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VILLAGE COUNCIL ADOPTS UNKEMPT PROPERTY ORDINANCE

At a special meeting on April 17, 2014, the Village Council amended and expanded the Village's nuisance ordinance (Village Ordinances, Chapter F, Article II) to include as a public nuisance, overgrown grass and homes in disrepair. If the violation is not corrected within ten days after the owner is given a Notice of Violation, then a penalty of $50 would be imposed for the first day and then a penalty of $250 per day would be imposed for the next ten days, and if the violation is still not corrected a further penalty of $100 per day would be imposed for the next ten days, and if the violation is still not corrected, the penalty would be increased to $500 per day for each additional day. It appears that a violation could also be a criminal act that would constitute a misdemeanor.

A complaint was filed against this property because of the height of the grass.

The Village's Planning and Zoning Administrator, Kyle Taylor, has the authority to enforce the ordinance and make the determination of whether a condition constituted a public nuisance. A homeowner has the right to appeal the Administrator's decision to the Board of Adjustment and then appeal to the state's Superior Court.
Each such appeal must be brought within a time frame specified in the Ordinance and if that time frame has not been met, the courts have held that the right of appeal is lost.

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The Village Apothecary Seeks Village Approval to Relocate Near Food Lion Shopping Center

Walter Spivey, President of The Village Apothecary.

Walter Spivey and Hershel Smith, owners of the Village Apothecary have made application to the Village for a condition rezone of 7601 NC 22 from residential to Neighborhood Shopping District, a zoning use that would enable the Village Apothecary to continue its pharmacy business. Spivey said that the property that would be acquired would be large enough to allow an office building adjoining the pharmacy.

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Editorial- The Unkempt Property Ordinance. The Devil is in the Details.

Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart, when discussing a case on hard core pornography, stated:

> "I shall not today attempt further to define the kinds of material I understand to be embraced within . . . ["hard-core pornography"]; and perhaps I could never succeed in intelligibly doing so. But **I know it when I see it** . . ."

Unfortunately, in our opinion the same is true for unkempt properties. We can't define it, but we know it when we see it. The Village Council has recently created an ordinance that defines unkempt properties as a nuisance and then applies a system of monetary penalties for violating this ordinance. The recently enacted amendment to the Village nuisance ordinance prohibits among other things:

-grass taller than 8 inches; and

- any home in a major state of disrepair for a period that exceeds ninety (90) days . . . found to have:
  - (i) Broken windows; or
  - (ii) Peeling or unfinished wood surfaces (excluding decks) visible from the road or adjoining properties; or
  - (iii) Tarps, sheets, plastic or other temporary repair measures covering portions of the home; or
  - (iv) Any other home specifically declared to be a public nuisance by the Village Council.

While on its face the ordinance seems to be a reasonable approach to maintaining an aesthetically pleasurable community, unfortunately, as always, the devil is in the details.

There are two issues with this type of ordinance:
(1) How is a condition determined to be a violation of the ordinance; and
(2) How is the ordinance going to be enforced?

Let's first start with the issue of how a purported condition is determined to be a violation of the ordinance. A decision that a property is in violation of the ordinance will be made solely by the Village's Planning and Zoning Administrator. He will make not only a finding that a property is in violation of the ordinance, but also what conditions constitute a violation. This becomes a very subjective process. For example, the amendment to the ordinance prohibits grass more than 8 inches in height. The ordinance fails to differentiate between developed and undeveloped property. We point out many lots in the Arrowhead subdivision were covered by grass much higher than the maximum 8 inches and are frankly quite ugly. The Administrator said that while the ordinance is silent on the issue of undeveloped lots, he would not enforce the ordinance against lots on which there is no residence – a subjective decision.

We pointed out that the ordinance applies to all grass and that a literal interpretation would include pampas grass, liriope and other decorative grasses. The Administrator said that he would not enforce the ordinance against these types of grasses (a subjective decision), but only common grass. (Interestingly, most lawns have Bermuda or centipede grass which rarely grows above three inches).
We asked the Administrator how much of the lawn would have to exceed 8 inches. Would it be a single clump of grass, or would it have to be the entire lawn? The Administrator said that he would have to view the condition before he made a determination (The *I know it when I see it test) – a subjective decision.*

Turning to condition of houses, the same problem arises. Will a cracked window be a violation, how large will an unpeeled or unfinished wood surface have to be before a violation is found? How big would the tarp have to be before a violation was found? Again, the Administrator said he would have to view the condition to determine whether a violation existed – a subjective decision.

Finally, a home can violate the ordinance, simply because the Village Council says it does. What law and what standards should be applied? For example, consider a gad fly who was persistently giving the Council trouble, by posting political signs, appearing at Council meetings stating embarrassing things about the Council, and making incessant demands for the production of voluminous public records from the Council including members emails. Could a Council in exasperation create a violation because the homeowner left toys and bikes outside as a slap on the wrist for such activity?

The second issue is the way that the ordinance is enforced. While the ordinance states the conditions that violate the ordinance, the Administrator has said that he would not enforce the ordinance unless he receives a complaint. He further stated that unless the complaint was in writing, he would not make any written record of it so that there would be no written record of the complainant's identity. It appears that even though he may receive a written complaint, there are certain things he would not review or enforce, i.e. undeveloped lots – these are all subjective decisions.

The Administrator said that after review of the condition, he would make a determination whether a violation existed and if so, he would start an informal process with the owner to correct the situation. If that were not successful, he would begin the formal process.

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VILLAGE INFORMATION AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

By Nancy O'Connell

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Village Calendar for June—2014

Council	**June 25th**
Lakes & Watershed	**June 23rd**
Planning & Zoning	**June 25th**

Whispering Pines Police Department
April 2014 Statistics

Burglary	**0**
Larceny	**0**
Vandalism	**1**
Assaults	**1**
Fraud	**1**
Citation Charges	**132**
Warnings Charges	**157**

Year to Date 2014 Statistics 1/1-4/30

Burglary	**1**
Larceny	**3**
Vandalism	**1**
Assaults	**1**
Fraud	**3**
Citation Charges	**465**
Warnings Charges	**566**

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WP Resident Laura Kinsman Leads Her Golf Team to NAIA National Finals

Whispering Pines resident Laura Kinsman led St. Andrews College to the NAIA National Championship, where both Laura individually and her team made the cut to the top 50 in the tournament. The NAIA (National Intercollegiate Athletic Association) is comprised of 25 conferences and 255 smaller colleges and universities. The championships consisting of four 18 hole rounds were held in Lincoln, Nebraska, were held May 20-24.

