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FirstHealth to Open Convenient Care Office in Whispering Pines

FirstHealth of the Carolinas will bring a community health care office to Whispering Pines with the opening of a FirstHealth Convenient Care office there this summer.

The interior of the FirstHealth Convenient Care facility.

The office will open Saturday, July 5, in the Food Lion Shopping Center at 7473-C Highway 22. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week. Medical director is Lisa Cowan, M.D., who also serves as medical director of FirstHealth Convenient Care in Raeford and the recently opened FirstHealth Convenient Care in Rockingham. First Health owns the Moor County Hospital and is one of the largest healthcare providers in North Carolina

A board certified specialist in emergency medicine, Dr. Cowan earned her medical degree from the East Carolina University School of Medicine in Greenville where she also completed her internship and residency.

"We are excited to bring FirstHealth Convenient Care to the Whispering Pines and Rockingham communities," Dr. Cowan says. "We plan to be an integral part of the FirstHealth health care teams in both communities to enhance patient care for acute/episodic needs and to increase health care accessibility."

Dr. Lisa Cowan, Medical Director of the Clinic.

Convenient care is appropriate for such common illnesses as colds, strep throat and sinus infections. The full range of services includes injury treatment, pediatrics, sports physicals, TB skin tests and flu shots.

Appointments will not be necessary at FirstHealth Convenient Care, and anyone will be able to walk in without an appointment at any time during office hours.
For more information about FirstHealth Convenient Care, call (800) 213-3284 or visit www.firsthealthconvenientcare.org.

Village Council Adopts 2014-2015 Budget

The Whispering Pines Village Council, at its regular June meeting, adopted a budget for the coming fiscal year. The fiscal year starts on July 1, 2014, and ends on June 30, 2015. As required by state law, the budget is balanced with revenues and expenditures equaling $2,888,607. A detailed explanation of the budget is set forth in the Village Manager's report to the Village Council located on Page 8.

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Editorial—BACK TO THE FUTURE – LESSONS LEARNED

Pinehurst owners cut another notch in their historical golf belt this year by hosting the Men's and Women's US Open golf tournaments in back to back weeks. It was a bold move by the USGA considering the risk of the unpredictable weather in June in North Carolina as well as keeping the course in playable condition for the women after a week of stressful play by the men the previous week.

This provided a great deal of national attention for Pinehurst and had the added benefit of elevating women's golf by playing the same course under similar conditions other than the length of the layout. By all local reports, the back-to-back events were a huge success.

While the USGA took the risk of back-to-back events, Pinehurst added additional drama to the events by completely renovating the course by trying to bring it back to the design originally conceived by Donald Ross. The resort took out over 40 acres of grass, reinstalled the central water line concept and turned the heavy rough into native areas with wiregrasses and whatever would grow in the sandy soil. It widened the fairways, but at the edges there were brown areas where the sprinkler system was unable to reach. It eliminated the Bermuda grass rough that in the 1999 and 2005 US Opens made it difficult even for the spotters to find the ball. Aesthetically, the course was in stark contrast to the ultra green, perfectly manicured courses normally played on either of the Tours. If you watched the Traveler's tournament on TV while watching the Ladies play #2, the comparison was dramatic – the bright green at the Traveler's tournament almost hurt your eyes compared to the green/brown hues at Pinehurst #2.

Maybe there are some things we can take away from the 2014 Open experience. By eliminating over 40 acres of grass, the maintenance cost was dramatically reduced and by going back to the centerline watering system that does not have to reach the native areas the water usage was cut dramatically. By widening the fairways, it should have a positive effect on the pace of play that is becoming more and more an issue for most golfers. Donald Ross designed golf courses not housing developments with golf courses as an attraction to sell houses. His courses were designed to walk and the tees and greens were close to one another. He used the natural attributes of the area in his designs and in the sandhills of North Carolina that means sandy wiregrass areas instead of lush 3-inch rough.

Another issue of interest was that when you had a centerline watering system, you were penalized more by being a foot off of the fairway than your were being 10 yards off of the fairway because the water never reached that area and the grass was never as thick and lush. The worse the shot the chances of a better lie existed. Last year when we had water galore from the heavens, the rough was so deep we lost more balls in the rough than we ever did in water hazards. Maintenance could not keep up with the mowing of all the acres of grass and the pace of play was horrific.

In many cases in the redesign of #2, the natural areas encroached on the sand traps and it was hard to define the hazard. Many of our courses maintain the sand traps with tractors and the entrance and exit of the machinery creates a similar problem. The biggest problem in sand traps is the reluctance of the players to properly rake the trap after playing from the hazard. Having a native area nearby or a definition of the trap should not be a big problem on a day-to-day basis and it did not appear to be a problem for the pros.

While all of the changes to Pinehurst #2 may not be applicable to all golf courses or all of the holes on a particular golf course, we believe there are some lessons to be learned. Golf courses are struggling with competition and the cost of maintaining the course. There may be ways to cut maintenance costs while still presenting an attractive playable course. Using the natural attributes of the area, while conserving water can have a positive affect for everyone. Technology is great and if used in the proper manner, we can be more proactive for our environment, cut costs and still have a quality golf course that can be played in less than 4 hours. We would hope we have not become so brainwashed that we must have the perfectly manicured golf course to play and we spend our time complaining about the condition of the course.

We remember coming to Pinehurst over 50 years ago and playing Pinehurst #2. The new design brought back great memories. Have we as golfers forgot what the game is all about? The camaraderie of the foursome, the fun of a few well timed comments and a few hours in the great out doors communing with Mother Nature are the things we remember bringing us to enjoy the insidiously hard game of golf. Bringing Pinehurst #2 back to the future has reminded us of what we may have been missing lately.

Skip Gebhardt and just being himself, Ron Saylor

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By Nancy O'Connell

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Village Calendar for July—2014

Council	**July 9th**
Lakes & Watershed	**July 28th**
Planning & Zoning	**July 23rd**

Whispering Pines Police Department
May 2014 Statistics

Burglary	**0**
Larceny	**2**
Vandalism	**0**
Assaults	**0**
Fraud	**0**
Citation Charges	**137**
Warnings Charges	**187**

Year to Date 2014 Statistics 1/1-5/30

Burglary	**1**
Larceny	**5**
Vandalism	**1**
Assaults	**1**
Fraud	**3**
Citation Charges	**602**
Warnings Charges	**749**

Village Restaurants

Whispering Woods Café — 949-2032
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Whispering Pines to Get FirstHealth Family Medicine Office

Despite the continuing new growth in and around Whispering Pines, its residents have always had to go elsewhere for even their most basic health care needs. That will change next month with the July 5 opening of FirstHealth Convenient Care and the July 21 opening of FirstHealth Family Medicine in Whispering Pines. The two FirstHealth services will share an entrance into newly constructed space in the Food Lion Shopping Center at 7473-B Highway 22.

Todd Nicholson, PA-C, the experienced physician assistant who will be the primary care provider for the family medicine office, says that the openings come at a very good time for the community.

