!

Not So……..In rapid order, I heard the click, said hello, and heard another click. Whoever was on the other end had hung up right after hearing my "hello". . Whether they took childish glee in playing with the minds of callers or it was an accident, I am not sure but I don't believe their finger "slipped" and the phone disconnected unintentionally. You probably can picture my reaction.

An opposite experience proves things can be done right. My credit union takes a huge volume of calls and has a system of handling them that makes sense. When you make contact, a voice tells you where you are in the queue. It might say you are caller number 15 and then it will announce when you move to 14, 13, and so on. In this circumstance you can put your phone on speaker, go on to do your thing and return to the phone when you hear you have reached number 3 or 4 in the line.

I realize Washington is a mess and fixing a minor problem like phone service doesn't appear on its radar but maybe it should. Possibly, following the lead of a credit union might be a step in the right direction.

Oh yes, on a blood boiling scale, I'd rate this phone issue an 8.

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## WHISPERING PINES THRIFT SHOP

Happy New Year from the Whispering Pines Thrift Shop! The Thrift Shop held it's semi-annual board meeting on December 9, 2013. Board members present were President Mary Hager, Ruth Richards, Martha Liner, Marianne Turner, Diana Williamson, Gail Reilly and new members, Lori Rose, and Peter Pezzi. The shop has had a tremendous second half of the year and the Allocations Committee voted to donate $23,000 to local Moore County charities. In June the Committee allocated $17,500 which brings the years total donations to $40,500 (surpassing our record last year of $38.000). The focus for this half of the year was to heavily fund those charities that provide the basic necessities for the underprivileged in Moore County. Some of this year's recipients are the Boys and Girls Club, Carthage Food Pantry, Moore Free Clinic, Senior Enrichment Center, Northern Moore County Rescue Center and Whispering Pines Fire and Rescue Department.

We have lost several volunteers this year and have a great need for more people to help us keep our doors open. Remember, the Shop is located at the corner of Vass Carthage and Niagara Carthage Roads and our operating hours are 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM Wednesday through Saturday.

## Growth Rate (Continued from Page 7.)

A somewhat lesser, but still legitimate concern of residents is the rate of growth in the County and Southern Pines with new shopping centers and so-called big box stores coming into Southern Pines along with national restaurant chains.

In fact, every forecast the Pitch has examined actually shows anemic growth in both Southern Pines and the County. Southern Pines has grown and continues to grow at an anemic rate of 1.7% per annum, and the County is nearly the same with a current and projected annual growth rate of 1.8% per annum. Many demographers would say that this is just mothers have babies and shows little immigration.

But what about the proliferation of big box stores and restaurants? From talking with local governmental planners, Southern Pines appears to be evolving into a regional shopping center because of the ambiance of downtown Southern Pines shops and restaurants. Downtown, as the so-called bell cow of the shopping community, attracts shoppers from outside of the Village and County who will also be attracted to the ease of shopping at the big box stores. Additionally, with a higher per capita income in the County, fewer people are needed to support retail stores. The proliferation of national chain restaurants appears to be a bit different. It seems that as new national chains come in with market tested service and menus, local restaurants close. For example, it appears that there was a significant adverse impact on local breakfast eateries when Cracker Barrel opened its doors.


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## WHISPERS

It was evident from the number attending, that the January Whispers luncheon was of interest to a great many men and women. Dr. Elizabeth Lyerly, a local veterinarian, shared her experience and insights she learned as a rookie veterinarian on the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race last year, in March, 2013.

**Dr. Elizabeth Lyerly**

A test of both humans and canines, it covers 1100 miles, going from Anchorage to Nome, Alaska. Dr. Lyerly offered a slide show depicting the diversity of those competing in the race. Everyone came away with a respect for both human and canine participants and a realization that the safety and care of both species was foremost in everyone's minds. It was also evident that Dr. Lyerly thoroughly enjoyed the experience and is anxiously looking forward to participating again.

The next Whispers Luncheon is on Wednesday February 12, with the annual Card and Game Party following the tasty luncheon at the Country Club of Whispering Pines. Once again, gentlemen are invited to attend. The menu: Vegetable Lasagna, Caesar Salad, Garlic Bread, Chocolate Mousse, Beverage Station. $15.00 inclusive. Social Hour: 11:30. Lunch served at Noon.

For your reservation, send check made out to "Whispers" to Joan Bruno, 6 Pine Crescent Drive, Whispering Pines, NC 28327. Please include game partners' names if prearranged. Need someone to play in your group, or need a group to play with? Call Joan: 949-4172.

*Whispers Presents*

# Card & Game Party

## Wednesday, February 12, 2014

**Social 11:30 AM Luncheon 12:00 Noon**

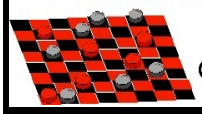
**Gentlemen Welcome**

**Get together with your friends to play cards, dominos or your game of choice. Bring your own game supplies.**

MENU:
Caesear Salad
Veggie Lasagna
Garlic Bread
Chocolate Mousse
Beverage Station
**$15 inc.**

Prizes too!