St. Andrews qualified by winning the Appalachian Athletic Conference qualifier, in which all of the 12 of the Conference's women golf teams competed.

Laura, a 4 handicapper, was the medalist of the qualifier tournament with scores of 81 and 75.

At the National Championships, Laura made the cut but her golf was admittedly erratic. She had rounds of 75, 81, 79 which put her in contention, but then had a disappointing 83 on the last day.

Laura will be entering her senior year at St. Andrews and will be practice teaching at a local school for most of the year. She plans on entering the Moore County Amateur tournament and also hopes to qualify for the

1959….A GOOD YEAR!

We always seem to remember special occasions by the year they happened. The year of our birth, the year we graduated from college, the year we got married, the year our kids were born and the year we retired just to mention a few.

Last week, as I was teeing off on the Pines Course at CCWP, there was a Stonemason engraving "1959" on a new stairway stone at the #1 tee. I jokingly said to the group, "1959 was the year I graduated from high school". Someone in the group mentioned that "1959" was the year A. B. Hardee started developing Whispering Pines. I am still amazed that a visionary such as Hardee planned and developed this "Way of Life" within my lifetime! My wife and I chose the Village of Whispering Pines 13 years ago because of that promised "Way of Life" and have never regretted the decision to move here!

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In 2012, a former resident, Larry Koster, published a 90 page booklet entitled, "The Story of Whispering Pines, North Carolina". Mr. Koster's booklet details the history of the Whispering Pines area from the original land grants in the mid-1700's through 2012. Of particular interest is Koster's account of Hardee's starting the development.

In May of 1959, Hardee's company, Resort Properties, Inc., purchased the initial 6 parcels of 297 acres from John Warren Watson for $52,700. This purchase was Thagards Pond and adjoining property near the dam. The first two lots, 73 and 75 South Lakeshore Drive, were deeded to Watson and are still vacant to this day. Initially, Hardee intended to build a summer vacation community.

In 1960, Hardee realized that building a golf course with adjoining building lots would attract more affluent clientele of year-round residents and provide a better business return. The name of the company was changed to Sandhill Properties, Inc. Hardee acquired more property and opened the first 18 hole course in 1962.

During the 1960's development continued. By 1969, there were four lakes for boating, fishing and swimming. A well water system was developed, 690 lots had been sold, 16 miles of paved roads and 187 homes had been built and the population was about 374 people over 2000 acres. Due to the past and projected development, the residents asked the state for a charter of incorporation. In March, 1969 the NC State Legislature passed the bill that made Whispering Pines the first "official" Village in NC.

Fifty-five years after 1959 OUR Village continues to be a safe, secure, friendly and attractive place to live. The Village has evolved from a golfing and retirement community to a place for all people. One thing that has not changed is the people who still volunteer, support each other and create a friendly environment!

I'm glad we moved here!

Paul Hallet

Unkempt Properties

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The two major components of the amendments relate to unkempt yards and homes in disrepair. Previously, the ordinance stated overgrown weeds that tend to overgrow or choke out more desirable plants constituted a nuisance. The amendments added that grass in excess of 8 inches high would also constitute a public nuisance.

Notwithstanding any clear definition of what is meant by grass in the ordinance, Mr. Taylor told The Pitch that it is his interpretation that ornamental grass such as pampas grass or liriope grass is not intended to be covered by the ordinance. Similarly, he said whether a weed that overgrows or chokes out more desirable plants would be determined by an inspection of the condition, and that there would be no hard and fast determinations of whether ivy, for example, could be intentionally ornamental or was overgrowing other plants. He also stated that the definition of a "desirable plant" would be made on a case by case basis.

Mr. Taylor stated that while the Ordinance did not differentiate between property on which there was a residential dwelling and a vacant lot, it was his interpretation that vacant lots were not intended to be covered by the Ordinance. Thus, for example, the vacant lots awaiting construction on Arrowhead Drive, with grass growing well in excess of 8 inches would not be deemed to be a public nuisance, notwithstanding the conditions on these lots fit exactly within the literal words of the Ordinance.

However, tackling the issue of vacant wooded lots would result in an administrative nightmare for the Zoning Administrator since virtually all of them would be in violation of the Ordinance.

The most significant amendment to the Ordinance deals with unkempt homes. Section 4 of Article II of chapter F of the Village ordinances has been expanded as set forth below:

The following enumerated and described conditions are hereby found . . . to be public nuisances wherever the same may exist: . . .

l. Any home in a major state of disrepair for a period that exceeds ninety (90) days from date of notice, by the Administrator, found to have:

(i) Broken windows; or

(ii) Peeling or unfinished wood surfaces (excluding decks) visible from the road or adjoining properties; or

(iii) Tarps, sheets, plastic or other temporary repair measures covering portions of the home; or

(iv) Any other home specifically declared to be a public nuisance by the Village Council

. . .

Mr. Taylor stated that his department would not be actively seeking out potential violators of the ordinance. Instead, his department would only act upon complaints received by his office. Upon the receipt of the complaint, Taylor stated that he would investigate the property and make a determination whether the property was in violation of the ordinance. If he determines that the property was not in violation of the ordinance, he would notify the complainant of his decision. If the property was in violation, he would first attempt to correct the condition through informal conversations with the property's owner. If that was not successful, he would then enter into the formal proceedings set forth in the ordinance.

He said that of the approximate 6-8 complaints he has received, only one has been in writing. Under the public documents law, the written complaint and the identity of the complainant would have to be disclosed. However, all of the other complaints received by Mr. Taylor have been verbal complaints and he makes no record of the complainant's name. The names of these people would not be disclosed.

At a public meeting, the Village Council made two complaints to Mr. Taylor and he said that he is working with the property owners to correct the violations.

Some legal scholars suggest that the amendments to the Ordinance are not within the power to regulate nuisances that have been delegated to cities by the State legislature. That delegation of power specifically states that the Village's power to control the nuisances enumerated in the stature extends to areas within one mile of the Village limit. According to these experts, the Village could not enforce the unkempt residence portion of the ordinance beyond the Village's city limits.