"With the growth of Whispering Pines, there is an increasing need for medical care, in particular family medical care and convenient care," he says. "Residents must currently travel outside of the Whispering Pines community to meet their primary and acute-care needs, but may return to the community and have their prescriptions filled at any one of three local pharmacies. Now, with the new FirstHealth facility, they will be able to receive that much-needed care locally."

"The new facility will also increase access to care to residents in surrounding communities whose primary care providers are already stretched thin," he says.

Nicholson joined the FirstHealth network in 2000 at FirstHealth Family Care Center-Carolina Family Medicine in Rockingham after graduating from Methodist College in Fayetteville with a bachelor of health sciences (physician assistant) degree. He moved into private practice in August 2003 but returned to FirstHealth in April 2013 as a physician assistant at FirstHealth Family Medicine in Vass.

The new Whispering Pines family medicine location will be open Monday through Thursday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Fridays from 8 a.m. to noon. While Nicholson will offer the continuing health care oversight and services of a primary care provider, the adjacent convenient care office will be open seven days a week, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., for non-urgent, walk-in care of simple injuries and common illnesses such as colds, strep throat and sinus infections.

Although Nicholson will be leaving FirstHealth Family Medicine in Vass, that office will remain open with Christine Cowell, PA-C, as the provider. She has been a physician assistant in FirstHealth's family medicine location in Biscoe for the past two years.

FirstHealth Family Medicine in Whispering Pines is opening soon

Todd Nicholson, PA-C is relocating his practice from Vass to the Food Lion shopping center in Whispering Pines.

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FirstHealth FAMILY MEDICINE

Village Manager's Budget Message to Village Council

Pursuant to Section 159-11 of the North Carolina General Statutes, I am pleased to present the recommended Village of Whispering Pines Budget for the fiscal year (FY) beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015 for your review and consideration.

The Village remains in a solid fiscal position, and this is an opportune time to proceed with the funding of several capital expenditures, including vehicle replacement, much needed building improvements and a continuation of the upgrading of Village services to our residents. The recommended budget includes funding for the replacement of one police vehicle and an additional vehicle for the Public Works Department. In addition, the budget includes funds for improvements to Village owned facilities, a playground and park area at Blue Lake, implementation of the first phase of a Village streetscape plan and additional funding for street improvements.

INITIATIVES

Our mission continues to be to provide the highest level of professional resident service possible in a cost effective manner. The FY 2014-15 Budget reflects projects that preserve the character of our unique Village, while taking steps to enhance this uniqueness. This Budget includes new initiatives as well as projects that are continuations from the current fiscal year. The following initiatives/projects are proposed for FY 2014-15:

- Utilization of the Village Road assessment study that was completed in FY 2012-13 has provided prioritization system in maintenance of Village roads. The proposed budget reflects the estimated $ 113,347 in Powell Bill funds for FY 2014-15 and an additional $ 40,000 to be expended on road resurfacing and improvements from the General Fund.
- State mandated reflectivity standards of road signs require the replacement of a significant number of these signs by 2015. A Village plan has been prepared for the replacement of all non-reflective road signs to meet this mandate. The FY 2013-14 Budget replaced all stop signs to meet the reflective mandate. The FY 2014-15 Budget will include speed limit sign replacement, where necessary, throughout the Village.
- The Village has developed a streetscape plan to replace Village entrance and 'wayfinding" (directional) signs. The FY 2014-15 Budget includes funding for the Village entrance signs to be replaced. The streetscape program will be completed in FY 2015-16.
- The Village has made progress in recent dredging and cove maintenance projects. These efforts will continue with additional funding in the operation of the Village "muck-raker" to address weed control where needed on Village Lakes and funding for professional services in developing a comprehensive dredge plan.
- The Village will continue to update and execute the Village's capital improvement program (CIP). Equipment will be upgraded in the Public Works Department with the purchase of an additional vehicle and the Police Department will acquire one replacement vehicle.
- Village facilities will be improved with improvements to the Community Building and Village Hall, demolition of several out dated structures and a comprehensive architectural review of the Police building.
- The Fire Rescue Department will continue the process of upgrading equipment where necessary and attaining grant monies where available for this purpose.
- To implement the goals set forth in the Village Recreation and Open Space Master Plan, funds have been budgeted for the planning and development of a playground and park area at Blue Lake. A park shelter is planned at 204 Spring Valley Park.
- Public Works will continue with beautification projects on Lake dams, park areas and right of ways of the Village.
- The replacement of Thunder Bridge will continue in the upcoming fiscal year with the contracting for construction planned for October, 2014 with an estimated completion of the project in May, 2015. A capital project fund has been adopted for this project with estimated project costs to be $1,000,000. Federal Funding has been approved for 80% of the costs.
- A Village Dam Assessment has been compiled and based on recommendations set forth in the study, a Capital Project Fund has been established for the reconstruction of the Spring Valley Dam spillway. In FY 2013-14 $20,000 was budgeted for the design and site preparation phases. Reconstruction of the spillway is scheduled for late 2014, with an estimated cost of $375,000. The Capital Reserve Major Infrastructure Repair Fund will be the funding source for this project.

FUNDS OF THE BUDGET

General Fund

The General Fund is used to account for resources which are not required legally or by sound financial management to be accounted for in another fund. The FY 2014-2015 General Fund Budget is balanced with a property tax rate of $0.37 per $100 valuation. This rate will provide approximately $1,606,380 in real, personal and motor vehicle property tax revenues based on an anticipated collection rate of 99.7% for real and personal property and 98.5% for motor vehicles. The Village has historically achieved a high tax collection rate. In addition to the above tax revenues, the Village receives Fire District tax revenues, State Shared revenues, State road maintenance funds (Powell Bill), sales tax revenues, permit fee revenues, investment returns and grant funding totaling an estimated $1,176,535.

