



The Whispering Pines Village Voice

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POLICE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE



SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2018
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM



Tour our renovated Police Department and meet your Police Staff

Police vehicles and equipment will be on display

Other Activities:

- * Hot car demonstration
- * Free child car seat inspections
- * NC Wildlife Officer water safety information
- * Children's activities & more

Light refreshments will be served.

Whispering Pines Police Department
14 Hardee Lane
Whispering Pines, NC 28327
910-949-9961

Spring Valley Lake Spillway Replacement

The plans for the Spring Valley Lake Spillway Replacement Project have been approved and the Village is moving forward with the bid process. The bid process will close at 2:00 p.m. on May 14th. Once a bid has been accepted and the contract awarded the Village will have more precise details to share. We will do our best to keep residents informed on the timing for the drawdown of the lake and the closing of Memorial Causeway.

ATTENTION SPRING VALLEY LAKE RESIDENTS: Initial plans indicate that Spring Valley Lake will need to be drawn down 13 feet. Residents will need to plan ahead in regards to boat storage during the construction period. We have been in contact with Seven Lakes Marine to see if they would be willing to set aside a day or two to relocate boats if needed. If you would be interested in this service, please contact Village Hall at 910-949-3141. At this time, we are just trying to get an idea of how many boats this would involve. We do not know dates or the associated cost to the residents.

Outdoor Concert

Saturday, May 19th. 6pm to 9pm

Lawn area next to Whispering Pines Police Department.
14 Hardee Lane.

Live music
by
**The
Sand
Band**



<https://www.facebook.com/pg/The-Sand-Band>

Bring your blankets and chairs and enjoy an evening
with your family, friends and neighbors.

Pick your seat any time after 5:00pm

The **WHISPERING PINES FIRE RESCUE
ASSOCIATION** will have the following items available
for purchase:

Hot dogs, Cold drinks, Chips and Popcorn

No pets allowed. Please do not bring your pets to any
Village sponsored event



Decorate your car, golf cart, bicycle, stroller and yourself
and join us for the

4th of July Parade!

Date: Wednesday, July 4, 2018

Time: Parade starts at 2:00pm.

Line up for the parade starts at 1:30pm.

Place: Meet in the parking lot of the Whispering Pines
Country Club. Parade will go around Spring Valley Lake
and end at Thagard Lake Park.

Join your family, friends and neighbors for a fun parade
and celebration. At Thagard Lake Park there will be
games, music, boat rides, refreshing treats provided by
Harris Teeter and cold drinks.

There will be prizes for the top 3 best decorated cars,
carts or other modes of transportation.

No Pets Please

WHISPERING PINES LAKE RESIDENT:


The Village has set the following tentative schedule for the spraying of Village lakes in an effort to control aquatic weeds. Spraying will start on Monday, May 21st and it is hoped that all Village lakes and ponds will be sprayed by Friday, May 25th; weather permitting. Spraying cannot be done during windy and/or rainy conditions, and if this occurs, it could push the spraying schedule into the week of Monday, May 28th.

For this spraying cycle, irrigation restrictions are from May 21st to May 30th for the following lakes and ponds: Thagard Lake, Spring Valley Lake, Pine Lake, Shadow Lake, Whisper Lake, Blue Lake, Fly Rod Lake, Cardinal Lake, Cardinal Ponds (middle & lower), Whispering Winds and Hummingbird Ponds. It is important to remember that **ALL IRRIGATION DRAWN FROM A SPRAYED LAKE OR POND MUST STOP FOR A FIVE DAY PERIOD FOLLOWING THE SPRAYING.** While the chemicals used are safe for swimming, fishing, boating or other activities, irrigation with sprayed lake water is very harmful or fatal to lawns and shrubs and vegetable gardens.

At this time, plan on turning off your irrigation system from Monday, May 21st through Wednesday, May 30th for all lakes and ponds. The lakes will be treated during this time period and irrigation systems must not be used for **five days** after treatment. If you are concerned about the exact day of treatment and when you can begin irrigating from your lake or pond, please visit the Village website or Facebook Page during the week of May 21st for the day of treatment. The list of lakes sprayed will be updated daily on our Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/186701705267809/>) and the Village website (<http://whisperingpinesnc.net> on Resident page). You can also call Village Hall at 910-949-3141 x 11 for an updated list every day or with any questions.

NCSU recommended that weed control chemicals be applied every four to six weeks for maximum effectiveness. A second spraying will be in June and a third in August. As soon as future spraying dates are determined, they will be posted on the Facebook page and Village website.