Another issue is the open ended portion of the Ordinance that gives the Village Council the power to declare a home a public nuisance without any standards upon which to make that decision. In such an instance, the Planning and Zoning Administrator would have no discretion in determining whether the condition violated the ordinance because the Council, without any measurable standards by which to make such a decision, can merely declare the condition on the home a nuisance.

According to Taylor, at least one written complaint had been given to him by a neighboring property owner who wished to sell his house. In other cases, neighbors were just tired of looking at the property. In no cases to Taylor's knowledge, was a complaint given by a neighbor who just had a vendetta and was trying to punish his or her neighbor

Village Apothecary Relocation

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Both Smith and Spivey said that the Apothecary was growing out of its current location at the corner of NC 22 and Ray's Bridge Road and a new and larger building would be needed to satisfy the Pharmacy's growing business. The Pharmacy currently offers a friendly small town staff where customers are know by name and personal service is at a much higher level than can be found at the larger big box drugstores. Also, the Apothecary has maintained prices that are competitive and sometimes lower than can be found at the larger stores.

According to Smith, the free home delivery offered by the Apothecary has been of significant importance in the firm's growth. The new proposed location for the store will be on Route NC 22 immediately to the east of the property currently offered for sale by Edmund Garrison. The approval for rezoning will contain development conditions imposed by the Village Council

Editorial

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The whole Unkempt residence ordinance in our judgment, may work until such time as an aggrieved neighbor decides to declare war, either on his or her neighbor who filed the complaint, or upon the Village for enforcing the complaint. In the first instance, it is not beyond the real of imagination for a Hatfield—McCoy scenario to arise in which they keep filing complaints for minor or imagined violations. Eventually we presume they would wear each other out and a truce would be called.

Of more concern is if the violator declares war on the Village. We have made a cursory inspection of some of the streets in the Village, and in our opinion there are more than 100 homes that are violation of this ordinance. We asked the Administrator what he would do if he received over 100 complaints reported by one person. He properly replied that he would investigate each and every one of them. At that time, we can expect that a hue and cry would start and that the Village Council would start running for cover. What happens if there is a change in Administrators and the new Administrator has a different subjective opinion?

This epistle is a long handed way of opining that the ordinance leaves far too much to the subjective views of the Administrator and an enforcement procedure that could well get out of hand. Bad legislation leads to a bad result. Repeal it.

Skip Gebhardt and just being himself, Ron Saylor

The Curmudgeon Report

By Don Winslow

I am getting sick and tired of hearing about various ailments that are out there in the big old world. Whereas in years past people got the flu, pneumonia, consumption, or old age, now there is a symptom for every aspect of life and some big drug company has found a way to fight it. All you have to do is read a magazine or watch a TV commercial.

Erectile dysfunction, if one ever thought about it, was something never discussed outside the bedroom. Now, it is a high priority problem that dozens of pills, potions, and potables can straighten out and you are reminded of this fact every day.

Testosterone issues never developed, probably because no one knew what the word meant. Numb knees, tilted toes, and droopy eyelids were something you lived with but today, every slight discomfort has an antidote.

If you brought up the subject of carpel tunnel years ago, any discussion group would conclude it was a new connector between New York and New Jersey. Same holds true for many of today's ailments; most would never have been recognized and any discussion concerning a restless leg syndrome, for example, would have brought forward war stories about aching feet and the chances of it raining.

Aside from the new medical maladies, has anyone wondered where new drugs to resolve those problems get their name?? There is zetia, coreg, simvistatin, farxiga, oraliar, and others and there has to be a guy sitting in a Bristol Myers lab whose sole job is to make up new names for new drugs. He is a true druggie.

In my day many years ago, doctors had just a few medical problems to solve and they carried all the pills you might need in their briefcase. I remember good old Doctor Gus in Massachusetts who made house calls, listened to your problem, and then pulled out a packet of red pills and said take two a day for 4 days and you'll be fine. It mattered not if your head hurt, you had slashed your foot or you had diarrhea, the ole red pill would fix you up. (There was a yellow pill in his bag too, but that was not prescribed unless you couldn't climb the stairs to your 4rd floor flat.)

Back to my concern……..our medical profession seems to be adding sicknesses, our labs keep inventing new drugs, and our population marches like zombies to doctor waiting rooms for treatments they would never have considered in the past. It is time to concentrate on medical issues already out there. Till we do, I would consider this issue a 5 on the blood boiling scale.

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WHISPERS

Whispers, the philanthropic women's group in Whispering Pines, wound up their club year with an inspirational speaker, Veronica Karaman, who is a certified life-coach, golf professional, and author. Her topic was "My Shot of Joy: Keys to Making Fresh Family Connections."

Motivational speaker Veronica Karaman

She draws from her own life experiences, especially the late in life renewal of her relationship with her mother, to demonstrate the techniques used.

Many thanks to the luncheon committee: Joyce Jones, Daryl Pierce, and Judy Loughlin, Chair, for a job well done.

On the agenda of the meeting was the election of next year's officers. They are: Co-Chairs: Peg Carfi and Carol Rossi; Vice President of Programs: Diana Williamson; Recording Secretary: Kathy Boyle; Corresponding Secretary: Judy Loughlin; and Treasurer: Sharyne Rogers.

It was reported by Sharon Mathias, Silent Auction Event Chair, that the auction fundraiser raised over $3,000 for the local charities designated. The recipients are Boys and Girls Club of the Sandhills, Moore Free Care Clinic and Sandhills Community College (Nursing School Scholarship Program). The next fundraiser is the Whispering Pines Telephone Directory, which is now being updated and will be distributed in September.

Peg Carfi, this year's President, was thanked for her leadership and presented with an engraved crystal vase.

The organization is looking forward to the next club year which will begin with the Annual Fashion Show on Wednesday, September 10. This year, the fashions will be from Talbot's. Remember, all women in Whispering Pines are automatically members of Whispers. Join us for this luncheon and fashion show! Details will be in future editions of The Pitch. Question: Peg Carfi 949-3125 or Carol Rossi 688-7159.