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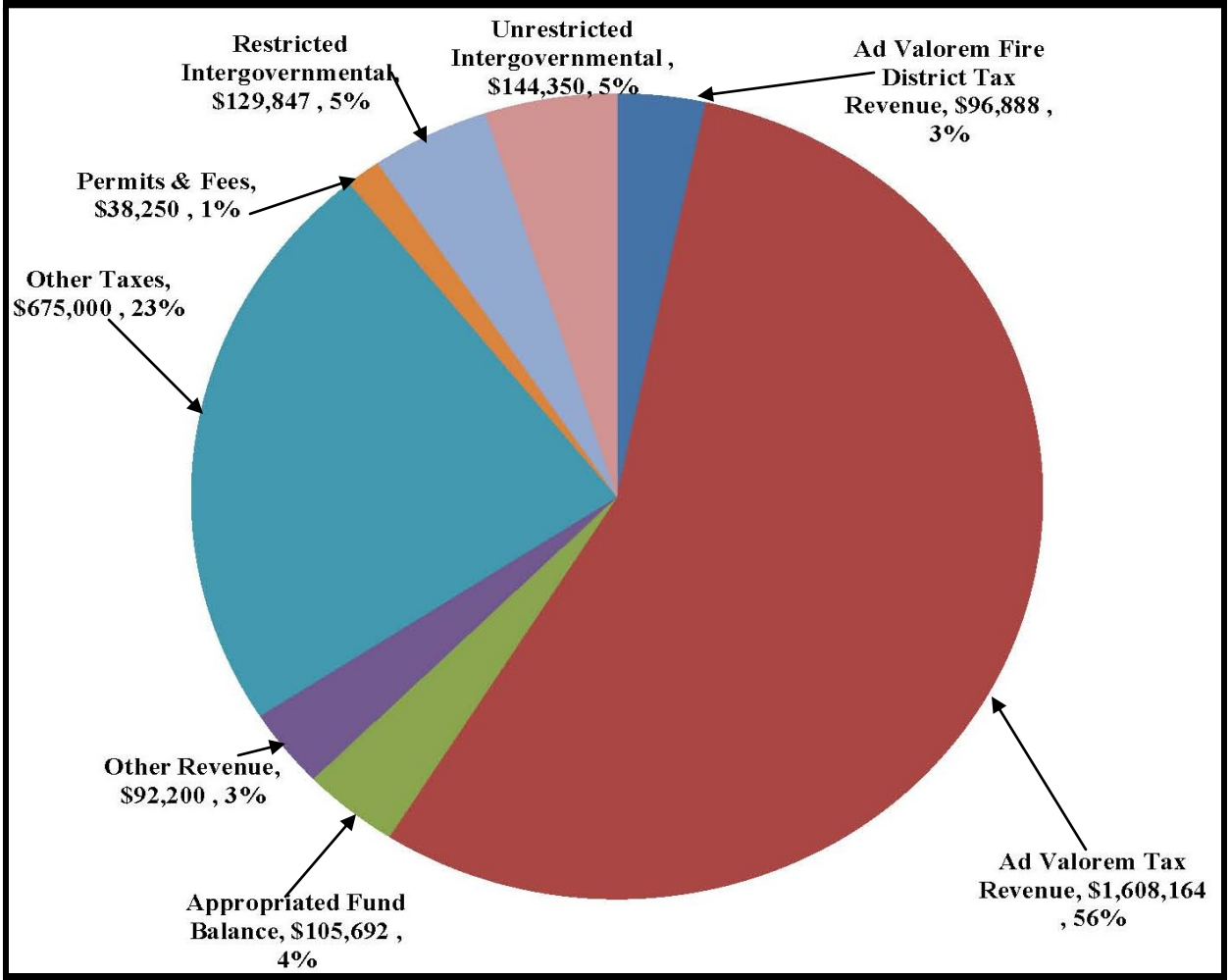
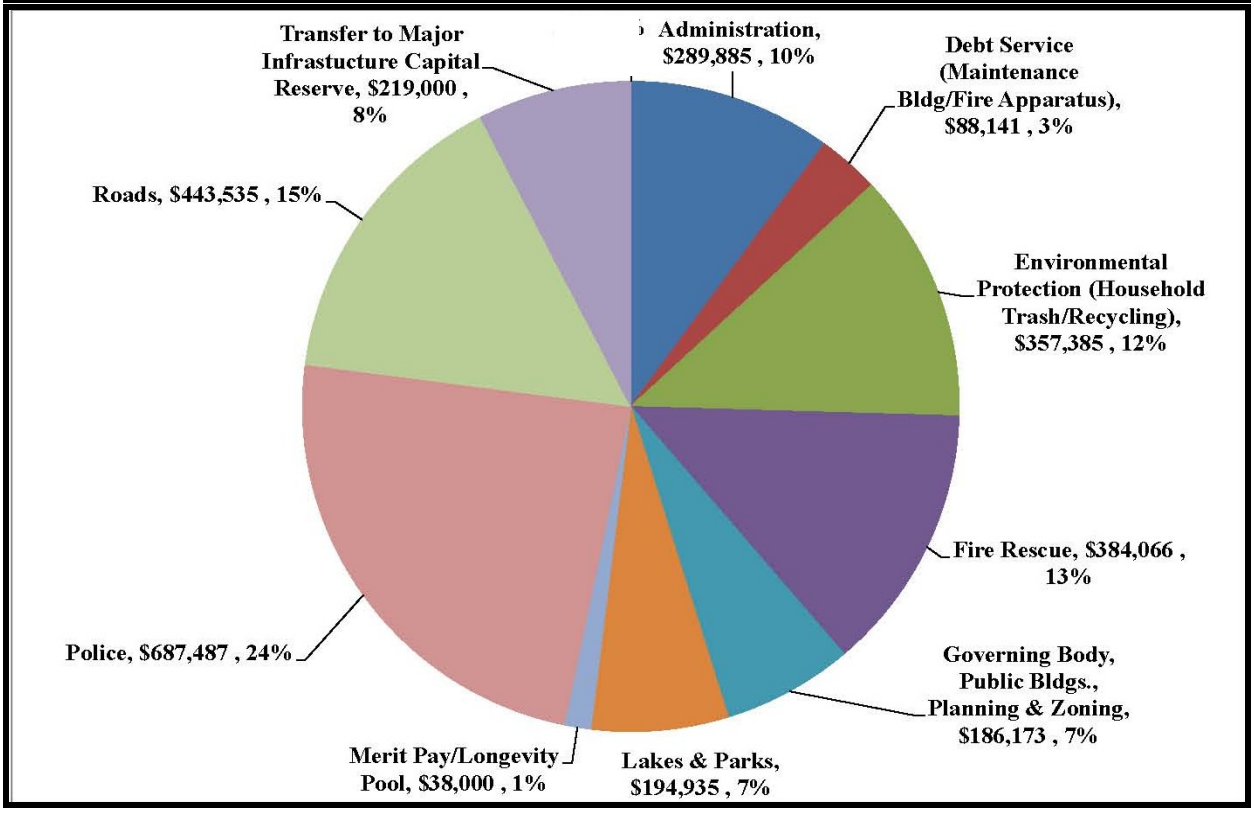
Graphs of Revenue and Expenditures. Graphs prepared by Jerry Leary.



The graph <u>above</u> depicts the sources of revenue that make up the total amount of money that will be received by the Village in the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

The graph <u>below</u> depicts the expenditures that make up the total amount of money that will be spent by the Village in the 2014-2015 fiscal year.



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Budget Message. (continued from page 8.

With the above expenditures it will be necessary to expend $105,692 from the Village General Fund Balance to adopt a balanced budget, as required by state statute. The proposed General Fund Budget for FY 2014-2015 totals $2,888,607.

Capital Reserve Fund: The Village has a Capital Reserve Fund for major repairs to Village infrastructure, which is funded by the "restricted" .05 tax levy adopted in 2010. This levy will generate $219,000 for FY 2014-15. The estimated balance in this fund on June 30, 2014 will be $680,000. In FY 2013-14 $86,000 in funds were transferred for the Shadow to Pine Lake Pump Station project and $20,000 to the Spring Valley Spillway Capital Project Fund. In FY 2014-15, the Thunder Bridge Capital Project Fund Budget proposes the expenditure of $817,500 from this fund for the construction phase of the bridge replacement. Federal funding will reimburse the Village approximately $654,000 (80%) of the costs, which will be returned to this fund.

