



VILLAGE of WHISPERING PINES

MANAGER'S REPORT – MONTHLY

October 8, 2021

- Upcoming Holidays/Events
 - October 9, Fire Rescue Open House, 10am-2pm
 - October 22-24, Community-wide yard sale
 - October 28, Volunteer Appreciation Reception, 4pm-6pm
 - October 30, Community CPR Training, 9am
 - October 30, Halloween Games & Walk-thru, 5pm-9pm
 - November 11, Veterans Day Holiday, Village Hall Closed
- Upcoming Meetings
 - Wednesday, October 13, Council Meeting, 6pm
 - Monday, October 25, Lakes & Watershed, 6:30pm
 - Wednesday, October 27, Planning & Zoning, 4:30pm
 - Thursday, October 28, Council Work Session, 2pm
- Capital Project Update
 - Pine Lake Dam – NO CHANGE
 - BobK is soliciting cost proposals from qualified contractors to perform the approved scope of work.
 - Thagard Lake Dam – NO CHANGE
 - BobK is continuing to work on acquiring the materials necessary to complete the project. At least one (1) item is completely unavailable; therefore, BobK is coordinating with the Village Engineer on an acceptable material to substitute.
 - Lakeview Drive Bridge
 - Carolina Water Service (CWS) met with the subcontractor responsible for the directional borings for the water line to coordinate each of their roles and responsibilities. CWS is prepared to begin the valve shutoff and fire hydrant installation next week.



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- Lumen (formerly CenturyLink) submitted a proposed plan to relocate the existing fiber optic cable running underground parallel to Lakeview Drive in the construction zone. Initial indications are that Lumen is moving expeditiously to complete this relocation.
- Periodic road closures of Lakeview Drive will continue for the next couple weeks that will include some tree removal and other activities. The full-blown project start date and road closure will be updated as more information becomes available from Lumen regarding the relocation of the fiber optic cable.
- Code Enforcement
 - The following is a summary of code enforcement activities for the month of September.

<u>Violation</u>	<u>#</u>
• Boat	4
• Commercial Vehicle	2
• Debris	3
• Fence	1
• Lights	1
• Signs	5
• Trailer	10
• Travel Trailer	4
• Yard Nuisance	7
• Other	<u>3</u>
• TOTAL VIOLATIONS	40

- In addition to the new activities, there are 25 open violations that are in various stages of corrective action.
- Carolina Water Service (CWS)
 - The Village received the \$8,000 check from CWS for the landscaping and parking area improvements. A draft budget ordinance amendment will be



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included for Council consideration at the regular October meeting to acknowledge these funds.

- Received a copy of the recorded Easement Agreement.
- The target start date for construction of the water infiltration building is early November, with completion by the end the year.
- Public Works
 - Completed the clean-up from the concert and fireworks event.
 - Continued set-up preparations for the FRD Open House and the Halloween event later this month.
 - Corrected several minor issues that were identified during our meeting with the Risk Control Consultant from the NCLM. Additional items pertaining to signage and other minor issues will be corrected as soon as possible.
- Fire Rescue Department
 - On Tuesday & Wednesday, FRD visited Sandhills Farm Life Elementary School to provide a fire prevention and safety presentation.
 - Finalized preparations for the Open House scheduled for October 9.
 - Conducted training in preparation for the multi-county regional water haul planned for October 30.
- Administrative/Personnel Matters
 - The concert/firework event was a huge success and likely the most well attended Village event in our history, with estimated attendance between 600 – 900 people.
 - Village staff conducted an after-action review of the concert/firework event. Several improvements and operational changes were discussed to improve some logistical challenges.
 - Cindy met with the Village Auditor to discuss and review the initial draft of the financial statements for FY2021. The goal is to provide a copy of the audited financial statements to Council at the October work session. The full-blown



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annual comprehensive financial report (ACFR), formally referred to as the CAFR, will be presented to Council at the January work session.

- Permits issued (2021 season YTD)
 - Boats – 1090
 - Golf carts – 240
 - Community-wide yard sale - 22
- Committee Vacancies
 - Appointments to the Planning & Zoning Board and Tree Board is an agenda item for Council consideration.
- Vacant Positions
 - Public Works
 - One (1) Public Works Specialist (re-advertise in early January)
- 129 Lakeview Drive (Garage height violation) – NO CHANGE
 - The Village Attorney filed the Complaint with the Superior Court on September 20, requesting an injunction and order of abatement commanding the property be brought into compliance.
- Geneser lawsuit ref: Hummingbird Lane – NO CHANGE
 - The appeal remains in limbo. The Village Attorney is awaiting definitive feedback/action from the Cherry Attorney, which is unlikely until the Batchelor case is finalized.
- Batchelor lawsuit ref: Hummingbird Lane – NO CHANGE
 - The Batchelor attorney was responsible for preparing an Order that reflected the ruling, sharing it with opposing Counsel, then submitting it to the Court for execution. Unfortunately, the two attorneys (for Batchelor & Cherry) were not able to agree on the language to be included in the Order, which necessitated another court hearing on September 27. We are awaiting on the Court to issue the final Order.
 - In summary, the Village has no stake in this issue at this point in that there is no dispute that the portion of Hummingbird Lane outside the



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corporate limits of Whispering Pines is to be a private road and not part of the Village Street system.

- Cirillo Employment & Contract Claim – NO CHANGE
- The October & November Village Schedule, Event, & Meeting Calendar is attached.