Some History of Whispering Pines

(Courtesy of Bob Zschoche)

Whispering Pines is a great place to live because of the outstanding sense of community we enjoy as a result of the many organizations and activities in the Village. Here is a brief history of some of the opportunities and resources available.

-Whispers was started in 1964 by Martha Hardee as a forum for the women of the Village to raise funds for various social needs in the area. The annual telephone directory is a Whispers project as are numerous fund raising activities.

-The PITCH was first published in 1967 and has always focused on happenings in WP. You are reading a unique community newspaper.

-The WP Garden Club first met in 1972 and has more than 150 men and women members. The monthly meetings provide a forum for providing gardening information and a social get together. Garden Club members do road side clean up and provide maintenance for the 24 Village Parks.

-The WP Thrift Shop began in 1983 as support for the WP Rescue Squad. Over the years, hundreds of thousands of dollars have been donated to various organizations in the immediate area.

-The Piney Pipers, beginning in 1968, provided WP with its own Village Chorus. Approximately 30 men and women who loved to sing performed in local nursing homes and at the Country Club. The Chorus gave its last performance in 2002.

-The Good Hands Gang was formed in 2000 to provide Easter baskets to needy families. The effort has grown to a year when 450 baskets were distributed plus other needed items such as backpacks, school supplies, groceries and more.

-In addition to the organizations outlined above, the Village is dependent on volunteers to serve on the various Boards and Committees needed to make the Village operate smoothly. A collective thanks to all who volunteer and serve and a challenge to all residents to step forward and become involved.

Join us for buffet-style dining at the clubhouse during the US Open!

We at CCWP are looking forward to the US Open weeks in Pinehurst. There will be a lot of activity in our area and it is going to be busy! We understand that finding somewhere to dine may be challenging during those weeks. We would therefore like to extend an invitation to join us for dinner at the Clubhouse. Our buffet nights during the Men's and Women's Open will be open to our members, their guests and the public.

Thursday June 12th
Italian Night Buffet

Caesar Salad
Antipasto Display
Tomato Brochette
Garlic Bread
Steamed Mussels with White Wine & Garlic
Baked Ziti
Beef Ravioli
Sausage & Peppers
Meatballs Marinara
Zucchini & Yellow Squash
Chicken Parmesan

Assorted Desserts
Spumoni

Member Preferred Pricing $17.95++ • All Others $19.95++

Friday June 13th
Homestyle Buffet

Mixed Greens Salad
Potato Salad
Macaroni Salad
Carved BBQ Beef Brisket
Southern Fried Chicken
Pulled Pork BBQ with Coleslaw
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Macaroni & Cheese
Sautéed Green Beans
Collard Greens

Assorted Desserts
Strawberry Short Cake
Make Your Own Sundae Station

Member Preferred Pricing $19.95++ • All Others $21.95++

Saturday June 14th
Prime Rib Night

Traditional Caesar Salad
Jumbo Shrimp Cocktail
Buttermilk Mashed Potatoes
Wild Rice Pilaf
Baked Potato Station
Sautéed Asparagus
Creamed Corn
Carved Prime Rib of Beef
Au Jus & Horseradish Cream

Make Your Own Sundae Station
Assorted Desserts

Member Preferred Pricing $26.95++ • All Others $29.95++

Thursday June 19th
Italian Night Buffet

Caesar Salad
Antipasto Display
Tomato Brochette
Garlic Bread
Steamed Mussels with White Wine & Garlic
Baked Ziti
Beef Ravioli
Sausage & Peppers
Meatballs Marinara
Zucchini & Yellow Squash
Chicken Parmesan

Assorted Desserts
Spumoni

Member Preferred Pricing $17.95++ • All Others $19.95++

Pre-booking and payment is required by June 5th.
For reservations call 910 949 4332 or email sutiger@browngolf.net

***Preferred pricing extended through June 5th. Full price applicable after that date.**

COMPUTER CLUB– MAY 10

Columnist Paul Gilster, well known in Moore County for his computer articles published in the Raleigh News and Observer, will be the guest speaker at the June 9th meeting of the Computer Club of the Sandhills. Gilster will discuss the impact of new computer technology on business and our daily lives. Some of his recent computer articles can be reviewed at http://www.newsobserver.com/computers/.

Paul A. Gilster went to graduate school in medieval literature and (like all medievalists) went on to become a flight instructor, specializing in commercial and instrument training. Gilster has been a full-time writer for nearly the past thirty years and has concentrated largely on computing and the Internet. But behind the scenes he has nursed an active interest in space travel, and the ultimate challenge: finding a way to reach the nearest stars. His book, Centauri Dreams: Imagining and Planning Interstellar Exploration (Copernicus, 2004, 2nd Edition Oct. 2013), focuses on the active research now being done to make the goal of robotic probes to explore nearby star systems a reality.

Please join us when Gilster talks to the Computer Club of the Sandhills at 4:00 P.M. at the lower level of the Whispering Pines Village Hall on Monday, June 9. Guests are welcome. For further information, please contact Jim Reetz at 910-949-3733.

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.

Homes for Sale	**72**	**May 21, 2014**
Homes Pending	**24**	**May 21, 2014**
Homes sold	**9**	**21 Apr through 21 May**

2014 Homes sold in Whispering Pines area to date 45

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Whispering Pines Market Data 2013

Homes for Sale	**76**	**May 21, 2013**
Homes Pending	**36**	**May 21, 2013**
Homes sold	**12**	**20 April through 21 May**

2013 Homes sold in Whispering Pines area to date 37

THINGS AND TIMES

(Courtesy of Bob Tice)

Rambling of a Retired Mind

- You know, I spent a fortune on deodorant before I realized that people didn't like me anyway.
- I was thinking that women should put pictures of missing husbands on beer cans!
- I was thinking about old age and decided that old age is 'when you still have something on the ball, but you are just too tired to bounce it.'
- I thought about making a fitness movie for folks my age, and call it 'Pumping Rust'.
- I've gotten that dreaded furniture disease. That's when your chest is falling into your drawers!
- When people see a cat's litter box, they always say, 'Oh, have you got a cat?' Just once I want to say, 'No, it's for company!'
- Employment application blanks always ask who is to be notified in case of an emergency. I think you should write, 'A Good Doctor'!
- Birds of a feather flock together . . . .and then poop on your car.
- The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight, because by then your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends.
- The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.
- He who hesitates... is probably right.
- Did you ever notice: The Roman Numerals for forty (40) are XL.
- If you can smile when things go wrong, you have someone in mind to blame.
- The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so he can tell when he's really in trouble.
- Aging: Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.
- Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me, I want people to know 'why' I look this way. I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.
- You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.
- One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it is such a nice change from being young. Ah, being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable.

