



The Whispering Pines Village Voice

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VILLAGE MANAGER RICH LAMBDIN

Senior Officer Chris Holt Awarded Village Employee of the Year



Senior Officer Chris Holt was awarded the Employee of the Year Award by Village Manager Rich Lambdin at the Village Employee Christmas Luncheon on December 21st.

(Senior Officer Chris Holt)

Senior Officer McNeill Awarded Intermediate Certification



On December 21st Senior Officer Christian McNeill was recognized for obtaining his Intermediate Certification from the NC Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission which was awarded on Dec 14, 2017.

(Senior Officer Christian McNeill)

Requirements for obtaining this certification include: 4 years as a full time sworn law enforcement officer when the officer hold an Associates Degree and a total of 320 hours of education and training in Commission approved law enforcement training exclusive of Basic Law Enforcement Training and Commission mandated in-service training.

Village Hall will be closed on:
Good Friday – Friday, March 30, 2018
Memorial Day – Monday, May 28, 2018



On November 7, 2017, during the Municipal Election, Denise Racey was elected to serve as a council member for the next 4 years.

Denise and her husband Jeff have been residents of the Village nearly 19 years. They have two

children and moved to the Village of Whispering Pines as a young family. They are in their “working years,” but moving closer to the “retirement years”. Denise feels the fact that they have lived here for so many years gives her a perspective and understanding of who our residents are and what they expect. She served as the Activities Committee Chair for four years and under her guidance the Easter Egg Hunt and concerts were added to the activities the Village offers residents each year. Wanting to increase her involvement within the Village, Denise became a candidate in the November 2017 election. “ I am looking forward to continue assisting the residents of the Village, maintaining our quality of life, and looking out for the best interests of the Village and all who reside here.”

Mayor Michelle Lexo said: “I appreciate the wonderful job Denise has done as the Activities Committee Chair and I look forward to working with her on Village Council.”

Vacant Council Seat Update

On December 29, 2017 postcards were sent to each Village residence explaining the application process for the seat.

All residents that expressed interest by the January 17, 2018 deadline will be invited to a Special Council Meeting on Wednesday, February 7th at 6:00 p.m., at which time Council will interview applicants. The Council may take formal action that evening, or at a special meeting following the forum. The newly appointed Council member will be installed immediately after the appointment is made.



Police Department Building Reopens

The police department will be moving back into the police building on January 22nd. An open house will be held in the Spring to allow residents to tour the newly renovated police building.



Ordinance Violation Penalties

Animal violations are the most common ordinance violations that the police department deals with. Dogs running at large and barking dogs are the top two violations. Other constant violations are unauthorized parking in the right-of way overnight and parking in the roadway. To a lesser extent we have some issues with the lakes/parks such as non-residents in the park and people in the park when closed.

The penalties for all parking, lakes/parks and animal ordinance violations are as follows:

First Violation - written warning

Second Violation - 1st Civil Penalty (\$25 for parking; \$50 for animal and lakes/parks)

Third or More Violations - 2nd Civil Penalty (\$50 for parking; \$100 for animal and lakes/parks)

(Penalties are for violations that occur within 12 months of the date of a previous violation of the same ordinance provision)

Lock Your Vehicles



Vehicle break ins are very difficult for the police department to prevent. Most occur at night, suspects in most cases are on foot, and suspects can see a police vehicle approaching long before the officer can see the suspect. The simple solution to this issue is to please lock your vehicles and remove your valuables from the vehicle.



Tips for Safe Winter Driving

- Don't drive if you can avoid it during bad winter weather conditions
- If you must drive, don't go out until the snow plows and sanding trucks have had a chance to do their work, and allow yourself extra time to reach your destination
- Contact the Police Department to inquire about road conditions
- Clear snow and ice from your vehicle's hood, windows, roof, and headlights and tail lights
- Turn on your lights to increase your visibility to other motorists
- Decrease your speed and leave yourself plenty of room to stop
- Brake gently to avoid skidding
- Be extra careful on bridges and infrequently traveled roads, which will freeze first
- If you have emergency requests contact the Police Department and we will do our best to try and accommodate your request.



Winter Ice/Snow Storm Power Outage Questions?
Contact the Utility Company, Not the Police Department

Unless there is an immediate emergency when the power goes out, please do not call the police department to find the cause or when the lights will be coming back on. Inquiries of this type should be made to your electric company and not the police department. Calls about water or cable issues should be made to the utility provider – not the police department.

In previous storms officers were inundated by calls from residents with questions regarding losing their power or inquiring when their power would be restored. They also received some calls from residents with questions about their internet, phone, and/or cable service.