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|  | <p>Village of Whispering Pines Finance Officer</p> <p>Cindy Graham</p> |
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|  | <p>Whispering Pines Code Enforcement</p> <p>Linda Christopher</p> |
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Whispering Pines is the fourth largest municipality in Moore County. The Village’s population has increased by 11.4% since the 2010 census and is now 3351. Whispering Pines is empowered by state statute, on a limited basis, to extend its corporate limits through the annexation process. The Village has historically annexed property as a result of voluntary application by property owners.

The Village is primarily a residential community with continued growth in its housing market. The Village issued a total of 94 residential permits in FY 2017, a 27% increase over FY 2016. Construction has been concentrated in three new subdivisions that commenced construction in 2016 and will add a total of 228 homes in the Village when built out. These subdivisions will have a positive impact on the Village tax base. There was also a significant increase in construction activity on “in-fill” lots this past year.

The Village saw an increase in property tax revenue of approximately \$65,583 (3.7% increase) in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017. This steady growth of the Village tax base has enabled the Village to keep property tax rates at a moderate level while providing the high level of services to our residents.

Financial Planning

The Village is committed to maintaining a strong financial position. The Village maintains unassigned fund balance sufficient to maintain consistent cash flow, generate interest income, eliminate the need for short term borrowings, and provides flexibility for unanticipated opportunities and needs. At June 30, 2017, the General Fund’s unassigned (available) fund balance of \$1,090,476 represents 37.5% of total General Fund expenditures of \$2,911,580. In addition, fiscally responsible budgeting has been a key factor in maintaining a fund balance within the average range for municipalities of similar size and well above the State requirements.

With adoption of the 2010-2011 budget ordinance, the Village Council approved a .05 tax increase, with all revenue from this tax to be put toward the Capital Reserve Major Repair Fund (CRMRF) for repairs and improvements of major infrastructure, such as dams, bridges, roads, and buildings. This tax has generated approximately \$230,000 each fiscal year and has been budgeted again for the same purpose in the 2017-2018 General Fund Budget.

Awards & Acknowledgements

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the Village of Whispering Pines for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017. This was the ninth consecutive year that the Village has received this prestigious award. In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, a government must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized comprehensive annual financial report. This report must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements.

Dogs, Dogs, Dogs

Village Administration has taken several steps recently in an effort to manage on-going dog issues or complaints. The ordinances pertaining to dogs running loose (off leash) and / or dogs defecating on public and private property have been revised, fines have been increased and double after the 2nd offense within a one-year period and additional signage has been added to Village parks / lake access areas. We are doing our part so now it’s up to you to do your part – if you witness a dog running loose please call the WP Police Department immediately, 910-949-9961. The Police Department frequently receive calls about a violation that was seen earlier and when they arrive at the park the offender is no longer at the park. Enforcement of the ordinance cannot happen if they are not caught in the act.

Village Of Whispering Pines Code Of Ordinances Chapter H – Animal Control



Are your boat permits current? The new permits are YELLOW and valid until December 31, 2020. If your permit/sticker is not current, please come to Village Hall to purchase current stickers.

Village Hall: Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm
10 Pine Ridge Drive

Bring your current boat registration information with you.

Check or cash, no credit cards

***** Invalid Boat Stickers *****

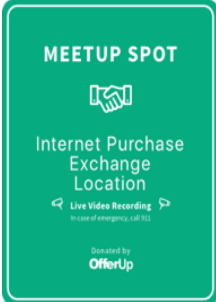
All lake access areas have now been checked for valid WP boat stickers and improperly stored watercraft. Letters have been sent to the owners of record requesting the stickers be updated or the watercraft removed from Village property. Any watercraft remaining with invalid boat stickers or that are improperly stored will be removed by Village Staff.



Whispering Pines Police Department

Chief Domonic Campbell

Internet Purchase Exchange Location



The police department now has a designated parking area in front of the police building that residents can use to safely meet with others to buy and sell items. There is a sign in front of the designated parking spaces that indicates that it is a meeting spot and is under video surveillance.

House Numbers on Mailboxes

Property Identification: (1) Property address numbers, at least four (4) inches high on a contrasting background, shall be displayed on the front of the structure in a position that is clearly legible and visible from the street fronting the property and on both sides of all mail boxes or an appropriate address marker post with uniform numerals at least three (3) inches high on a contrasting background. (2) All waterfront properties shall display address numbers on a dock or an appropriate address marker post with uniform numerals at least three (3) inches high on a contrasting background.

THE PROPERTY NUMBERS ARE CRITICAL TO FIRST RESPONDERS TRYING TO LOCATE YOUR RESIDENCE IN AN EMERGENCY.