VILLAGE of WHISPERING PINES MANAGER'S REPORT
May14, 2014

Shadow Lake to Pine Lake Pump Station Project: The contractor has completed the boring under Niagara-Carthage Road. The pump and piping will now be installed with an anticipated completion date of early June.

Sunset Drive Resurfacing: A balance of $25,000 in the FY 2013-14 paving budget has been expended on the section of Sunset Drive that was not resurfaced in the last fiscal year. Striping will be completed in the near future.

Summerfield at Arrowstone: The construction and storm water plans have been approved and work has begun on the property. Bob Kissinger has been on-site this week with the developers coordinating the plantings for the buffer along Hardee Lane.

Lake Spraying Schedule: The spraying of all lakes and ponds scheduled for the week of May 5th has been completed. All affected residents that irrigate from the lakes and ponds were able to resume irrigation on Monday, May 12th. It has been recommended by NCSU that lake weeds should be sprayed in 4 to 6 week intervals for maximum effectiveness. A second and third spraying will be scheduled for June and August. The chemicals used require a 5 day restriction on irrigation, but there are no restrictions on swimming, boating or fishing.

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

Residential Bldg. Permits Issued

April	**2014**
Village	2
ETJ	0
Year to Date	**2014**
Village	17
ETJ	0
Year-To-Date	**2013**
Village	24
ETJ	2

Goose Population: In an effort to manage the goose population, resident Susan Campbell, who is certified in egg "addling", which is the shaking of goose eggs to prevent hatching and Mark Nelson, Thagard Lake representative, found 24 nests on Thagard Island, with 4 to 8 eggs in each nest. Susan prefers "oiling" the eggs to addling. Once the island is clear of the geese, Mark plans to continue clean up of the underbrush on the island. There has been increased use of the island by residents. Mark has reported that there are 3 blue heron nests on the island and frequently sees 3 bald eagles around Thagard Lake.

Police Vehicle: The 2014 Dodge Charger that was approved by Council at the April Council meeting has been delivered. Once the needed police equipment is installed, the new vehicle will be placed in service and the current Chief's car will be sold as surplus to the highest bidder.

Lake Access/Park Areas: With warmer weather approaching, we are seeing increased activity at both Thagard and Spring Valley parks. Thagard pavilion is reserved every weekend throughout May. Many residents reserving Thagard pavilion have commented very positively regarding the addition of the playground equipment. In addition, we are hearing from many residents about the lack of capacity on the boat racks at the lake access areas. The Lakes and Watershed Board along with Bob Kissinger are discussing possible solutions to this problem. Lake and park improvements are part of the implementation process of the Council approved Recreation and Open Spaces Master Plan. The next targeted playground/recreation area will be in the Blue Lake area, which was part of the Public Works budget presentation, creating a recreational geographical balance in the Village.

Thagard Lake Boat Access: The asphalt access to the boat ramp has been replaced and is operational.

Speed Enforcement Update: Since the first of January, the following citations/warnings have been issued:

Princess Gate – Whisper Lake Drive:
27 Citations issued for Speeding: 15 Residents, 12 Non Residents - 15 vehicles were traveling at least 10 mph over the posted 25 mph speed limit. All but 1 resident had a letter mailed to them warning of the enforcement.
17 Warnings Issued for Speeding: 6 Resident, 11 Non Residents.

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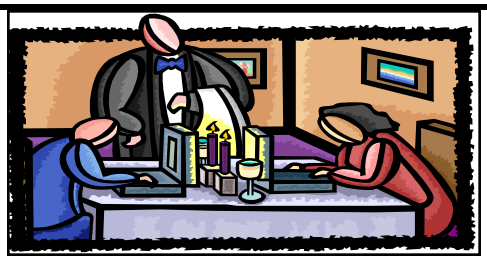
DINING OUT– *A Guide to Sandhills dining for the non-connoisseur.*

Saturday May 24 6:30 PM, Ten Ya Restaurant, Market Square, Pinehurst



After spending some time outdoors chasing that little white ball around on a perfectly glorious Saturday afternoon, the editors along with John and Linda Anderson, visited the Ten Ya Japanese restaurant in downtown Pinehurst for dinner. We had a 6:30 reservation but arrived a little early and were greeted with a smile and promptly seated.

The restaurant is nicely decorated, has a bar area and a small dining area in the back as well. Thank God there is not a TV in sight and the décor and seating lends itself extremely well to that rapidly disappearing social activity called dinner conversation.

While it never felt crowded, the tables were turning over on a regular basis so they were busy but there was never a wait for anyone to be seated. Our waitress was a delightful young lady who was friendly, answered all our questions and kept a watchful eye on the table. She took our drink orders immediately then gave us a few minutes as requested to peruse the menu.

All four diners decided to go with various versions of the Hibachi with Linda choosing shrimp and scallops, John chicken and shrimp, the Dessert Editor chicken and steak and the Entrée Editor shrimp and scallops. Each meal came with miso soup, a salad, and mixed vegetables and a choice of white rice or fried rice. We also ordered the tempura vegetables and tempura shrimp as appetizers and they were both perfectly cooked and an excellent prelude to dinner. The soups and salads followed with both getting thumbs up from all in our party.

One course followed another so there was never a long wait between. The entrees were beautifully prepared and were just as tasty as they were good to look at; however, at least one of the diners liked the mixed veggies almost as much as the meats they were served with. The fried rice was only luke warm and lacked any sort of taste.

Even before the entrées were finished, the Dessert Editor started into her attack mode, similar to a jungle cat readying itself for the attack on its prey. Tragically, her prey of something chocolate was not available, and she had to slink off by settling for the tempura ice cream (but then a revelation- scrumptious doesn't begin to describe it and it was big enough for all four diners). The two gentlemen chose the strawberry ice cream and the mango ice cream which were at best mediocre.