**Send checks payable to Whispers to:**
**Joan Bruno, 6 Pine Crescent, Whispering Pines, NC 28327**
**Reservation deadline is Friday, February 7, 2014**
*** Please include names of those in your game group with your check.**



Questions, call Joan at 949-4172

## Take your place in history; an invitation to share a memory of Whispers.

**It's hard to believe that Whispers, the philanthropic women's organization in Whispering Pines, was started in 1964, a half century ago. To help us plan the celebration of this wonderful milestone, we are asking you to share your memories of Whispers. Won't you write to us and share a memory or two?**
**Contacts: (1) whispersofwp@charter.net (2) Carol Rossi at 23 Hardee Lane, WP 28327 (50th Anniversary Committee Chair) (3) Barbara Tompkins at 20 Pine Ridge Drive, WP 28327 (Publicity Chair).**

# COMPUTER CLUB– FEBRUARY 10

## "Remote Assistance for Computers"

The Computer Club of the Sandhills will meet Monday, Feb 10, 1014 at 4 P.M. in the lower level of the Whispering Pines Village Hall located at 10 Pine Ridge Drive, Whispering Pines.

The guest speaker, Russ Snyder, will give a presentation on "Remote Assistance for Computers." He will discuss what remote assistance is, what it can do, and some of the software programs for it. Russ lives in Whispering Pines and is the owner of ***Mobile Computer Doctors, LLC***, serving Moore and Lee counties.

The Computer Club of the Sandhills meets on the second Monday of each month at 4 P.M. in the Whispering Pines Village Hall. Membership is open to computer users with all levels of expertise and visitors are always welcome. For further information contact Jim Reetz at Jim-ReetzPC@gmail.com or (910) 585-1071.

**THE PITCH HOUSING REPORT**

*(The following table shows the number of home listings, ending and closings in Whispering Pines and the Whispering Pines area as shown in the Pinehurst Southern Pines Area Association or Realtors Multiple Listing Service. It does not include homes for sale by owner. Information provided by Broker Realtor, Tim Venjohn.*

**Whispering Pines Market Data January 2014**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Homes for Sale** | **62** | **January 21, 2014** |
| **Homes Pending** | **29** | **January 21, 2014** |
| **Homes sold** | **0** | **21 Dec through 21 Jan** |

**2014 Homes sold in Whispering Pines area to date 0**

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**Whispering Pines Market Data January 2013**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Homes for Sale** | **69** | **January 21, 2013** |
| **Homes Pending** | **16** | **January 21, 2013** |
| **Homes sold** | **7** | **21 Dec through 21 Jan** |

**2013 Homes sold in Whispering Pines area to date 7**

# THINGS AND TIMES

*(Courtesy of Bob Tice)*

**Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.**

**The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.**

**Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me; I want people to know 'why' I look this way.**

**We've traveled a long way, and some of the roads weren't paved.**

**When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to youth, think of Algebra.**

**You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.**

**Have you ever wondered how you got over the hill without getting to the top?**

**One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it's such a nice change from being young.**

**One must wait until evening to see how splendid the day has been.**

**Being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable.**

**Long ago, when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft. Today it's called golf.**

**If you don't learn to laugh at trouble, you won't have anything to laugh at when you're old.**

**Accept the fact that depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.**

**Experience is something you get when you get older.**

**If you haven't succeeded by now, just please consider that skydiving is not for you.**

**Most of us are thinking about what to eat for the next meal, just like a tiger or lion.**

**Knowing the speed of light, one starts to ponder the speed of dark.**

**Finally some older folks are still trying to figure out if they are traveling at the speed of light, will their head-lights still work?**

# VILLAGE of WHISPERING PINES MANAGER'S REPORT
## January 8, 2014

♦ **Tree Trimming Schedule:** Public Works has resumed the trimming of low hanging tree branches in the Village's right of way. This program will continue throughout the winter months.

♦ **Corporate Limit, Directional Signs and Street Signs:** The budgeted funds to comply with the mandatory State reflectivity replacement plan by 2015, will be used to replace traffic signs in FY 2013-14. In addition, we are currently working with Sandhill Signs to develop a Village – wide "streetscape" plan to replace the Village corporate limit signs, directional signs and street signs which will include a decorative pole.

♦ **Shadow Lake to Pine Lake Pump Station Project:** Bob Kissinger has confirmed that the pipe has been received by the vendor but the vendor is waiting on the pump before the delivery of materials to the Village. In reviewing the project with NC State Dam Safety representative, Steve McEvoy, the only concern was the placement of the bore pit and requested that the Village move the location farther north to get away from the toe of the dam. Options that have been considered are to get an easement from a property owner or get permission from the DOT to open-cut Niagara-Carthage Road.

♦ **Dam Spillway Trash Rack:** The delivery of the trash rack is expected the 2nd week of January. This improvement will be aesthetically pleasing and improve the debris collection in the spillway.

**THE PITCH GROWTH REPORT**
*(Provided by Kyle Taylor, Village Planning Director)*

**Residential Bldg. Permits Issued**

| **December** | **2013** |
|---|---|
| Village | 3 |
| ETJ | 01 |
| | |
| **Year to Date** | **2013** |
| Village | 46 |
| ETJ | 7 |
| | |
| **Year-To-Date** | **2012** |
| Village | 42 |
| ETJ | 3 |

♦ **Whisper Lake Drive Resurfacing:** Hudson Paving has made repairs to Whisper Lake Drive and will complete the resurfacing and striping in January; weather permitting. The striping on Princess Gate Drive, part of the plan to minimize speeding in the area, will also be done at this time. They will also resurface the area on Sunset Drive where the culvert has been replaced.

♦ **Thagard Lake Draw Down:** The draw down began on Monday, January 6th with a gradual lowering scheduled over a two week period, until January 20th. On Monday, February 24th the refill process will begin. Public Works will work on the restoration of the beach area at the South Lakeshore Park and the asphalt access to the boat ramp will be replaced during this drawdown period. All affected lake property residents have been notified of this drawdown.