FUND BALANCES

With slightly larger than anticipated FY 2013-2014 revenues, coupled with a surplus in the FY 2013-14 budget, it is estimated that the Village will have a General Fund Balance of $ 1,196,197, on June 30, 2014 or 42% of the FY 2014-2015 Budget. A summary of funds and their estimated fund balances as of June 30, 2014 are as follows:

ESTIMATED FUND	AMOUNT
General Fund	$ 1,196,197
Capital Reserve Fund – Major Repairs	680,000
	$ 1,876,197

EXPENDITURES

Salaries and Related Benefits: The FY 2014-15 General Fund budget recommends funding 21 full-time employees, one part time administrative assistant, 3.25 FTE firefighters, and fire rescue pay- per- call personnel.

Salaries and wages, including merit pay raises, longevity awards and benefits for the Village's proposed 24.75 full-time equivalent (FTE) employees and Fire Rescue Pay-Per-Call personnel accounts for $ 1,376,054 or 47.5% of the proposed General Fund budget.

Health insurance rates will increase 10% from FirstCarolina Care. Dental, vision, life, and short term disability insurance rates from the NC League of Municipalities reflect only a 0.9% increase in dental rates for the FY 2014-15. The Workman's Compensation rates reflect little change from FY 2013-14.

A merit raise pool allocation for full time employee salaries is proposed in the FY 2014-15 Budget. Last year, employees received merit raises ranging from 4% for outstanding performance to 0.5%.

It has been a long standing Village policy to have a longevity payment for employees who have served the Village for significant years. This policy was suspended several years ago due to budget constraints and poor policy applications. The 2012-13 Budget re-instituted the longevity policy to reward senior employees for long standing dedicated service to the Village, which will continue in this Budget.

Operating Costs: Operating costs for FY 2014-2015 are projected at $1,209,153 or 42% of the total General Fund budget. These expenditures include all costs other than salaries, benefits and capital costs. Debt service costs on long-term financial obligations are included in operating costs. These operating costs also include resurfacing funds for Village streets and storm water management projects. The Village continues to provide trash and refuse collection services to the residents through contracted services at a cost of $ 357,385, representing 12% of the General Fund Budget for FY 2014-2015, which is included in the above total.

Capital Expenses: Capital expenditures are for the purchase of vehicles, equipment and other items that are considered not expendable at the time of purchase, have a value greater than $5,000, and have a life expectancy of at least one year. The capital items in this years' budget include funds for, a Police vehicle ($32,400, including equipment), a pick-up truck ($36,000) for the Public Works Department, playground equipment ($6,000), and roof replacement on the Village Community Center Building ($10,000). Capital expenditures are projected at $84,400 or 3% of the total General Fund budget.

Restricted Funds Transfer: The Council approved a .05 increase in the property tax in 2010 and designated the use of the funds to major repairs of the Village infrastructure. Transfer of the .05 tax levy to the Capital Reserve Fund this FY2013-14 accounts for $219,000, or 7.5% of the total General Fund Budget.

RECOMMENDED BALANCED BUDGET

As required by the North Carolina General Statutes the proposed Budget is balanced, with total revenues equal total expenditures. I have presented a budget that recommends an ad valorem rate of $0.37 per $100 valuation for the General Fund, representing no change in the Village tax rate for five years.

The North Carolina General Statutes specify that the budget ordinance and tax rate be adopted by July 1, 2014. Also, General Statute 159-12 (b) requires the Village's governing body to hold a public hearing on the budget prior to adoption, which is scheduled for Wednesday, June 4, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Shuster, Village

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Sandhills Community College's Golf Team Captures National Title.

The members of the Sandhills Community College men's golf team jumped into freezing Chautauqua Lake near Jamestown New York to celebrate their NJCAA Division III national golf championship recently held at Chautauqua Golf Club. Nick Thompson, Ediz Kemaloglu and Cody Roberts teamed up to overcome a four stroke lead held by Cincinnati State Tech going into the fourth and final rounds of the collegiate championship.
All three came in with 2-under-par scores of 70 thereby ensuring that the Flyers could claim their first national title in the sixth year of the golf program's existence. They were on fire in the last nine holes posting a combined 7-under par to walk away with a 15 stroke margin of victory.

Team members from left to right: Ediz Kemaloglu, Cody Roberts, Caleb Chavis(holding trophy), Alex Austin, and Nick Thompson.

Nick Thompson earned individual medalist honors in the four round championship with a 3 under par 285. Nick's father, Doug Thompson, was previously the Director of Gold at the Country Club of Whispering Pines and is currently Director of Golf at Southern Pines Country Club. Cody Robert's father , Gene Roberts lives in Blue Farms and was the Director of Golf at Seven Lakes County Club. He has recently been appointed as the golf professional at Pinehurst Number 9 (formerly the National Golf Club).

Thompson and Kemaloglu, who paced third in the medalist competition were awarded All American honors. Roberts, who placed 8th in the competition was named to the second All American team. Alex Austin (81-82-84-84—331) and Caleb Chavis (83-80-93-80—336) rounded out the Flyer's scores. Gus Ulrich, coach of the team (whose father lives in Whispering Pines) was quoted as saying "I told the guys last night that we're in a great spot. We've played the back nine beautifully all week so let's get off to a good start. It couldn't have worked out any better."

Thompson is in his second year at the college and was a member of last year's team, the only member of the team who played on last year's squad that finished second on the same course. Led by Thompson and Kemaloglu, a citizen of Turkey, the Sandhill Flyers were in second place after each of the first three rounds. Thompson came on strong and was quoted as saying "I didn't feel like I contributed the first three days. I knew I needed a solid round the final day and went out and did it. I was driving well and I made the putts that mattered. It was nice posting three scores in the red."

The Flyers' final-round team score of 290 (based on the team's four best individual scores) was 19 strokes better than that of the third-round leader, Cincinnati State. The tournament included 11 teams and a total of 76 golfers. The Flyers' team score was 304-299-304-290—1197. The runner-up was Cincinnati State Tech at 300-299-304-309—1212.

The national golf championship follows on the heels of a national basketball championship which the Flyers won in 2012. Athletic Director, Aaron Denton was quoted as saying, "I knew we had the best team, but the best team doesn't always win,". "First it gets back to the kids. Athletics allows them to learn lessons. It takes a lot of effort by the kids and coaches to have a winning team and even more to win a national championship."
The team gets assistanc from local golf professionals like Ulrich and assistant coach Rob Pilewski, and others that make their courses available. Denton sees the victory as a community effort. "The community wraps its arms around this team," he said. Reached by phone early Saturday morning on the way to Niagara Falls, Thompson told a reporter that this year's trip was much sweeter than last year's trip. He said the runner-up finishes by the Flyers a year ago and by his Pinecrest team at the state championships a year before that served as motivation.

"Obviously I didn't know we were going to have a team that was this good," he said. "I had a good feeling before we played yesterday. Nobody gave us anything. We were four strokes back and won by 15. We made a statement. We didn't leave any doubt."