Wonderful restaurant albeit a little pricey but well worth it. Price for dinner or two was about $50 without drinks or dessert. We would go back (4-0).

Manager's Report

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Spearhead Drive in Arrowstone subdivision:
6 Citations Issued for Speeding: 4 Residents, 2 Non Residents
21 Warnings Issued for Speeding: 15 Residents, 6 Non Residents.

Sandpiper Drive:
Since the first of April, the following citations/warnings have been issued:
3 Citations Issued for Speeding: 1 Resident, 2 Non Residents.
1 Warning issued for Speeding: 1 Non Resident.

Administrative Matters:
I am proposing the following budget meeting dates and times for the FY 2014-15 budget process:
Budget Meeting – Thursday, May 22nd at 1 pm. Council review of department requests
Budget Meeting – Friday, May 23rd at 1 pm. Continue Council review of department requests
Budget Meeting - Thursday, May 29th at 3 pm: Presentation of Manager's budget recommendation for FY 2014-15.
Budget Public Hearing – Wednesday, June 4th at 6 pm (Special Council Meeting)
Adoption of the Budget – Wednesday, June 25th at 6 pm (June Regular Council Meeting)

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TIPS FOR THE GARDENER – JUNE

By John L. Gerwig, Ph.D.

Rainfall

On May 15 my rain gauge showed 4.1 inches of rainfall. Some friends reported as much as 6.0 inches. An inch of rainfall on an acre is almost 30,000 gallons of water. Therefore, on our lots of almost 1 acre we had approximately 125,000 gallons of water. Too bad it came all in one day. If it had been spread over a month it would have been great!

Your lawn needs at least one inch of water per week. If it is hot and dry with low humidity, it will require almost 2 inches per week. Buy a rain gauge and supplement natural rainfall with irrigation.

When watering plants, water the soil rather than directly on the plant. A stream of water from your hose can do damage to your plants therefore direct the stream of water from your hose onto the soil – not the plant.

Japanese Beetles

Japanese beetles swarm in early June. That means they are laying eggs by the middle of June. The eggs become grubs and moles will soon be seeking them out. If you haven't treated your lawn this year, do so soon. Your garden supply store has the material that you need. Apply as directed on the bag and water the insecticide into the soil immediately after application.

Transplanting Shrubs

June is <u>not</u> a good month to move plants. Better wait until September when it cools down. If you do have a plant you want to move you can cut a "ball" at this time. Take a spade and go completely around the plant at the drip line to about 8 inches in depth. This will cause the roots to become more dense inside the circle. Do not dig around the plant until fall when you wish to move it. When it is time to transplant it, dig your hole where you wish to move the plant about 12 inches wider than the "ball" that will be moved with the shrub.

In our sandy soils it is almost impossible to keep the "ball" from falling apart. You may end up with a "bare rooted" shrub. The shrub will most likely still live but it is better for it to maintain as much of the ball as possible. After transplanting, prune away 1/3 of the leaf surface and water every day for two weeks. After that twice a week should be sufficient. A 6 foot high plant will not grow much for two years after transplanting. Note: It may be easier on your back to buy a new smaller plant from the nursery than to transplant your own.

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

Garden Club Boasts New Garden Signs

The Whispering Pines Garden Club has sponsored new signs for the twenty-five gardens the club's volunteers maintain throughout the village. Some parks have been renamed, i.e., the former "Club Park" located at the corner of Pine Ridge Drive and Country Club Blvd is now "Founders Park."

After the traditional pot luck at the May 6th meeting, members confirmed new officers for the 2014-2015 fiscal year: Tom Lyon, President; Kathleen Boyle, Vice President/Program Chair, Gus Ulrich, Treasurer; and Cynthia Norwood, Secretary.

The Garden Club will resume monthly meetings beginning Tuesday, September 2. Watch for future articles in the Pitch or check the new WP Phone Directory for the list of meeting topics.

Paul Nealon, Chairman of the Park Gardens, is pictured with the new sign at Buckley Park in memory of former Garden Club president, Agnes Buckley.

Is your home under-insured or over-insured?

When you purchased homeowner's insurance, how did you determine the value? You want to insure to replacement value and this value is not the same as the market value of your property nor its tax value. The market value includes the cost of the lot or land and increases the overall value of the real estate, however, property insurance does not cover the lot or land, (other than for liability and this doesn't involve property values). Too often the tax value is much lower than the actual replacement cost and again, is not a guide when purchasing replacement cost property insurance.

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MOORE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AGING PROGRAMS-MAY

Following are the March 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.

Moore County Joint Nursing/Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee will meet.
Tuesday, June 3rd CAC, 10:00 a.m.– Guest Speakers: Dr. Karen D. Sullivan, Clinical Neuropsychologist and Chris Engelfried, Clinical Social Worker.

AARP Smart Driver's Course Thursday, June 5th 11:30 a.m.– 4:30 p.m.. AARP members $15 and non-members $20, Carolina House will provide lunch for attendees. Must register for this class.

Stand-Up Paddleboarding

Saturday, June 21
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Spring Valley Lake
204 Pine Ridge Drive
Whispering Pines

Stand up paddleboarding is easy to learn and a great way to build core strength and increase balance. Certified instructors will show you the basics of getting on and off your board and proper paddling and maneuvering techniques. The fee is $25 per person and equipment is included.