♦ **Whisper Lake Cove Muckraking:** The Village muckraking group have been very successful in their efforts with the muckraker over the past several months on Whisper Lake. They have removed approximately 24 "wet" tons of aquatic weeds from the cove area.

♦ **Foxcroft Phase III:** The developers of Foxcroft Phase III have submitted a preliminary plat. Both Kyle and Bill Roark, Village engineer have reviewed the plat for compliance with the Village LDO and comments have been forwarded to the developer. Pending changes to the plat based on the comments and after it has been determined that it meets the LDO requirements, the Planning & Zoning Board will review it at their January 22nd meeting.

♦ **Heronsbrook Subdivision:** The developer has received the review comments of the construction plans. The developer, the developer's engineer, Bill Roark, and Kyle met to discuss concerns and revisions needed. The developer raised concerns about the storm water management cost and the possible need to revise the preliminary plat. He was informed that minor changes can be made to a preliminary plat once it has been approved; with significant changes needing Council review and approval. If a revised preliminary plat is received, a memo summarizing the changes will be provided to Council.

♦ **Whispering Ridge Subdivision:** Kyle has reported that the listing real estate agent has indicated in all likelihood the contract for the sale of the property will be withdrawn. An engineer with Neal Smith Engineering has also indicated that as of this time there are no plans to move forward with the project.

♦ **Thunder Bridge Replacement Project:** WSP Engineers have informed me that plans have been provided to the Federal Highway Administration, for their use in helping Carolina Water relocate the waterline in the first quarter of 2014. WSP is anticipating submitting final plans to NCDOT by the mid to latter part of February 2014. According to NCDOT, their review process will take 3 to 4 months, at which time the bidding process will commence. I have advised Kurt Freitag, NC DOT Program Engineer, the desirable time to start the bridge replacement is late 2014, with completion in early 2015; before the boating season commences and the Sham Rock N' Roll Race occurs.

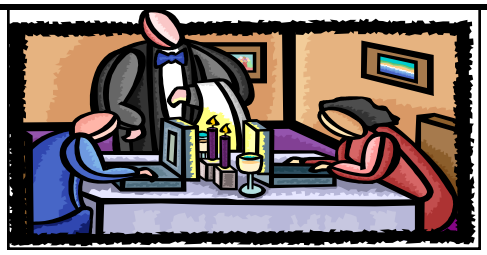
♦ I will be pressing all parties to make sure that this schedule be adhered to, in the best interests of the Village. Mr. Freitag has estimated the costs for the project as follows; $196,000 for the design phase, $10,000 for the right of way contract, $643,699 for the bridge replacement, which totals $849,699 for the total project. Federal monies will cover 80% of the above costs. The Village share of the project (approximately $169,940) will come from the Capital Reserve-Major Repair Infrastructure Fund.

**DINING OUT–** *A Guide to Sandhills dining for the non-connoisseur.*
**Friday January , 6:00 p.m. Southern Pines Golf Club Restaurant, 280 Country Club Cir., Southern Pines.**

Having heard many times that the restaurant at the Southern Pines Golf Club served dinner on Friday nights, the editors, along with JoAnn and Larry Boron and Gert and Dick Strine, decided to give it a whirl despite the fact that it was an extremely cold night.

The restaurant had several occupied tables but was not crowded when we arrived for our 6 pm reservation. Our drink orders were taken immediately and we were given a menu that was varied and seemed to have something to please anyone.

We were served warm bread to calm our grumbling stomachs while we made our dinner selections. Both Larry and JoAnn opted for the steak salads, Gert and the Dessert Editor chose the fried chicken which was served with your choice of a house salad or Caesar salad, veggies and a baked potato; and Dick



and the Entrée Editor both chose the salmon which also was served with a choice of salad, veggies and a baked potato.

All those who had the house salads and/or Caesar salads agreed that they were fresh and very good although there seemed to be a lot of salad (or perhaps they had just killed their appetite with all that warm bread).

The steak salads were beautifully presented and very good, the salmon was cooked just the way the diners ordered and was also excellent and even the fried chicken got a rating of good.

But as the dessert menu (or lack thereof) was presented, the Dessert Editor had an anxiety attack when she found out that only one dessert was offered. After ingesting several valiums and given therapy by the group, she recovered and ordered the only one dessert to be had. The dessert was an ice cream ball rolled in pecans with chocolate and caramel drizzled over the top which presumably would be standard fare at your local Dairy Queen.

While it was good, the Dessert Editor would have liked to have something a little more chocolatey to choose from.

Service was excellent and the price for dinner for 2 was between $20 and $25 without drinks or tip which is a bargain. The only drawback was that there was live music/singing which interfered with the ability to carry on a conversation with all the dinner companions plus the fact that we were seated at an oblong table rather than a round one which hampers the ability to converse with everyone.

Would we go back? Absolutely, and for those of you who have not tried the restaurant, the Sunday breakfast after church is to die for.

# POLICE BEAT

**(Reported by Lt. Rodney Dozier)**
**Whispering Pines Police Department**
**Arrest Subject on Drug Charges and Seize Money and Stolen Handgun**

The Whispering Pines Police Department announces the arrest of Damon Saqawn Harris of 168 Cloverwood Lane in West End on charges stemming from a traffic stop on December 27, 2013.

During the traffic stop the officer seized from Harris a set of pocket scales, 30 grams of marijuana, a stolen Glock handgun, and $14,020 in U.S. currency.