Police will not have any more information about how long electricity will be down than the average resident, and calls of this nature can take up time that could be used to address an actual emergency that has occurred as a result of the outage, or for some other reason.

Contact Numbers

- Duke Energy Progress (Report Power Outages) – 800-419-6356
- CenturyLink Residential Services – 888-723-8010
- Utilities, Inc. (water service) – 800-525-7990
- Southern Pines (water service) – 910-692-1627
- Moore County Public Works – 910-947-6315
- Charter/Spectrum Communications – 888-468-2427



Senior Citizen Call In Program

This is a great program for seniors that live alone. We currently have 10 people enrolled in this program. In this free program participants call in to the police department every day by 9:00 am. If a call has not been received, the police department will try calling the participant. If still unable to contact the participant, an officer will go to their residence to check on their well-being. Contact Lisa Weaver at 949-9961 if interested in signing up for this free program. We have a short form to fill out that requests information on emergency contacts. We also request a key to your residence in case we need to enter your residence to check on your well-being.

CHIEF'S AWARD

Awarded annually to one who exemplifies the highest standards of service to the community and the Whispering Pines Police Department by virtue of diligence, dedication and character.



The Whispering Pines Police Dept. awarded the Chief's Award during the Village Employee Luncheon on December 21, 2017. At this event Chief Domonic Campbell presented the Chief's Award to Estelle Makie.

Estelle Makie is the Administrative Assistant at Village Hall and also a Village resident. She has been a tremendous help to the police department over the last year while the police department has been working out of the Village Hall. She has assisted us with greeting and directing people to the police department office, distributing mail/packages, taking messages, assist with answering police phone on occasion, helping police staff with use of Village Hall equipment, locating items for police staff, and trying to locate items to make our time working out of Village Hall more comfortable. In addition, she has been one of the biggest defenders of the police department. She frequently responds to Facebook comments regarding the police department.



Sunday, March 11, 2018
Daylight Saving Time Begins

A friendly reminder from **Safe Kids USA**



Whispering Pines Code Enforcement

Linda Christopher

Water Vessels / Boats

With the return of cooler temperatures many people have already put their summer toys in the winter storage section of their minds. Before you put your water vessels completely out of your mind, please remember the following:

* All current WP boat stickers expired December 31, 2017. Stickers for the new three-year cycle are available at Village Hall. (\$30 for the first vessel; \$5 for each additional)

* All vessels or watercraft (including boats, canoes, kayaks, paddle boards, peddle boats, etc.) must have a WP boat sticker prior to use in Village owned lakes or if stored in a Village owned access area

* All vessels stored in a Village park or access area must have a valid WP boat sticker, must be stored on a rack (not on the ground), and must be stored in a manner to not collect water

* Village owned access areas are limited to hand launch vessels only.

* The two access areas for Spring Valley Lake (68 and 204 Pine Ridge Drive) are limited to canoes, kayaks and paddle boards only and are limited to two per household

* Boats may be stored on private property only if enclosed in a garage / carport or if screened from view from the street and adjoining property

Village code enforcement will be checking all Village access areas during the month of January. All improperly stored vessels or vessels without valid WP stickers will be removed.

Want to know what is going on in the Village:

1) Register with Code Red Emergency Notification System: <https://login.coderedweb.com/exec/index.cfm>

2) Provide the Village your e-mail address. We will send out information via e-mail regarding Village events such as lake spraying schedules, holiday events and changes in the trash pick-up schedule.

To be on the Village e-mail list send your contact information to emakie@whisperingpinesnc.net

3) Visit the Village website

<http://whisperingpinesnc.net/events-calendar.html>



Whispering Pines Fire Rescue Department

Chief Rich Lambdin

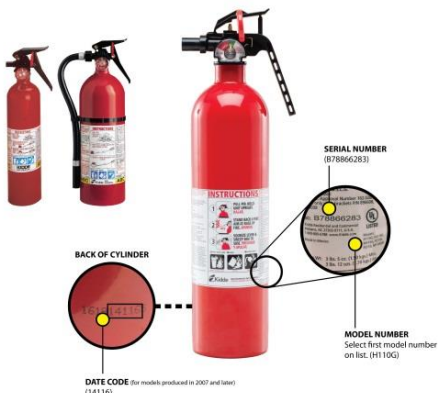
Kidde Recalls Fire Extinguishers with Plastic Handles Due to Failure to Discharge and Nozzle Detachment

Recall date: November 2, 2017

Remedy: Replace

Units: About 37.8 million

For complete details please visit: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/kidde-recalls-fire-extinguishers-with-plastic-handles-due-to-failure-to-discharge-and>



Kidde plastic handle fire extinguishers



Kidde push-button Pindicator fire extinguishers

Name of product:

Kidde fire extinguishers with plastic handles

Hazard: The fire extinguishers can become clogged or require excessive force to discharge and can fail to activate during a fire emergency. In addition, the nozzle can detach with enough force to pose an impact hazard.