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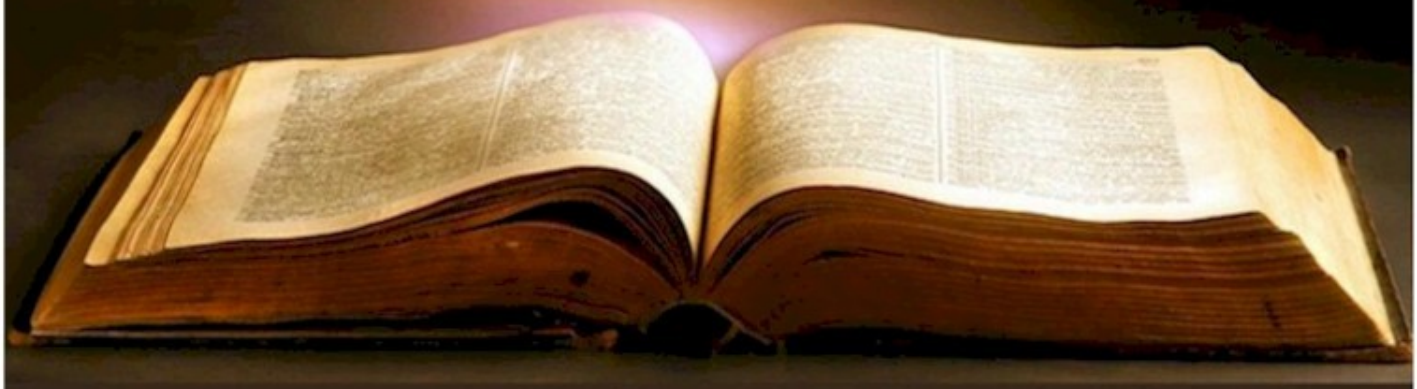

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BIRD CHIRPINGS-MAY 2014

By Susan Campbell

What a busy time around the Village! The Carolina Chickadees just fledged from our bird box by the lake. Our Carolina Wrens are busily working on another nest for Family Number Two. And the local female Ruby-throated Hummingbird is on eggs--so sightings are few and far between. I have heard from many concerned people lately.

Folks worry every year when they do not see their hummingbirds in May but it is a typical situation—one which will change shortly after the eggs hatch and the youngsters grow rapidly and demand larger and larger meals.

Barn Swallow. Photo courtesy of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Interestingly, Rough-winged and Barn Swallows seem to be everywhere on our lakes. You will see both species soaring around, high in the air or wheeling in circles over the surface of the water. Rough-wingeds are brown birds with white chests and a notched tail. They utter an "oink, oink" sound as they declare their territory.

Barn Swallows are more colorful, having a dark blue-black back, a creamy breast and red-brown face with a deeply forked tail that sports white spots on the outer edge. Their call involves twittering, clicking and raspy trilling. Barn Swallows used to nest exclusively under Thunder Bridge as well as old boat houses that are found on Thagard Lake. But now, like the Rough-wingeds, they nest on the underside of pontoon boats, protected from the elements as well as ground predators and climbing snakes.

You may not know for sure if you have a swallow family under your boat until the nestlings are large enough to vocalize for food. As it happens, they develop pretty fast and are ready to fly in about two weeks. The last few days they are in the nest, they will twitter off and on as the parents come and go with mouths full of insects.

In Whispering Pines, the young usually fledge in early June. Once they leave the nest, they will remain in the area for a few days, getting accustomed to their new wings and being fed by their parents. They then are off to wander slowly back southward over the next few months.

Should you suspect there is a nest on one of your pontoons, it would be OK to make short trips as long as the young have not started to chirp or if the weather is too cool (below about 75o). Older nestlings might be startled into jumping from the nest. And young birds of any age would be subject to chilling, especially with the air movement. The parents will simply wait in the area for the boat (plus family) to return.

Rough-Winged Barn Swallow. Photo courtesy of The Pitch's Research Division.

I did, however, notice there is also a more typical Barn Swallow (mud, cup-shaped) nest on a porch column of a home in Newbury Ridge. Historically these birds have been known to use ledges under eaves of outbuildings such as barns: from which they get their name.

Finally, I had a real shock the other day when a large groundhog crossed Ray's Bridge Rd. at Caro-Ken Farm. Groundhogs (also known as woodchucks) historically have not occupied the Sandhills but have begun moving in from the north and west over the past 15 years. This individual is the first to be documented this far to the east in Moore County. Certainly if you or someone you know sees a groundhog locally, please let me know right away.

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

Village of Whispering Pines Village Council Draft Meeting Minutes May 14, 2014

Council present: Mayor Zschoche, Mayor Pro Tem Lexo, Councilman Blackwell, Councilwoman DeBolt and Councilman Osborne

Adoption of the Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:
Unfinished Business:
#2 Consider a Resolution appropriating funds from Capital Reserve Major Repairs Fund to the General Fund for the Shadow Lake to Pine Lake Pump Station Project;
#3 Follow-up to request for vocal support from Whispering Pines at school board meetings; and
#4 Consider proposed corporate limit sign options
By consensus the agenda was adopted as amended.

General Public Comments

Louis Gregory – thanked everyone for the support shown during his recent campaign for county commissioner. He will continue to voice his concerns, to the county commissions, regarding schools, taxes, unemployment and public safety.
Paul Nealon – 54 Shadow Drive – thanked the Village, on behalf of the Garden Club, for its assistance with the new garden signs

Unfinished Business:

1. Discuss an Amendment to Chapter 4 of the LDO to include wording (from Section 3.3.12) for Historic Properties and Natural Assets

A draft amendment moving the wording, with minor changes, from Section 3.3.12 to Section 4.4, was provided for Council's consideration.
The following revisions were suggested:
*Sub-section B – change 'Private owners of lands' to 'Owners of private lands'
*delete Sub-section D
A motion to approve the proposed amendment was approved. (5-0)

2. Consider a Resolution appropriating funds from Capital Reserve Major Repairs Fund to the General Fund for the Shadow Lake to Pine Lake Pump Station Project

A draft Resolution was provided for Council's review.
A motion was made by Councilman Osborne, second provided by Mayor Pro Tem Lexo to approve the Resolution as submitted. Motion approved. (5-0)

3. Follow-up to request for vocal support from Whispering Pines at school board meetings

Mayor Zschoche commented that at the April Council meeting several residents voiced their concern regarding the Mayors of Aberdeen and Southern Pines being present at school board meetings and there was no representation from Whispering Pines.
Since then Mayor Zschoche has met with the Mayors of Pinehurst, Southern Pines and Aberdeen to discuss school issues. This group will continue to meet. Mayor Zschoche will report back to the Council as needed.
Mayor Pro Tem Lexo commented that she attended a recent work session of the Moore County Board of Education. She commented that previous comments made regarding Sandhills Farm Life Elementary School overcrowding issues not being addressed were incorrect. Improvements to Sandhills Farm Life School are still in Phase I along with the high schools.