Harris was charged with possessing a stolen firearm, felony possession of a firearm by convicted felon, misdemeanor possession of marijuana, and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. Harris was taken before a magistrate and placed under a $10,000 secured bond.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# Village of Whispering Pines
# Village Council Draft Meeting Minutes
# January 14, 2014

**Council present:** Mayor Zschoche, Mayor Pro Tem Lexo, Councilman Blackwell and Councilwoman DeBolt
**Council excused:** Councilman Osborne
**Staff present:** Village Manager Sue Shuster, Planning and Zoning Administrator Kyle Taylor, Public Works Director Bob Kissinger, Fire Rescue Chief Lambdin, Police Chief Campbell and Village Clerk Linda Christopher

**Adoption of the Agenda**

Consider the re-appointment of Ashvin Patel to a two year term as a Trustee for the Firefighters Relief Fund was added as New Business #5

Due to Councilman Osborne's absence New Business #4, Discuss and consider Village Manager / Finance Officer job description and evaluation forms, was removed from the agenda.

By consensus, the agenda was adopted as amended.

**General Public Comments:**

Paul and Sally Nealon were recognized and presented with a plaque and a token of appreciation for their many years of volunteer service to the Village and the Activities Committee.

Louis Gregory commented that he is happy to see such a fine couple recognized for their hard work. He had the privilege of presenting the Nealon's with the Chief's Award some years ago.

Ken Norwood thanked everyone that participated in the 9th Annual Toy for Tots Parade of Lights. A special thanks to the Public Works Department, the Fire Rescue Department, the Police Department, all those that provided baked goods and all the volunteers.

This year's event included 245 riders, 270 toys and $475 for Toys for Tots and $1500 for Wounded Warrior of Moore County.

**Approval of the Minutes:**

A copy of the draft minutes of the December 4, 2013 meeting was provided for Council's consideration.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Lexo, second provided by Councilwoman DeBolt to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2013 meeting as presented. Motion approved. (4-0)

**Report from Village Manager:**

A written report was submitted which is now incorporated by reference and hereby made a part of these minutes.

Mayor Pro Tem Lexo asked if the Village-wide streetscape plan includes sign consistency.

Joan Bruno – 6 Pine Crescent Drive – asked if the changing of street signs would possibly include street name changes

Mayor Pro Tem Lexo commented that the update for the Heronsbrook subdivision states that Kyle informed the developer that minor changes can be made to a preliminary plat once it has been approved and that significant changes require Council review. What is the determination between a minor change and a significant change to an approved plat; how subjective is it? Mayor Pro Tem Lexo commented that she felt any change to an approved preliminary plat should be brought back before the Village Council. She asked that an amendment to the LDO be considered.

Chief Campbell introduced Officer Christian McNeill. Christian was born and raised in Moore County, earned an AD in Criminal Justice from SCC and then graduated from the BLET program at SCC. Christian has been doing very well at the department and will complete his field training on January 19th.

Chief Campbell also thanked Sgt. Graham for all the time spent over the past 24 weeks training new officers.

**Unfinished Business:**

**1. Status of speed control efforts within the Village**

The Village Manager provided the following update:

*the fluorescent orange strips have been added to the speed limit signs on Princess Gate Drive and Whisper Lake Drive

*letters were sent to all residents in the Princess Gate area notifying the residents of recent speed complaints and the efforts being taken to control speed in that area, including increased patrol and the issuance of citations. Chief Campbell has reported that 15 citations, for a speed greater than 5 mph over the posted speed limit, were issued in that area from Jan. 1st to Jan. 6th.

*the road striping has been delayed due to the weather but will be completed as soon as possible.

Warnings are now being issued in the Arrowstone subdivision area as well; four warnings were issued on Jan. 7th for speeds greater than 6 mph over the posted speed limit. Council will continue to be updated as needed.

**New Business:**

**1. Consider Audit contract for fiscal year ending June 30, 2014**

A memo was provided from the Village Manager stating that the contract represents a 2.3% or $340 increase from the prior year.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Lexo, second provided by Councilwoman DeBolt to approve the Contract to Audit Accounts for FY ending June 30, 2014 as presented. Motion approved. (4-0)

**2. Consider setting offsite retreat date**

By consensus, the Council agreed that an offsite retreat was needed and would like to see it scheduled during the month of January or early February. Once a date has been determined a meeting notice will be published.

**3. Consider authorizing staff to investigate the Village providing ambulance service**

A memo was provided by Fire Rescue Chief Lambdin presenting the concept of the WPFRD providing BLS ambulance service. By consensus, Council agreed that staff should pursue the concept. A formal presentation will prepared outlining detailed costs, revenue increases, staffing requirements and service delivery benefits.

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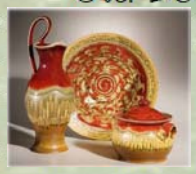

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Visit www.shamrocknrollrace.com for event details, including route maps or contact Jill Saunders at rjsaunders5@yahoo.com.

Registration information

3 ways to register:

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_____ _____

Sign (parent or guardian if under 18) Date

## Whispering Pines Garden Club

"Zen and the Art of Bloom Maintenance" will be the topic for the February meeting. The guest speaker will be Pat McConnell , owner of McConnell Horticulture located in Cameron, NC.

He will be offering information about bulbs and other perennials and illustrating his comments with a visual presentation.

Following Mr. McConnell's presentation social networking will take place over coffee and desserts of varying types.

Mark your calendars today for all of our Garden Club meetings which are held on the first Tuesday of each month through May.

We look forward to seeing you on February 4 in the Community Building at 1320 Ray's Bridge Road promptly at 7:30 p.m.