Description: This recall involves two styles of Kidde fire extinguishers: plastic handle fire extinguishers and push-button Pindicator fire extinguishers.

Plastic handle fire extinguishers: The recall involves 134 models of Kidde fire extinguishers manufactured between January 1, 1973 and August 15, 2017, including models that were previously recalled in March 2009 and February 2015. The extinguishers were sold in red, white and silver, and are either ABC- or BC-rated. The model number is printed on the fire extinguisher label. For units produced in 2007 and beyond, the date of manufacture is a 10-digit date code printed on the side of the cylinder, near the bottom. Digits five through nine represent the day and year of manufacture in DDDYY format. Date codes for recalled models manufactured from January 2, 2012 through August 15, 2017 are 00212 through 22717. For units produced before 2007, a date code is not printed on the fire extinguisher.

Remedy:

Consumers should immediately contact Kidde to request a free replacement fire extinguisher and for instructions on returning the recalled unit, as it may not work properly in a fire emergency.



Whispering Pines Fire Rescue Association, Inc.

presents the 5th Annual


HEARTS ON FIRE COTILLION

Saturday, February 17, 2018

Country Club of Whispering Pines
2 Clubhouse Blvd. Whispering Pines, NC

7:30 p.m. until Midnight
Dinner Served 7:30 to 9:30

The perfect opportunity to get dressed up for an evening of fun,

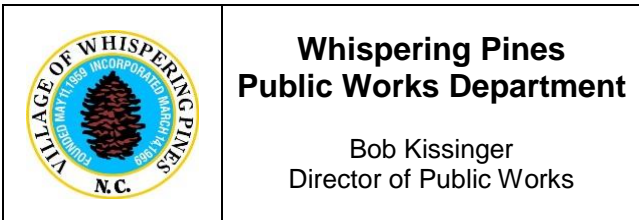
fellowship, dancing to your  desire.

Your all-time favorite dancing tunes will be provided by Party Tyme DJ.

Tickets are available from any WPFR Association member
Call 949-2400 for more information

Tickets are \$40 per person or \$70 per couple
Tickets must be purchased in advance - Space is limited to 300 ppl.

Cash Bar / Semi formal attire please



Whispering Pines Public Works Department

Bob Kissinger
Director of Public Works

Maintaining Waterfront Turf to Preserve the Quality of the Water

SOURCE: <http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/maintaining-waterfront-turf-to-preserve-water-quality>

Lawns adjacent to lakes, ponds, rivers or other surface water bodies should be regarded as sensitive areas. Though these lawn areas can benefit the water by filtering runoff water and protecting against soil erosion, it is important to understand the potential for turf maintenance activities to affect water quality.

Fertilizer Tips

Let's examine the classical nitrogen — phosphorus — potassium fertilizer mix and its potential impact on water quality. Nitrogen is the most soluble of these elements and therefore the most prone to leaching or runoff. It may enhance weed and algae growth that has detrimental effects on the quality of the water. Phosphorus has the greatest impact on aquatic weed growth and should be used on lawns adjacent to water only if need is determined by a soil test. Test the soil routinely. An aquatic expert estimates that 1 pound of phosphorus could support 775 pounds of algae growth. Phosphorus is not very soluble and is bound tightly to the soil. It usually enters the water attached to soil as a result of erosion. Therefore, prevent soil on your property from eroding into surface water. Potassium movement and impact are minimal and not considered a routine problem. Make a 5- to 10-foot buffer strip adjacent to any water body and apply minimal or no fertilizer to this strip.

Mowing Tips

Proper mowing can produce healthier turf that can withstand more stress and pest pressure. Mow high and regularly. Raising the mowing height will enhance the quality and health of your lawn. A height of 2.5 to 3.5 inches is a good recommendation for most turf species.

Irrigation Tips

Take control of the sprinkler! Early morning watering is best due to the lack of evaporation that takes place, low winds that can blow you lawn dry, high humidity and morning dew that adds to the moisture. During periods of adequate rainfall, turn the irrigation system off!

Excessive water following a fertilizer application raises the potential for these products to move in runoff water. A light watering after a fertilizer application will move these products into the thatch and root zone, significantly reducing the potential for them to reach surface waters.

Pesticide Use Tips

Remember to always follow label directions and spot treat areas rather than use blanket treatments whenever possible. Establish a buffer strip adjacent to the water where no pesticides are applied.