4. Consider proposed corporate limit sign options

Council was provided with three options; Rev 7, Rev 8 and Rev 9 for consideration.
Discussion points included:
*removing the Village-wide speed limit from the sign
*including CCWP and WWGC on the sign
*is it legal to advertise for one business and not all of them
*would the clubs be willing to remove their current signage
A motion was made by Councilman Osborne, second provided by Councilman Blackwell to approve option Rev 9 without the Village speed limit panel and without CCWP and WWGC. Motion approved. (3-2, Lexo and DeBolt)
Council directed the Village Manager to check with both clubs and the Village attorney regarding items discussed tonight.

New Business:

1. Consider request from H & H Homes to allow the use of Village open space, within the Whisper Grove subdivision, for septic systems and / or repair area

Several Council members asked for clarification on items mentioned in the memo, which was provided to Council from the builder, and clarification on exactly what was being requested and why.

Mayor Pro Tem Lexo stated that she is not in favor of giving up any internal open space. Following discussion, Council asked the builder to provide a clear written proposal.

2. Consider contributing towards upgrading a section of main water supply pipe from 6" to 12"

Mayor Zschoche provided b brief background for this item and stated that the water main along Lakeview Drive is one of the oldest sections in the Village.
Mayor Zschoche stated that this is an opportunity for long range planning for future needs of the Village.
Councilwoman DeBolt commented that infrastructure improvements are always a good investment.
A motion was made by Councilwoman DeBolt, second provided Mayor Pro Tem Lexo to approve up to $35,000 from Capital Reserve Major Infrastructure Repair Fund for the upgrade from 6" to 12". Motion approved. (5-0)

3. Consider requesting a precinct name change from Eureka District to Whispering Pines District

Mayor Zschoche stated that several residents have commented on or asked why Whispering Pines is the Eureka District instead of the Whispering Pines District. It is confusing for new residents voting for the first time.
By consensus the Council agreed that Mayor Zschoche and the Village Manager should pursue the possibility of a precinct name change.

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Council Minutes

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4 - 12. Consider proposed amendments to Chapters A through J and Chapter L of the Code of Ordinances

Draft ordinance amendments were provided for Council's consideration.

Suggested revisions included:

*In proposed Chapter B, Article II, Section 3 – change to read; No person shall interfere with or hinder fire rescue personnel in the discharge of their duties; nor shall any unauthorized person be present at the Fire Rescue Department or handle any fire rescue apparatus or equipment.

*In proposed Chapter E, Article II, Section 1 – change to read; The Code Enforcement Official within the Planning and Zoning Department has full power and authority imposed by this chapter and is hereby authorized and directed to proceed to carry out its provisions.

*In proposed Chapter E, Article II, Section 9 – delete subsection b.

*In proposed Chapter F, Article II – delete Noise Near Church

*In proposed Chapter H, Article I – in all Sections change Identifiable Dog and Unidentifiable Dog to Identifiable Animal and Unidentifiable Animal

*In proposed Chapter I, Article I, Section 7, Subsection a. – change to read; Proper swimming attire (trunks, swim suit) shall be worn at all times when using Village lakes, access or recreational areas

*In proposed Chapter I, Article I, Section 8, Subsection c. – remove 'at the owner's expense'

*In proposed Chapter J, Section 4, Subsection (b) – change to read as; Notice of Violation: If it seems reasonable that a violator shall be given an opportunity to correct a violation before civil penalties are assessed, a Notice of Violation may be issued containing the following:

(1) Identifies the violation, including reference to applicable code

(2) Corrective actions to be taken

(3) Establishes the date by which the violation must be corrected, and

(4) States the penalties that may be imposed if violation is not corrected

A motion to approve the proposed amendments to all chapters as amended tonight was. (5-0)

13. Discuss recommended revisions to Chapter 5 of the LDO

Proposed amendments were provided for Council's review.

Suggested revisions included:

*Section 5.3.5 RM – add 'single family and'

*Section 5.3.9 AP – reword

*Section 5.7.3 – delete subsection F.

*Section 5.8.3, subsection (C) – delete curb and gutter

A motion to set a public hearing for Chapter 5, as revised tonight, for the June 25, 2014 regular meeting. was approved. (5-0)

14. Discuss recommended revisions to Chapter 8 of the LDO

Proposed amendments were provided for Council's review.

Suggested revisions included:

*change single family to residential development in the table of content

*Section 8.2.3 – change single family residence to residential development

*Section 8.5.5 – delete subsection (4)

*Section 8.76 and 8.8.1 – do not delete wording as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Board

A motion to set a public hearing for Chapter 8, as revised tonight, for June 25, 2014 regular meeting was approved. (5-0)

Closed Session:

Go into Closed Session in accordance with G.S. 143-318.11(a) (6) and 143-318.11(a) (5) to continue the Village Manager's annual evaluation and 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. (5-0)

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned.

PERSONALS

A celebration of Paul Sam's life will be held at the Country Club of Whispering Pines at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 5th . Dress will be very casual.

Judith Sams and Family

LOCAL DEATHS

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

Thomas bishop, 15, passed away on March 28.

Helen Voss, 86, passed away on May 1.

Rita Diffor, 61, passed away on May 16.

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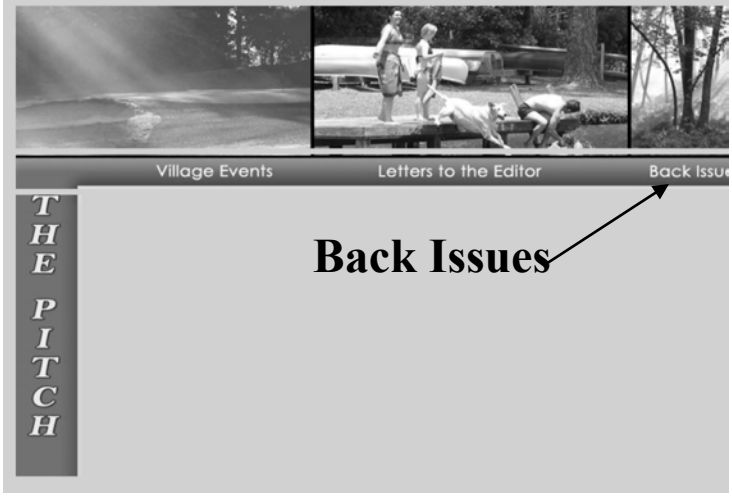

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