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**4. Discuss and consider Village Manager / Finance Officer job description and evaluation forms**
This item was removed from the agenda
**5. Consider the re-appointment of Ashvin Patel to a two year term as a Trustee for the Firefighters Relief Fund**

A memo was provided by Fire Rescue Chief Lambdin requesting Council's consideration of the reappointment of Ashvin Patel.
A motion was made by Councilman Blackwell, second provided by Mayor Pro Tem Lexo to approve the reappointment of Ashvin Patel for a two year term as a Trustee for the Firefighters Relief Fund. Motion approved. (4-0)
**Informal Discussion / Public Comments**
Joan Bruno – 6 Pine Crescent – asked if the Village could landscape in front of the Centurylink building on Hardee Lane or contact Centurylink about improving the appearance of the building with landscaping.
**Go into Closed Session in accordance with G. S. 143-318.11 (a)(5) to discuss possible property acquisition**
A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Lexo, second provided by Councilwoman DeBolt to go into closed session. Motion approved. (4-0)

**BIRD CHIRPINGS-**
**JANUARY 2014**
*By Susan Campbell*

Nothing like midwinter bird activity here in the Village! There are ducks on the lakes, seed feeders alive with free loaders and flocks of fruit eating northerners stripping trees and bushes all over. With native food in short supply, more and more wildlife are taking advantage of whatever they can find. Also, with the cold weather, water is a consistent attractant—especially for large flocks of blackbirds and robins. A thawed birdbath, even if it is just a shallow bowl, is very important at this time of year.

**Male Ruby Crowned Kinglet.**
**Photo courtesy of Frank Ripp.**

Suet, whether store bought or home-made, is now a hot commodity. Anything that can reach it will do so. Insectivores like winter warblers, chickadees, titmice, bluebirds, woodpeckers will be the most interested. Tiny Ruby-crowned Kinglets may also take advantage of it. Not much bigger than a hummingbird, these nervous little birds are typically heard chattering deep in thick vegetation. But they may venture out briefly if they acquire a taste for peanut butter. Mix up a batch of this *Miracle Meal* and watch the diversity of your feeder birds increase practically overnight:

1 cup peanut butter (any kind)
1 cup lard or bacon fat
Melt together and add:
2-3 cups yellow cornmeal (I use less in colder weather)
2 cups oatmeal
1 cup flour

Pour into a bread pan and then cut slices for a cage-type feeder or scoop into holes drilled into a dead tree branch. You may want to make a double batch and freeze it—this stuff goes fast!

If you are watching our lakes, you may see a Double-crested Cormorant swimming, half submerged as it hunts for small fish. Cormorants are not ducks nor related to loons (which they resemble). They are a black water bird with webbed feet but lack superior waterproofing. Therefore they are not as buoyant on the water's surface and must dry off in the sun after diving for a meal.

Cormorants will stand with wings extended, on a dock or post, facing the sun for long periods of time. At least one Double-crested has been spending time on Spring Valley Lake for the past few weeks.

Last but not least, white-tailed deer have been seen roaming at night all over the village. A combination of recently cut woodlots and the scarcity of late winter forage have small groups investigating yards and parks just about everywhere. On our end of Spring Valley, deer have been few and far between in the past but now they are very regular. Probably explains why the platform feeder has been completely cleaned out of bird seed some mornings and pansies up the street have no blooms on them!

**Male Pine Warbler.**
**Photo courtesy of Frank Ripp.**

Report wildlife sightings to Susan at 949-3207 or susan@ncaves.com.

# TIPS FOR THE GARDENER – FEBRUARY

*By John L. Gerwig, Ph.D.*

**Foliar Disease of Dogwood**

If you read this column regularly, then you have seen parts of this article before. I am using it again because I think it is so important and because I continue to receive questions about treating dogwood.

For the past few years Anthracnose and scale have been getting worse in this area. Dogwood will live for 50 years or more if they escape the disease or if they are properly treated.

Now is the time to treat your dogwood with a product by Bayer sold at your local garden supply center called "Tree and Shrub – protect and feed". Follow directions on the container. The granular form can be broadcast on the ground under the tree by hand or with a fertilizer spreader. It is not cheap.

This material is systemic which means it goes into the soil and up through the roots. It protects the tree against the insect that causes scale and the disease Anthracnose. This treatment protects the tree for 12 months. One treatment will protect the tree until next year.

If dogwood aren't treated and become diseased, they will die very quickly. For example, dogwood lined the fairway to the left of the cart path on Hole 9 River Course, CCWP about 15 years ago. When the pedals dropped to the ground it was so white it looked like it had snowed. Today, not a single dogwood exists at that location. They died and have been removed.

A combination of several practices is recommended for managing these disease problems. Healthy trees are much more able to cope with disease than stressed trees. Keep trees stress free by applying 3-4 inches of mulch around the base (but keep mulch off the trunk), watering during dry periods, and fertilizing moderately. Use a fertilizer with no nitrogen, such as 0-20-20 or 0-0-20 or similar ratio. Use a hand full on a tree as high as your head and 2 pounds on a tree 20 ft. high.

**Using Roundup**

In the past I have cautioned against using Roundup in February on dormant summer grasses (Centipede, Bermuda) but this winter has been so cold these grasses have completely gone dormant in Whispering Pines. If you see any green color in your summer grasses it is best <u>not</u> to spray. Roundup will damage grasses that show any green color. However, if you use it this month I believe it is safe this year because of the cold weather.

**Rabbits**

Rabbits love young tender growing flowers this time of year. You can buy a spray material that the manufacturer says will keep the rabbits from eating your flowers, that is true, but only if the rabbits are not hungry.

The only way to protect your flowers is with wire fencing. 36 in" chicken wire can be purchased at your local garden center and will keep the rabbits out.