COMPUTER CLUB–

The next computer club meeting will be held 4:00 P.M. on Monday, September 8.

With the exception of July and August, the computer club meets on the second Monday of each month at 4:00 PM in the Whispering Pines Village Hall. Membership in the Computer Club is open to computer users with all levels of expertise and visitors are always welcome.

Because of illness, Paul Gilster was unable to speak to the computer in June. Plans are being made to reschedule him for September or October. Enjoy your summer and for further information please contact Bill Matthews at (910) 692-8254.

HUGE BOOK SALE

What: Huge Book Sale!!
Where: Whispering Pines Thrift Shop
When: July 1, 2, 3, and 5
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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	**65**	**June 21, 2014**
Homes Pending	**28**	**June 21, 2014**
Homes sold	**6**	**21 May through 21 June**

2014 Homes sold in Whispering Pines area to date 52

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Whispering Pines Market Data 2013

Homes for Sale	**73**	**June 21, 2013**
Homes Pending	**43**	**June 21, 2013**
Homes sold	**15**	**20 May to June 21**

2013 Homes sold in Whispering Pines area to date 53

THINGS AND TIMES

(Courtesy of Bob Tice)

IDIOSYNCRASIES

Atheism is a non-prophet organization.

If man evolved from monkeys and apes, why do we still have monkeys and apes?

What if there were no hypothetical questions?

If a deaf child signs swear words, does his mother wash his hands with soap?

Is there another word for synonym?

Would a fly without wings be called a walk?

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

Can vegetarians eat animal crackers?

If the police arrest a mute, do they tell him he has the right to remain silent?

Why do they put braille on the drive-through bank machines?

How do they get deer to cross the road only at those yellow road signs?

What was the best thing before sliced bread?

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

Does the little mermaid wear an algebra?

Do infants enjoy infancy as much as adults enjoy adultery?

How is it possible to have a civil war?

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

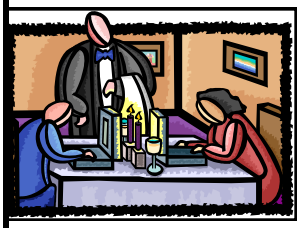
If you try to fail, and succeed, which have you done?

Why is there an expiration date on sour cream?

Can an atheist get insurance against acts of god?

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

Saturday June 28, 6:15 PM, MeJenna Restaurant, Olmstead Village, Pinehurst.



It was a great prospect- a third restaurant opening in Olmstead Village with the possibility of a restaurant row: newly opened MeJanna restaurant, a family owned and operated restaurant, featuring Mediterranean food, sitting beside two great restaurants– Nina's and Thai Basil. Sadly, there were big problems.

The Entrée Editor and Dessert Editor along with Peggie and George Carfi arrived at 6:15 and were promptly seated. We then waited about 10 minutes before drinks could be ordered and another 15 minutes to get the drinks and another 10 minutes to order dinner. We then waited approximately one-half hour before dinner was served and spent at least 40 minutes waiting for dessert.

Patience is not the Entrée Editor's strong suit and two and one-half hours in a restaurant is a nightmare, regardless of the quality of the food.

After ordering and waiting for dinner we were served a pita bread with olive oil and other ingredients on a separate plate for dipping. Pita bread is already tasteless for the most part and the olive oil mixture for dipping was equally as tasteless.

The Dessert Editor ordered Tajine with chicken which was like a tomato based stew, but with a problem. There was only a fork to eat the dish and even after dumping most of the rice side dish in with the stew, it was still difficult to eat with a fork. Did you ever try to eat chicken noodle soup with a fork? The taste, is not a dish that she'd order again.

Peggie ordered the Grill Mix consisting of beef, chicken and lamb kebobs and while finding the chicken very good, she was critical of the lamb and beef which had been over cooked.

George ordered the Tajine Somak with three types of seafood including shrimp, but was served the snapper instead which was the dish ordered by the Entrée Editor. Notwithstanding everything, George concluded that the snapper was very good. Since the Entrée Editor had no entrée, he asked for lamb chops. He requested salt for his very thin and overcooked lamb chops (there were no salt and pepper shakers on the table). The salt was presented in a small plastic cup with a soup spoon for dipping it out. – Now he had salty, thin, overcooked lamb chops.

Given that there were only 3 choices for dessert, the diners chose Kulage, a pastry made with phyllo dough, and Harrisa. These took 40 minutes to arrive and there was no coffee (either regular or decaf) to be had as an accompaniment. The desserts were shared by all four diners and neither got rave reviews.

Would we go back? The vote was a unanimous no – certainly not until they get all the kinks ironed out.

PERSONALS

The Pinettes Member Guest committee would like to say thank you to those who helped with our event this year. From Rodney, Barry and the bag boys, Macilvaine, Lynch, Starr & Rossi, to the ladies who donated baked goodies for the morning, to the girls who helped set up the day before Janet Schultz and Sue Jahne, to the Pinettes who played and supported our event. Again, many thanks.
The Member Guest Committee: Sandy Armstrong, Mary Ann Blake, Joan Gillis, Nancy O'Connell and Debbie McCormick

LOCAL DEATHS

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

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Stand Up Paddle Boarding: Due to the level of interest shown last summer, the Sandhills Stand Up Paddle Boarding group, affiliated with First Health, is offering two sessions this summer on Saturday June 21st from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at 204 Spring Valley Park, with a second session scheduled for Saturday, August 16th. A fee of $ 25 per person is charged for equipment and instruction, with each session limited to 25 participants. To register, residents can call Melissa Watford at (910) 695-6142 or email Melissa@sandhillssup.com.

Unkempt Property Ordinance: Since Council's adoption of this ordinance, Kyle has issued eight letters to property owners regarding this issue. All eight are working to bring their property into compliance or are in compliance.

Spring Valley Dam and Fly Rod Dam Land Dedication: The plats of both dams indicating the areas currently owned by the Country Club of Whispering Pines (CCWP) that will be dedicated to the Village, will be sent to CCWP Corporate Counsel to sign. After the plats are signed by all parties involved, they will be recorded with Moore County Register of Deeds completing the transaction.

Shadow Lake to Pine Lake Pump Station Project: The project will be complete once Duke Energy has supplied power to the pump. In addition, the face of the dam will be re-sodded in the disturbed areas.

Lake Spraying Schedule: The second lake spraying schedule, with attendant irrigation restrictions, will commence on Monday, June 23rd. It is hoped that all spraying will be completed by Thursday, June 26th; weather permitting. For this cycle, irrigation restrictions will be for Thagard, Pine, Shadow, Whisper, and Blue Lakes as well as Cardinal Ponds (middle & lower). There will be no restrictions on irrigation for Spring Valley, Fly Rod, and Cardinal Lakes, or on Whispering Winds and Hummingbird Ponds. The five day irrigation restriction will be in place from the time of the start of the spraying on each lake. Daily updates will be available on the Village Website, Charter Channel 190, Village email, or by calling Village Hall. It has been recommended by NCSU that lake weeds should be sprayed in 4 to 6 week intervals for maximum effectiveness. A third spraying will be scheduled for August, with similar notifications. The chemicals used require a 5 day restriction on irrigation, but there are no restrictions on swimming, boating or fishing. Affected lake residents have been notified by mail of the spraying schedule.