Residence Checks

The Whispering Pines Police Department offers a Residence Check service to residents.

When you are going to be away from your home an officer will check your residence daily to ensure the house is secure. Officers will pick up packages and hold them at the police department until your return. Officers will also pick up any newspapers, but we do not hold them. We do not pick up any mail from your mailbox. To request this free service please complete a residence check form and drop it off at the Police Department.

<http://whisperingpinesnc.net/pview.aspx?id=20694&catID=557>

Senior Citizen Call In Program

This is a great free program for those that live alone. Participants call in to the Police Department every day by 9:00 am. If a call is not received by 9:00 am the Police Department will call the participant. If unable to contact the participant, an officer will go to their residence to check on their well-being. Contact Lisa Weaver at 910-949-9961 if you are interested in signing up for this free program or if you have any questions. We have a short form to fill out regarding your emergency contacts. We also request a key to your residence in case we need to enter your residence to check on your well-being.

Use of Parks/Lakes

- * The lakes are made available for recreational uses by temporary or permanent residents.
- * **Guests** of residents/property owners may use the lake recreational facilities only when accompanied by the host, or when a permit has been issued by the Village Administrative Staff or the Whispering Pines Police Department. Guests not accompanied by their host must have a guest pass in their possession at all times while on the lake premises.
- * **All** parks and lake access areas shall be closed to all persons and to the parking of vehicles or trailers of any type from 9:00 pm to 6:00 am.
- * **Noise** regulations as specified in Chapter F, Article II of the Code of Ordinances shall be complied with on the Lakes and in the access areas.
- * **All** boats shall be equipped with at least one U.S. Coast Guard approved Personal Flotation Device (PFD) for each person in the boat. Water skiers shall wear a PFD at all times. Each boat towing a skier shall contain at least two (2) responsible persons; one a driver and another observing the person or persons skiing.
- * **Children** under the age of 12 are prohibited from swimming, boating, or playing in the lakes unless accompanied by an adult responsible for the safety of the child.
- * **Internal** combustion engine powered watercraft shall move in a counter-clockwise direction on Thagard Lake.
- * **All** N.C. boating laws and safety rules and regulations apply.
- * **Speed** limit for boats is 32 mph.

ATTENTION THAGARD LAKE KAYAKERS, PADDLE BOARDERS, CANOEISTS AND INDIVIDUAL SWIMMERS:

The motor boats using the lake are unable to see you. The color, size and profile of your water craft makes it extremely difficult for boaters to see you; taking into considering the boat operator is dealing with sun glare and reflection from the water and watching for other boats in the vicinity. The boats must stay inside the red buoys and/or 150 feet from the shoreline. If the kayaks, paddle boards, and canoes would use the area from the shoreline to the buoys or 100 yards behind the island toward the bridge this would create a safe environment for everyone to enjoy the lake.

Please be advised that your water utility company, **Carolina Water Service Inc. of North Carolina** (CWSNC), will be flushing the water lines in the Whispering Pines water system beginning Monday, April 16th, 2018 with completion expected by Friday April 27th, 2018, between the hours of 9 am and 5 pm. Please contact Carolina Water Service Customer Service Department at 1-800-525-7990 with any questions, not Village Hall.



Whispering Pines Fire Rescue Department

Chief Rich Lambdin

Congratulations to the following WPFRD personnel who have completed training and been certified by the state in a variety of disciplines.

- Tim Dziok - Fire Life Safety Educator II
- Stephanie Dziok - Instructor II

Congratulations to WPFRD Lieutenant Nick Campbell (son of Police Chief Domonic Campbell) for his appointment to the Cary Fire Department as a full-time firefighter. Nick is a Whispering Pines resident who has been a pay-per-call firefighter with the WPFRD since July 2013. In fact, Nick was our first Junior Firefighter at the age of 16. Nick continues to volunteer and work part-time with the WPFRD, and is pursuing certifications in technical rescue and apparatus driver/operator.

Congratulations to Matt Tiller for being chosen to fill the full-time WPFRD firefighter vacancy. Matt is a Whispering Pines resident who has been a pay-per-call (volunteer) firefighter with the WPFRD since April 2015. Matt is a certified NC emergency medical technician (EMT) and firefighter, and is currently pursuing certifications in technical rescue and apparatus driver/operator.

Outside Fires / Burning

With the Easter holiday behind us and warmer weather imminent, which typically includes outdoor activities that are intended to be fun and festive. The Whispering Pines Fire Rescue Department (WPFRD) wants you to enjoy a safe summer and offers you a few safety tips to keep in mind.