*Dr. John Gerwig was an Agronomist at Rutgers University and was for 30 years the Director of Rutgers Cooperative Extension in New Jersey.*

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***Editor's Note:***

Dr. Gerwig, (John) at the age of 84 is an accomplished golfer and has played the sport since he was 28. Over a period of thirty years, he was club champion at Rutgers Country Club 8 times. He had the distinction of winning two club championships in two different golf clubs on the same weekend, an accomplishment that was written up in Sports Illustrated. He has had 9 holes in one (not including any on a miniature golf facility).

In golf, an "age shooter" is a golfer whose score matches or beats his age. For example, a golfer of age 70 who shoots a 70 or better. *John has shot his age more than 655 times on golf courses at or about 6,000 yards. And he continues to add to that number, usually three or four times a week. With God knows how many years he has left, the number should soar over 1,000.*

*What is the record for shooting your age or better?* The record for most times shooting your age belongs to T. Edison Smith of Moorhead, Minn. who recently died at the age of 95. For a first time, Dr. T. Edison Smith shot his age on the golf course when he fired a four-under-par 68 at the Moorhead Country Club in 1968. For Smith, it was simply the beginning to achieve a goal. As recorded in Golf Digest, he shot his age or better a remarkable <u>3,359</u> times.

## MOORE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AGING PROGRAMS-FEBRUARY

*Following are the February programs at the Senior Enrichment Center, 8040 Hwy 15-501 (2 miles north of the Pinehurst traffic circle). Call 215-0900 for information or to reserve a seat.*

**Thursday, Feb. 27 4p-5p**
**"Oh, my aching feet"**
Please join Ray Metzger of Appalachian Physical Therapy as he informs us why our feet ache and what we can do to help ease or pain.

**Thursday, February 6th 10am-11am**
**"Meet our New Yoga Instructors & Learn about the Benefits of Yoga"**
Presented by, Licensed Instructors Michelle Kaiser & Cindy Boals

**Thursdays, beginning February 13th 10am-11am – "Gentle Flow" Yoga Classes**
In this gentle flow class, we will stretch out the lines of the body then flow slowly, rhythmically and mindfully from one traditional yoga posture to another. Breath, body alignment and relaxation will be emphasized. This class is suitable for all levels, from beginner to more advanced students who want to slow it down and open the body. We practice traditional yoga postures and modifications to build strength, flexibility, balance and inner awareness. Classes taught by Licensed Instructors Michelle Kaiser & Cindy Boals
$4.00 per class

**Wednesday, February 19th 9am-12pm – "Did You Say Something?"**
Theresa Rodgers, MSCC-A of Audiology of the Pines will offer Free Hearing Screenings. Please call (910) 215-0900 to schedule an appointment.

**Thursdays, from 1pm-5pm – " Do You Have Medicare Questions?"**
A SHIIP Counselor is scheduled to answer your questions. Please call (910) 215-0900 to schedule an appointment.

**Wednesday, February 26th 2pm-4pm – "ROSCOE CONKING AND A DARK HORSE: HOW THE COURSE OF U.S.HISTORY WAS CHANGED"**
Please join Matt Farina as he educates us in this historical presentation. Learn how Roscoe Conking was a powerful politician, who held a grudge, and by that act he not only affected his life, but the political lives of his friends and enemies who just happened to be Civil War generals.

**Tuesday afternoons 1pm-3pm – Mixed Media Art Workshop**
Please bring your art project or start a new one! Be inspired as you share ideas with a group of artists. Beginners welcome.

**Tuesday's in February, beginning on February 4th 2pm-3pm – "Fiscal Responsibility"**
Please join Brianna Dillon and Mark Hollingsworth as they present this 4-part series in February. Topics include:
Where are We Now? 2014 Financial Market Overview, What do I do for Income in this Market, Risk Factors to my Plan; and how to Prepare for the Unexpected and Care Planning: The Hidden Mysteries behind Long Term Care.


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## Some History of Whispering Pines —

***(Courtesy of Bob Zschoche)***

Did you know that there have been three hydroelectric plants in the Whispering Pines area that date back to 1897? On March 8, 1904 Imlah Chandler bought two dams from Moses McDonald, McDonald (whose descendants owned McDonald Brothers Inc,, a large hardware and building products store on U.S. 1).

Chandler completed a dam located at the current Thagard Lake site and installed a hydroelectric generator at the site. He supplied power to Southern Pines from about 1905 through 1920 from this site. Chandler also constructed a hydroelectric generator at the dam that was constructed on Nick's creek next to NC 22. He supplied power to Carthage Aberdeen and Pinehurst from this site. A third power plant was located upstream on Nick's Creek, and it too supplied power to Aberdeen, Pinehurst and Carthage. In 1920 –21, Chandler sold his electric plants to Electric Light & Power Company.

In turn in 1926 Electric Light and Power sold the plants to Carolina Power & Light company (CPL), which owned numerous power plants throughout the state.

In 1928, a severe rainstorm cause the upper dam at Nick's Creek to fail. A portion of Highway 22 was lost, and the torrent flowed into the Little River. Thagard Lake, then and now, is formed by damming the Little River. The flow from the storm into the Little River caused the Thagard Dam to fail and the lake was drained and returned to it initial formation as a river.

Because of the storm and the failure of the dams, CP&L determined that rebuilding was not an economic alternative and the equipment was removed. Power was then supplied to the area from the much larger power plants at Carbonton and Lake Tillary.

Maybe with today's electricity prices, we should rethink a hydroelectric generator at Thagard Dam.