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

Residential Bldg. Permits Issued

May	**2014**
Village	5
ETJ	0

Year to Date	**2014**
Village	22
ETJ	0

Year-To-Date	**2013**
Village	25
ETJ	2

Thagard Beach/Swim Area: A designated swim area has been completed at Thagard Park. This provides two swim areas on Thagard Lake in addition to the two swim areas at Spring Valley Lake.

Memorial Bench: Mr. Dick Ade, who resides in Florida, has donated a bench in memory of Mike Melton whose family lives on Sunset Drive. The bench has been placed in the 204 Spring Valley Park.

Police Vehicle Surplus Sale: The 2007 Ford police vehicle was sold on 'govdeals.com' for $ 7,501.00, which exceeded the anticipated sale value of $ 6,000.

Fire Grant: The State Department of Insurance has awarded the Fire Rescue Department a 2014 fire grant of $15,600 for improved fire equipment. This is a 50-50 matching grant, which essentially cuts costs by 50% for Village fire needs up to a total cost of $31,200.

Carolina Water Hydrants: Chief Lambdin has identified and prioritized a list of strategic locations where additional hydrants need to be installed throughout the Village. He has forwarded the information to Carolina Water and is awaiting a response.

Foxcroft Phase III Subdivision: Construction plans have been submitted and reviewed by our Village Engineer for compliance with the Village LDO. Bill Roark has completed his review and required changes have been forwarded to the developer.

Speed Enforcement Update: The Police Department has been doing saturation patrols on Princess Gate, Spearhead, and Sandpiper Drive for speed control. Since the first of January, the following citations/warnings have been issued:

Princess Gate – Whisper Lake Drive:
29 Citations issued for Speeding: 15 Residents, 14 Non Residents - 16 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.

Spearhead Drive in Arrowstone subdivision:
8 Citations Issued for Speeding: 5 Residents, 3 Non Residents, 22 Warnings Issued for Speeding: 16 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.

A posting has gone out to fill the vacant position in Public Works. We expect to fill the position by late July.

TIPS FOR THE GARDENER – JULY

By John L. Gerwig, Ph.D.

Hydrangea

Hydrangea are in bloom now. They are very sensitive to PH or soil acidity. If they are red it means you have a good PH. If you want them to be blue, you need to add Ammonium Sulfate. It can be purchased at farm supply stores in 5 pound bags. Add about 2 handfuls to a plant 2 feet high. Apply at the drip line.

If your hydrangea is blue and you want it to be red, add about 4 handfuls of lime to a 2 foot plant. Add more if the plant is larger. These plants do best if they are not in full sun.

Do not prune the brown stocks next fall or winter. Next years' flower blooms come from the old wood and it you cut off the brown stems that look dead about December, you will have no bloom next summer.

Fresh Peaches

Every time of the year is special in the Sandhills but July and August are extra special. That is when locally grown fruits and vegetables are available.

Peaches are known as the "Queen of Fruits" and as such with any special lady they must be handled with special care and attention.

Unlike peaches shipped in from out-of state, our peaches are not harvested until they are ripe. Unlike most fruits, peaches do not get any sweeter after harvesting. They are as sweet as they will get the moment they are pulled from the tree. They will get softer and jucier but not sweeter. Now for the special attention they need. Buy only what you will consume in one week. A week is about the shelf life of a peach that is picked ripe. They are subject to "Brown Rot". When you bring them home lay them on the counter – spaced apart so they do not touch. Generally they take 24-48 hours to soften and get juicy. When they get soft place them in the refrigerator and consume as needed.

Inspect the peaches at least once a day for "Brown Rot". The first sign will be a brown spot about the size of a dime. It spreads through the peach very rapidly. Peaches shipped in from out-of-state are not only picked green but are also generally treated to prevent "Brown Rot" which gives them a much longer shelf life. When "Brown Rot" does develop, use the peach as quickly as possible cutting away the spoiled area.

In summary, buy your peaches from a local grower, spread them out on the counter until they soften, place them in the refrigerator and eat as needed. Enjoy!

Tomatoes

We treat tomatoes like a vegetable but they are really a fruit. The definition of a fruit is "a ripened ovary".

Buy fresh tomatoes locally and when you bring them home do <u>not</u> store them in the refrigerator. Refrigeration makes them watery and less tasty. They have a reasonably long shelf life when stored at room temperature.

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

Some History of Whispering Pines – June

(Courtesy of Bob Zschoche)

Editors Note: Our founding documents state that we are a residential community with many recreational opportunities. Our 8 lakes are a principal recreational attraction. This is a brief summary as to how we acquired our lakes.

Thagard Lake (1) was in existence when the developer of Whispering Pines founded the Village. This lake dates to 1759 and has been a mill pond and a lake for electricity generation. As the Village grew, additional lakes were created to provide lake front lots and as a source of water to irrigate the golf courses. Spring Valley Lake (2), Pine Lake (3) and Fly Rod Lake (4) were created in the early 1960's. Shadow Lake (5) followed in 1969. These 5 lakes were purchased by the Village in 1983 as part of the bankruptcy proceeding involving Whispering Pines, Inc., the corporation of the developer. Village residents approved a bond referendum for $250,000 to finance this purchase

Whisper Lake (6) was created in 1977 as part of the Whisper Lake subdivision area. Blue Lake (7) was a tobacco field irrigation pond for many years when the Blue family farmed the area now known as Arrowstone and Summerfield at Arrowstone. The lake and dam were deeded to the Village in 2006 as part of the subdivision approval process.

Cardinal Lake (8) became a Village lake in 2008 when the dam failed and the golf course owners sold the lake and the dam to the Village. Cardinal Lake area residents contributed to the cost of repair of this dam. In addition to these 8 named lakes, the Village owns several named and unnamed ponds. All of these bodies of water are considered in the overall watershed management plan of the Village.

A 4th of July note: The festivities this year mark 49 years of 4th of July parades around Spring Valley and treats in Thagard Park. This custom started in 1966 and in some years saw sail boats lining up near the dam. Come out and join us this year!

MOORE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AGING PROGRAMS-JULY

Following are the July 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.

Tuesday, July 8th through Friday, July 18th – "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" Quilt Project. We are creating a Community Quilt. If you would like to honor someone you know who has passed away from or currently has Alzheimer's or Dementia, please come by and include their name to our list because their names will be handwritten on our finished quilt. Or stop by to sew a 2" square and your name will be added to our list of creators.

Tuesday, July 15 9:30-10:30am

"Dream Workshop" Tammy Williams will conduct a 2-Part Dream Workshop**.** Learn about what different types of dreams mean.

Tuesday, July 15 1:30-3pm

"Clerk of Court" (Part 1 of a 2-Part Series) – Please join Susan Hicks as she explains the different types of responsibilities a Clerk of Court has.