CONGRADULATIONS!!!

Charles Williamson was promoted to Public Works Crew Leader in recognition of his hard work and dedication over the past ten years



Christmas Trees Pick-up

If you would like the Village to pick up your old Christmas Trees (real, not artificial) remove all decorations, including tinsel. Place the trees in the right of way, but be sure it is not in the street. Our Public Works Department will be picking up the trees during the month of January. There is no set schedule. They will just pick them up when they see them as they are going through the Village performing all their other duties.

**Is your boat permit
current?
Purchase permits at
Village Hall
10 Pine Ridge Drive**



Permits are \$30.00 for first boat permit and \$5.00 for each additional permit.

Check or cash only.

New permits are valid until 12/31/2020



Race Date: Saturday, March 10, 2018

Events/Prices

1 Mile (\$15 / \$20 after 2/25)
 5k Run/Walk (\$20 / \$25 after 2/25)
 10k Run/Walk (\$25 / \$30 After 2/25)
 All K-12 students & staff in Moore County receive \$5 off registration fees, applicable only via paper registration form.

Location

Whispering Pines Police Station
 14 Hardee Lane, Whispering Pines, NC 28327

Race Day Schedule

7:00 a.m.- 9:00 a.m.- Late Registration & Packet Pick-Up
 8:15 a.m. – Leprechaun Leap 1 mile Fun Run
 8:45 a.m. – Lucky Charms Costume Contest
 9:15 a.m. – 5K start
 9:20 a.m. – 10K start immediately following 5K start

Early Packet Pickup

Friday, March 9, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
 Southern Pines Ace, 215 Capital Drive, (across from Harris Teeter near Whispering Pines)

Parking

Road closings will begin around 6:30 a.m. on race morning. Parking will be available near the start lines at the Whispering Pines Police Station, 14 Hardee Lane, with overflow parking at St. Paul Lutheran Church on Niagara-Carthage Rd. Please park only in designated church spaces and do not park on grass at the church.

Restrooms are available at the police station. Don't miss your start! Please plan accordingly.

Course

Roads will be marked and course marshals will help along the way. Familiarize yourself with your route and as always, Whispering Pines welcomes you to try out the courses leading up to race day.

School Competitions

Back in 2018! - School participation contests for cash

1st	Place	\$750
2nd	Place	\$450
3rd Place		\$300

Whether you run or walk, participation is great for your health, fun for you and your friends and YOU play a BIG, HUGE part in raising money for YOUR school and teachers who can apply for grants from race proceeds.

**To register or for more information:
<http://www.shamrocknrollrace.com/>**

Village of Whispering Pines Sponsored

Easter Egg Hunt

Date to be determined

Please check our website for details:
<http://whisperingpinesnc.net/events-calendar.html>

Easter Egg Hunt will start at **10:30am**
Don't be late !!!

Bring your basket and join us at the
 Village Community Center
 1320 Rays Bridge Road
 Children up to age 8.

Special prizes hidden in SPECIAL EGGS.
 Cookies and juice will be served

No pets allowed!



dates to Remember

**April 20, 21 and 22 –
 2018 Community Wide
 Spring Yard Sale**

Purchase your \$5 permit from
 Village Hall by **Friday, April 6, 2018**
 to have your address included
 in the ad in The Pilot

Saturday, April 21st, 2018

Annual Plant Sale

**Whispering Pines Garden
 Club.**

8am - 12pm

Whispering Pines Community

2018 Trash 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.

LABOR DAY: Monday, September 3rd – Household trash regularly scheduled for pick-up Monday, September 3rd will be picked up Wednesday, September 5th. There will be NO yard waste pick-up for this week.

THANKSGIVING DAY: Thursday, November 23th – NO recycling pick-up this week

CHRISTMAS DAY: Tuesday, December 25th - Household trash regularly scheduled for pick-up Tuesday, December 25th will be picked up Wednesday, December 26th. There is NO yard waste pick-up for this week.

NEW YEAR'S DAY: Tuesday January 1, 2019 - Household trash regularly scheduled for pick-up Tuesday, January 1st will be picked up Wednesday, January 2nd. There is NO yard waste pick-up for this week.

Please keep for reference throughout the year!

Whispering Pines VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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

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Rich Lambdin, Fire Rescue Chief

Whispering Pines Police Dept., 949-9961
Demonic Campbell, Police Chief

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

2018 VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

January 10 – 6pm
February 14 – 6pm
February 22 – Work Session 1pm
March 14 – 6pm
April 11 – 6pm
May 9 – 6pm
June 13 – 6pm

Bulk Rate
U.S. Postage
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Permit No. 80
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