**Ad below is from 1922**

## PERSONALS

Thank you to my friends here in WP for your prayers, cards and other acts of kindness during my recent surgery and hospitalization. Your words of encouragement were so comforting and I feel very blessed to be living in such a caring community.

With a thankful heart,

*Sandra Grose*

## LOCAL DEATHS

We express our condolences to the families of the following present and former Village residents:

Mary O'Hara (90) passed away on November 21.

Norman Petersen (85) passed away on December 26.

Robert Seward (73) passed away on December 23,.

Fred Korb (88) passed away on January 5.

Warren Beall (97) Passed away on January 20.

Karen Klish (51) passed away on January 22.


# Electrical Supplies

## FOR THE SANDHILLS

**The Sandhill Power Company,** recognizing the difficulty that has attended the purchase of electrical supplies, has **opened a store in Southern Pines,** and agencies are appointed in other towns in the territory served by the company.

While the stock is not yet complete it is the intention to keep on hand all of those many articles that are becoming essential for the home, the office, the factory, in the Sandhills communities, and to have the quality and the price right.

These stores will not be designed to make a fortune for the company but are provided so that the people who are using electric current from the company may be able to get the equipment they require in order to get satisfactory results from the current.

**The Southern Pines store** now has in stock, and the others will have, lamps, fans, irons, washing machines, wringers, and the various similiar things that the householder will be looking for. To these will be added others as fast as the supply companies fill the orders that are already in.

**The Southern Pines location** is in the **Eddy Building,** opposite the postoffice, and is under the direction of Ralph Chandler.

From now on **this will be the headquarters for electrical supplies** in the territory of the Sandhills Power Company, and anything you want will be procured for you if not in stock, and at a price that will be right.

**SANDHILL POWER COMPANY**

Southern Pines, North Carolina

AGENTS:

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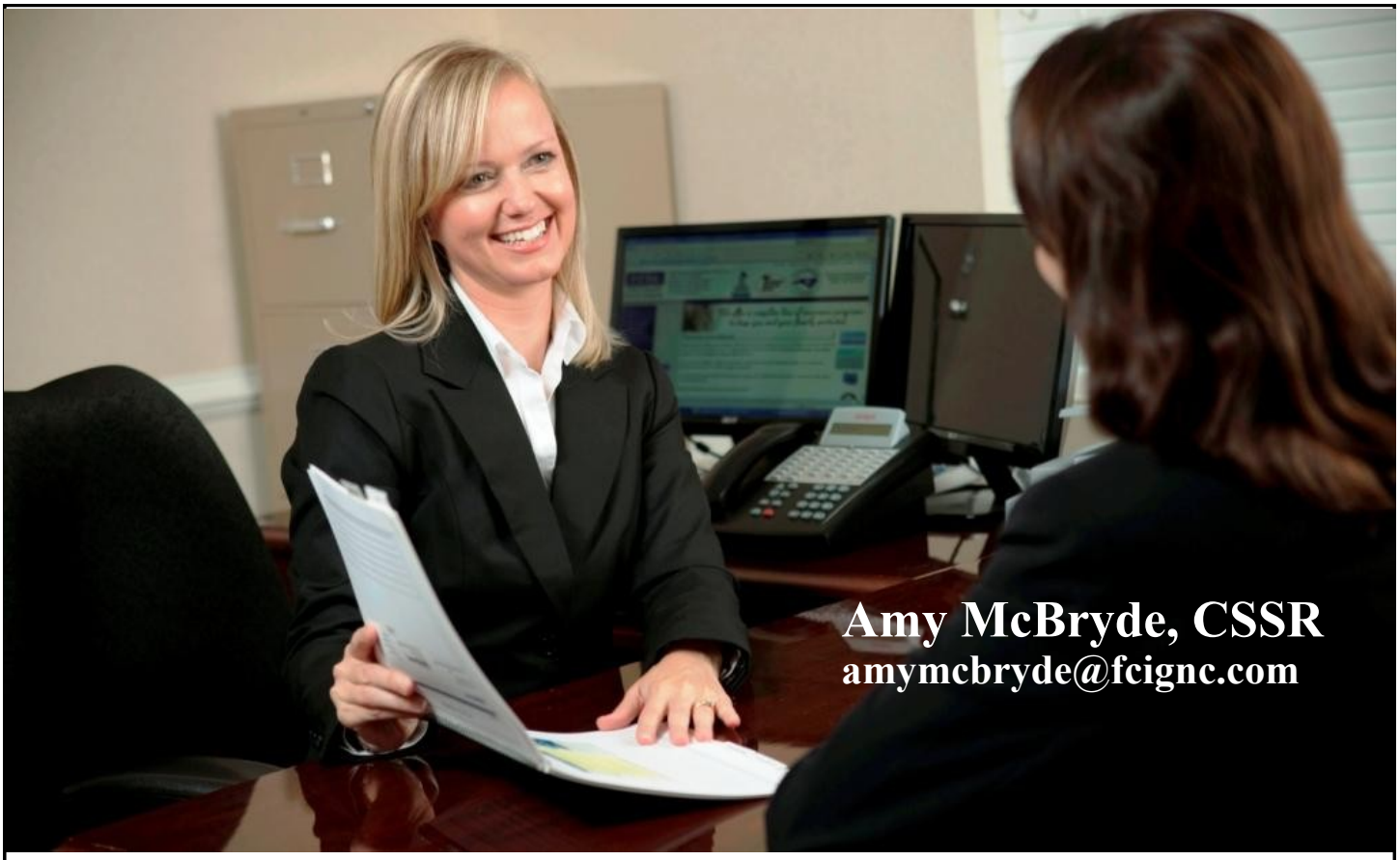