Tuesday, July 15 4-5pm

"Out of Africa" – Please join Roy Neal as he tells his experience of being on a Safari while showing you interesting up close and personal photos of the people, the land and the animals. Refreshments

Tuesday, July 15 9:30-10:30am

"Social Security Strategies"- Brianna Dillon and Mark Hollingsworth will present helpful information on a strategy that will work best for you.

Tuesday, July 22 1:30-3pm

"Clerk of Court" (Part 2 of the 2-Part Series) - Susan Hicks is back to explain Estates, Incompetency Hearings, Probate, etc.

Dementia Specific Caregiver Education and Support Group :Tuesday, July 22nd, 1:00-2:30pm

If you are caring for a loved one with memory loss, know that you are not alone. Caregiver support groups provide a safe, confidential and supportive setting where caregivers can share their experiences, feelings, thoughts and ideas with one another. A support group can help caregivers cope better, feel less isolated and make connections with others facing similar issues. This group will also provide education about dementia, care giving and community resources. For more information please call Peggie Kennedy at 215-0900.

Dementia Educational Series
Thursdays July 31st, August 7th, 14th and 21st from 1 – 2:30pm

Beginning on July 31st the Caregiver Support Program will be offering a 4 part educational series for family caregivers of those suffering from Alzheimer's disease or related dementias. As a caregiver you will find that the challenges that lie ahead may be eased by gaining knowledge and insight into understanding the needs of your loved one as the disease progresses, as well as effective ways to cope with the feelings, emotions and frustrations that you will be facing.
The series will include the following topics:
Session I. Normal aging, common dementias explained and the basics of Alzheimer's disease. Session II. How memory, perception and behavior are affected. Session III. Dementia caregiving – coping with feelings including grief, anger, guilt and loss. Session IV. Prevention and prevention strategies, breathing, relaxation and other stress relieving techniques.

Wednesday, July 30th – "Medicare 101" – Gail Willis gives an Overview on Medicare

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BIRD CHIRPINGS-June 2014

By Susan Campbell

With the Summer Solstice behind us and daytime temperatures rising, the daily activities of our wildlife are changing. Soon the calls of insects such as cicadas, katydids and grasshoppers will be replacing the songs of our breeding birds. Those species such a Mallards that produced Early Spring families are already molting. And Northern Rough-winged Swallows who returned to our lakes in March, have bred and already begin their journey back southward.

Great Crested Flycatchers, who are Late Spring cavity nesters, are finding ways of using man-made cavities (much like our pontoon boat-nesting swallows). At least three on the western side of the Village are raising families in (unused) paper slots under the mailboxes. The adults, although they may flush upon approach, seem unfazed by periodic human disturbance. Because the flycatchers are larger than bluebirds, traditional houses tend not to have openings that are large enough to accommodate them. If an entrance has been enlarged by squirrels, odds are they (whether Gray or Flying Squirrel) will show up and destroy the nest.

Blue Grossbeak. Photo courtesy of Debra Regula.

Predators are a lot less likely to investigate a paper box—at least at the moment. One species whose nesting habit has been affected by foxes, raccoons, opposums, etc. is the Mallard. Although hens exclusively use very thick vegetation adjacent to our lakes and re-nest multiple times, predators have become very adept at finding their nests, which can be a real jackpot since it is not uncommon for the female to lay a dozen or more large eggs per clutch. If they make it to hatching, threats exist in the form of Snapping Turtles, hawks and even large fish (i.e. Large-mouth Bass) once they reach water.

Our common Yellowbelly Slider being a culprit is unfounded since this turtle is not predatory. Yellowbellies are opportunist that takes advantage of whatever food source is the easiest, such as large insects, certain kinds of native vegetation and often being the first on the scene of dead fish.

I was very interested to hear from Gerry Lloyd here on Spring Valley Lake that he, too, has seen a Groundhog in the neighborhood. Anyone who encounters one should let me know. These recent "invaders" from points west are indeed colonizing parts of the Sandhills now.

Bea Calhoon caught sight of a pair of Gray Foxes passing through her yard recently. Young of the year kits are big enough to move with their mothers now, wandering over a good area. Although they are not typically active during the day, foxes may be seen as they seek out water or a shadier location on hot days.

Great Crested Flycatcher. Photo courtesy of Frank Ripp..

I also heard from Gary Kreb who spent a day watching a fawn that had been stashed by its mother in his yard.

Mother White-tailed Deer will frequently do this in order to forage more widely when their young are still quite small. This behavior protects the fawns that are less able to cover ground quickly but have good camouflage in their spotted coats. They will mostly lay curled up and motionless while alone. You may just miss that they are there all together, unless they happen to move a little and catch your attention.

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

Village of Whispering Pines Village Council Draft Meeting Minutes June 22, 2014

General Public Comments:
David Rolen – 221 Woodbine Way – spoke on behalf of the twenty property owners which make up the Carolina Golf Course Homeowners Association. Mr. Rolen commented that although they have Whispering Pines addresses, they are actually part of Southern Pines. It is their understanding that the Riddle family has purchased the parcel known as Phase 2 and has submitted plans to the Town of Southern Pines to develop the 80 lots within Phase 2. Mr. Rolen also commented that they have heard rumors of possible development of the golf course area, which they are against. They understand that the area containing the golf course in considered Whispering Pines ETJ. They would like to see that area remain as a golf course or as open areas / undeveloped. Mr. Rolen requested that the Village of Whispering Pines include the HOA in any future discussions regarding the Carolina Golf Course property.

Public Hearings:
Hold a public hearing to solicit citizen input on a proposed amendment to Section 11.6.5 regarding signs for establishments selling gasoline and proposed amendments to Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 8 of the Land Development OrdinanceThis public hearing was properly noticed in accordance with G. S. 160A-364(a). No comments were provided; the public hearing was closed.

Report from Village Manager:
A written report was submitted which is now incorporated by reference and hereby made a part of these minutes. Additional comments included:
*The public Works Department completed the second round of aquatic weed spraying today
*We received notification from Carolina Water Service (CWS) this afternoon that on Monday, June 30th they will replacing two hydrants on Country Club Blvd. and Birdie Drive and installing new hydrants at Sunset Drive / Flyrod Lane and on Goldenrod Drive. Water customer will be notified by CWS regarding service interruption and a boil order.
Following a brief discussion regarding replacing / installing hydrants, Council directed the Village Manager to stay in close contact with CWS and to ask that the requested presentation be provided no later than the September regular Council meeting.