The WP Fire Rescue Department has been busy the past few weeks responding to 'outside fire' or 'illegal burn' calls. In accordance with Whispering Pines ordinances **'The burning of trash, refuse, shavings, paper, leaves, litter or any other materials of any kind is prohibited.'** Weekly yard debris pick is provided to all residents within the Village limits – please utilize the service provided.

Grill Safety

It is anticipated that many backyard barbecues will be in use during the summer months. We ask that you use caution and keep safety in mind when setting up, using and cleaning up your grill. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), 40 percent of house fires and 36 percent of fire related injuries are caused by cooking fires.

- NEVER use a grill indoors including garages, overhangs, and canopies.
- Maintain a 10-foot perimeter from anything combustible – including your house!!!
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area.
- Only use approved ignition fluids – NEVER use gasoline to ignite a grill
- Keep a fire extinguisher, garden hose or bucket of sand nearby to douse a grill fire.
- Inspect your grill before you ignite to ensure everything is in working order, including all connections on your gas grill are tight and not leaking.

Swim Safely

With our many lakes and pools readily available for swimming keeping safety first will help prevent such a fun activity from becoming a tragedy.

- Always swim with a buddy; do not allow anyone to swim alone.
- Always watch your children and never leave them unattended and do not trust a child's life to another child.
- Maintain constant supervision.
- Have young children or inexperienced swimmers wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets around water; but, do not rely upon life jackets alone.
- If a child is missing – check the pool first.
- Teach your child how to swim. Visit <http://www.sandshark.org>
- Enroll in Red Cross home pool safety, water safety, first aid and CPR/AED courses to learn how to prevent and respond to emergencies. Visit www.redcross.org
- Use self-closing latches and gates.
- Install a door alarm from the house to the pool area
- Have lifesaving equipment nearby such as life rings or reaching poles.

Tornado Safety

A tornado is a column of violently rotating air, spawned by a thunderstorm, which is connected from the thunderstorm cloud to the ground. It often appears funnel shaped or as a column of debris. Tornadoes are one of nature's most violent storms. They may develop suddenly, and may contain winds that reach over 250 mph. Tornadoes are a threat to human life and responsible for millions of dollars' worth of property damage each year in North Carolina. The following is a checklist of what you should do to prepare for a tornado.

- During any storm, listen to local news or radio to stay informed about watches and warnings.
- Pick a safe room in your home where family members and pets may gather during a tornado. This should be a basement or an interior room on the lowest floor with no windows.
- Prepare for high winds by removing diseased and damaged limbs from trees.
- Move or secure lawn furniture, trash cans, hanging plants, or anything else that can be picked up by the wind and become a projectile.
- Watch for tornado danger signs:
 - Dark, often greenish clouds – a phenomenon caused by hail
 - Wall cloud - an isolated lowering of the base of a thunderstorm
 - Cloud of debris
 - Large hail
 - Funnel cloud – a visible rotating extension of the cloud base
 - Roaring noise

The Whispering Pines Fire Rescue Department wishes everyone a festive and safe summer season. If you would like additional information or have any questions, please contact us at 949-2400.

Whispering Pines VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Whispering Pines Village Hall, 910-949-3141
Rich Lambdin, Village Manager
Linda Christopher, Village Clerk / Zoning
Administrator
Cindy Graham, Finance Officer
Estelle Makie, Administrative Assistant

Whispering Pines Fire Rescue Dept. 910-949-2400
Rich Lambdin, Fire Rescue Chief

Whispering Pines Police Dept., 910-949-9961
Domonic Campbell, Police Chief

Whispering Pines Public Works, 910-949-3117
Bob Kissinger, Public Works Director

*If there is a problem with your household trash,
yard waste or recycling call Village Hall at
910-949-3141. Please do not call the
Whispering Pines Public Works Department
for problems with these services.*

VILLAGE HALL HOLIDAY SCHEDULE 2018

Village Hall will be closed on:

Memorial Day: Monday, May 28th

Independence Day: Wednesday, July 4th

HOLIDAY TRASH PICK-UP SCHEDULE

Memorial Day: Monday, May 28th – Household trash regularly scheduled for pick-up Monday, May 28th will be picked up Wednesday, May 30th. There will be NO yard waste pick-up for this week.

Independence Day: Wednesday, July 4th – No yard waste pick-up for this week.

Want to stay informed about what is happening in the Village? Here's how you can do it:

- 1) Visit the Village Website at <http://whisperingpinesnc.net>
- 2) Sign up for E-Notifications at <http://whisperingpinesnc.net/notify.aspx> It is fast and easy and you will get updates right in your e-mail box
- 3) View updates and notifications on the Village Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/186701705267809/>

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