# Public Service Announcement to our Whispering Pines Clients

**The North Carolina Rating Bureau has updated their Homeowner Policy Program for use by all member companies in North Carolina from approval by the North Carolina Department of Insurance. The new program, Homeowners 2011, will replace the current 2000 Homeowners Policy Program. All North Carolina policies will be reissued to include copies of the revised forms. These changes will affect all new and renewal policies written effective on or after April 1, 2014 that include some broadening of coverage, some coverage reduction and other miscellaneous changes.**

**For more information on how these changes will affect you, please call or make an appointment to visit with your FCIG agent, Amy McBryde, at 692-8303. If you're not a client of mine yet, maybe it's time you make a change and allow me to earn your business.**

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**Take a night off from cooking!**
**The Country Club of Whispering Pines is now open for dinner on Thursday nights.**
**We offer a different menu every week with an appetizer, a choice of 3 entrées, a dessert and a glass of wine.**
**For reservations and menu information,**
**call 910 949 4332 or email sutiger@browngolf.net**

**Celebrate St Valentine's Day at the Country Club of Whispering Pines**

**Friday, February 14, 2014**
**Cocktails: 5:00 - 6:00pm**
**Dinner: 6:00pm Followed by Dancing**
**Entertainment Provided by Butch Adeimy**

**Member Preferred Pricing $35++ per person**
**All Others $38++ per person**
**For reservations and menu information,**
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# CLASSIFIEDS

***Classified ads. Subscribers free. E-mail your ads to* jerrylloyd@pdr-inc.com *or mail to* Jerry Lloyd, *162 Pine Ridge Drive, Whispering Pines, NC 28327. The Editors reserve the right in their sole discretion to reject any ad. Ads must be received by the 22nd of each month to be included in that month's Pitch. To re-run your For Sale ad, you must contact the above each month.***

## FOR SALE

**Awning -** 18 1/2' x 12' Motorized or crank. Canvas needs $350 repair. New awning cost $4000.Asking $900 as is. 949-5566

**Fireplace** - Heat-N-Glo. Gas insert with logs and blower. Outside vent. Electronic ignition. Model #SL-550TRS-IPI-D. Fits opening: 37W x 33H x 16 1/4D. 949-5566.

**Lithograph Print** -The Twelfth at Augusta by F.W. Thomas - Signed and Numbered 517/875. Custom Framed 21x36, With Certificate of Authenticity. $125. 949-3967

**Motorcycle** - 2002 BMW 1200LT . Lots of extras: 6 CD changer, AM/FM radio heated grips and seats. Great cruising bike! 42K miles. $5,000. All service records. 949-5558

**Neutron Electric Mower** - model EM-4, 14" cut, with mulching kit, bagger kit, new battery, new charger and extra blades. $300.00 949-2420

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**Portable Kerosene Heater** - NEW Corona SX-2E. 10,000 BTU radiate type, heats up to 370 sq. ft. Inst. manual. $100 949-3967

**POWER TOOLS** - Craftsman Tools: 10" Radial Arm Saw, w/ blades and dado set; 9 1/8 " Jointer/Planer; Plunge Router & Table; 7 1/2" Circular Saw; 3" Belt Sander; Bench Grinder. Other tools - bench Band Saw; Reciprocating Saw; more. 949-2229

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## WANTED

**Fountain Pens** - and related items. What have you got tucked away? 910-949-2233

**Golf Carts** - I buy used golf carts 2004 & newer. 732-492-0720 Whispering Pines

**Kayak** - used 949-2958.

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**All Home Repairs -** Licensed contractor, References upon request, Serving the Sandhills since 1988. 986-7079

**Accurate Family Care Solutions -** Private duty team of experienced and compassionate caregivers providing 2 to 24 hours of in-home care including Alzheimer's, Diabetics, transportation, diets and more. 949-2452

**B.D ProWash -** Professional exterior cleaning. Pressure wash, soft wash, shingle roof cleaning, Staining/sealing. Decks and concrete. Fully insured 639-0474

**Car & Golf Cart Detailing** - Free pickup & delivery in Whispering Pines. 17 year resident of WP. 47 yrs experience, references. 949+3021

**Care Giver -** I, Ora Watkins, am looking for work as a care giver to the elderly or handicapped. Price is negotiable & I will work first or second shift. 944-0509

**Certified Flight Instructor** - Barbara Para CFII & MEI. 949-2854 609 457-4043

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**Counseling Services** - Over ten year of experience. Adolescents, individuals, and couples, Tricare, FirstCarolina Care and BCBS accepted. Home visits in special circumstances. Contact WP resident Christie Allen,, at 215-7856.

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**Golf Carts** - I buy used golf carts 2004 & newer. 732-492-0720 Whispering Pines

**Gutter Cleaning Service** - Fast, Friendly, Efficient. Good prices. Work regularly in WP. Contact Matt Zell for appt, quarterly scheduling or free est. 585-9391

**Heating and air conditioning services** - ECOAIR Solutions LLC . Andy Steed 690-9859 asteed75@gmail.com. NATE Certified. Aberdeen 15% discount for whispering Pines residents. $69 Full precision tune ups.

**Home Care -** Tonia Campbell CNA Private Duty Nurse. Excellent care for your loved ones. 603-4513

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**Irrigation Services** - DCK Irrigation. Install complete irrigation systems. Service on all types of systems. Wire locator service. Since 1981. 673-8762

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*9th Tee at Whispering Woods Golf Course during the last cold spell. Photo courtesy of Linda Larrymore.*





*See you next month.*

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