Unfinished Business:
1. Consider amendments to Chapter 3 of the LDO.
A motion to approve the amendments to Chapter 3 as amended tonight was approved. (5-0)
2. Consider amendments to Chapter 5 of the LDO
A motion to approve the amendments as amended tonight was approved. (5-0)
3. Consider amendments to Chapter 8 of the LDO
A to approve the amendments as amended tonight was approved. (5-0)

New Business:
1. Consider adoption of FY 2014-15 proposed budget
A public hearing was held on the proposed budget at the June 4, 2014 special meeting. A motion to approve the FY 2014 – 15 budget as submitted. was approved. (5-0)
2. Consider Budget Ordinance Amendment #4 for FY 2013-14 for year-end adjustments

A motion was made by Councilwoman DeBolt, second provided by Mayor Pro Tem Lexo to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment #4 as submitted. Motion approved. (5-0)

Consider a Resolution appropriating funds from the Capital Reserve Major Infrastructure Repair Fund to the Shadow to Pine Pump Project
A draft Resolution was provided for Council's consideration. The Village Manager commented that an additional $9000 will be needed for Duke Progress Energy to supply power to the pump. A resolution appropriating the funds will be submitted to Council when needed.
Councilman Osborne commented that discussions on ways to help balance the Pine Lake water level have been taking place for ten years now. It is hopeful that this new pump, along with existing pumps, will solve the problem. Councilman Osborne asked that the cost of the Shadow Lake property purchase be subtracted from the pump project as there were several other reasons for the property purchase. A motion was made by Councilman Blackwell, second provided by Councilman Osborne to approve the Resolution as submitted. Motion approved. (5-0)
4. Consider proposed amendment to Chapter A of the Code of Ordinances regarding auxiliary officers
A to approve the amendment as submitted was approved. (5-0)
5. Consider proposed amendment to Section 11.6.5 of the LDO
Following a brief discussion this item was tabled until the next regular Council meeting.
6. Consider proposed amendments to Chapters 1 and 2 of the LDO
A motion to approve the amendments as submitted was approved. (5-0)
7. Consider proposed amendments to Chapter 4 of the LDO
Following a brief discussion regarding the wording in Section 4.6.1, this item was tabled until the next regular Council meeting. Council requested clarification from the Village attorney regarding Section 4.6.1.

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8. Consider appointments to the Lakes and Watershed Board, the Board of Adjustment and the Planning and Zoning Board as recommended by the Village Manager

A memo recommending appointments to various positions was provided from the Village Manager
A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Lexo, second provided by Councilman Blackwell to approve the appointments as recommended by the Village Manager. Motion approved. (5-0)

9. Consider adoption of the 2014 July to December meeting schedule

A draft meeting schedule was provided for Council's consideration.
A motion was made by Councilwoman DeBolt, second provided by Councilman Osborne to adopt the meeting schedule as submitted. Motion approved. (5-0)

10. Consider offer received for the purchase of Lot 363A on Pine Ridge Drive (ParID 0099155) with attached deed restrictions

A legal notice regarding the negotiated offer was published in accordance with G.S. 160A-269 in The Pilot newspaper on June 11th. No upset bids were received.

Informal Discussion / Public Comments

Mayor Pro Tem Lexo commented that the new beach area at Thagard Park looks good and is getting lots of use already.
Sally Nealon – 54 Shadow Drive – commented that she is happy to see the July 4th events continuing.

Go into closed session in accordance with G. S. 143-318.11(a)(5) to regarding 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)

Reconvene in open session:

A motion was made by Councilman Osborne, second provided by Councilman Blackwell to reject the offer received for the parcels known as the Flinchum property (ParID 00031211 and 9900131). Motion approved. (4-1, Zschoche)

Reconsider previous action adopting a Resolution authorizing the expenditure of funds to upgrade a water line from 6" to 12'

On May 14, 2014 Council approved the adoption of Resolution #148 which authorized the appropriation of $35,000 from the Capital Reserve Major Repairs Fund to upgrade a main water pipe line running from Vass Carthage Road through the Heronsbrook, LLC property to Lakeview Drive.

Following a brief discussion a motion was made by Councilman Osborne, second provided by Mayor Pro Tem Lexo to rescind action taken on May 14, 2014 to approve Resolution #148. Motion approved. (5-0)

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The Curmudgeon Report

By Don Winslow

The yokels are stealing my sport. Baseball, for decades, has been classified the National Pastime and even though the game has had to play second fiddle to football in recent years, it still gets the attention of millions of sports fans. But that attention is being seriously challenged this year as the poobas who run the sport keep tinkering with it so that it is just a shadow of what it was. In short, it's a case of fixing something that isn't broken.

Pitchers don't pitch nine innings anymore but rather throw a hundred balls toward the plate and then are removed. Won and lost records of hurlers are meaningless and having a 20-game winner on the roster is rarer than a player who doesn't spit.

Same holds true on the batter's side of the game. Players strike out more than ever and, in the American league, pitchers don't even bat as designated hitters take over for them and then they do the striking out.

But the real problem with baseball concerns off the field action. The management has decided to review almost everything that happens during the game. Hit a home run and the game is stopped as umpires put on headphones and watch TV. Throw a player out as he tries to steal second base and the umpires have another highlight moment on TV while the audience at home and at the ball park fidgets and waits for a decision based, not on the action on the field, but on what a camera depicts and what some dude in New York decides. ?" It is getting ridiculous.

In a recent American League game, the first batter in the game was thrown out at first base and the umpires decided to review the play. . One pitch, one out, one game delay before the barrel chested fan behind home plate spilled his first beer.

I can see it coming. Some TV exec and his baseball guru buddy will discover that the dead time television viewers face when a replay is being viewed by the umps can be used to add commercials to the broadcast. Then the standard mix will be 60 minutes of ads, 30 minutes of selling items during replay review and 14 minutes of playing ball.

Keep this up and even Red Sox Nation better watch out for a coup as fans rebel and start to withdraw their support.

If you're a baseball fan, this aggravation rates high on the scale – maybe an 8. And if you're not, next month's subject might be the one to frost .

WHISPERING PINES THRIFT SHOP

The Boards of Directors for the Whispering Pines Thrift Shop has voted to close the shop for the first three weeks of July for it's annual cleanup.

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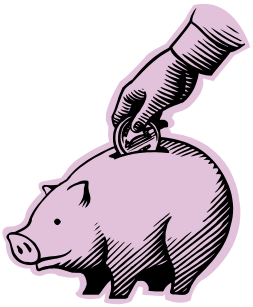

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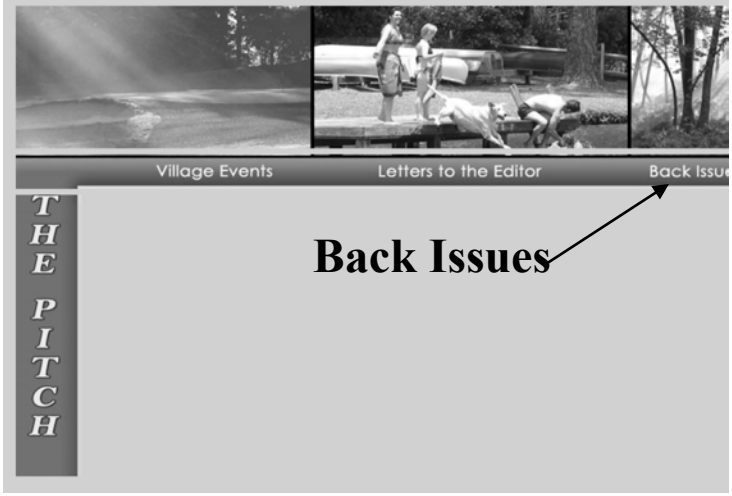

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See you next month.

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