



VILLAGE of WHISPERING PINES

MANAGER'S REPORT – MONTHLY

September 3, 2021

- Upcoming Holidays/Events
 - September 6, Labor Day, Village Hall Closed
 - October 2, Fall Concert & Fireworks, 6:30pm – 8:30pm
 - Food trucks, beer, wine, and video game truck
 - 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
- Upcoming Meetings
 - Wednesday, September 8, Council Meeting, 6pm
 - Thursday, September 23, Council Work Session, 2pm
 - Wednesday, September 29, Planning & Zoning, 4:30pm
- Capital Project Update
 - Pine Lake Dam
 - We received our Certificate of Approval to Modify from State Dam Safety, to proceed with the seepage collection system. BobK will be soliciting cost proposals from qualified contractors to perform the approved scope of work.
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 - Lakeview Drive Bridge
 - BobK and I participated in a virtual progress meeting that included the Village Engineer, our general contractor, and their engineer. All the



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materials for the project have been ordered and are expected to arrive in the next 3-4 weeks.

- To minimize the duration of the road closure, the contractor does not want to mobilize and open the road up until he has the materials on site or definitive delivery dates. Therefore, the tentative project start date is the beginning of October. The project completion window is about two (2) months.
- The general contractor has been coordinating the installation of the water line valves and fire hydrant with Carolina Water Service (CWS). Since the water line is not being attached to the bridge, the boring can be completed before, during, or after the actual bridge is constructed.

- Code Enforcement

- The following is a summary of code enforcement activities for the month of August.

<u>Violation</u>	<u>#</u>
• Boat	5
• Debris	1
• Pool	1
• Property Nuisance	1
• Signs	3
• Trailer	8
• Travel Trailer	3
• Yard Nuisance	7
• Other	<u>4</u>
• TOTAL VIOLATIONS	33

- In addition to the new activities, there are thirteen (13) open violations that are in various stages of corrective action.
- Carolina Water Service (CWS)



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- Easement Agreement (1300 Rays Bridge Road) – The Village Attorney completed the review for legal sufficiency with some proposed revisions. The Agreement has been signed and forwarded to CWS for execution and recording.
- The construction of the water treatment building is planned for completion by the end of this year. The beginning of construction is contingent upon building materials.
- Public Works
 - Bulky item pick-up
 - A total of 79 pick-ups were completed during the month of August. The next bulky-item pick-up is planned for February.
- Police Department (PD)
 - Probationary Police Officer Matthew Thomas has completed his field training program, which allows him to patrol by himself. This brings the PD back to full staff for the first time in about a year and a half.
 - As a result of the minor vehicle property damage collision involving a deer last weekend, an insurance claim has been completed. Draft Budget Amendment #4 is included in your packet for consideration at the regular Council meeting.
 - Ordinance Violation – Hunting
 - On Wednesday night, I was made aware of social media posts made earlier in the day that included pictures of several individuals carrying compound bows and at least one dead goose. The location of the individuals is allegedly at an undetermined location on the CCWP River course. I immediately contacted Jason and shared the information with him. On Thursday morning, Jason consulted with the State Wildlife Police to determine if any State or Federal laws were possibly violated, which based on the preliminary information available, it appears no State or Federal laws were broken.



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- However, hunting within the Village is an ordinance violation, as is the use of a compound bow. The PD is actively investigating this situation and attempting to identify the individuals involved. Jason will also be following up with CCWP Management to ensure they are aware of the same.
- Please remind residents the importance of contacting Village staff or the police department immediately when a concern or ordinance violation occurs. Learning about an issue after the fact makes it extremely difficult to address concerns.
- We will utilize social media and our upcoming newsletter to remind residents of the prohibition of hunting and the use of compound bows within the corporate limits.
- Fire Rescue Department
 - Took delivery of the three (3) new chain saws approved in the current budget. The old chain saws will be kept and maintained, which will enhance our ability to respond to significant weather events that results in multiple storm damage incidents.
 - A FRD vehicle was involved in a minor (scratch on bumper) vehicle property damage collision involving a Moore County ambulance on August 29. The FRD vehicle was parked and unoccupied on the scene of an emergency incident when the collision occurred. All accident documentation was completed; however, no insurance claim will be filed due to the minor nature of the damage.
- Administrative/Personnel Matters
 - On August 29, I attended a meeting organized by residents regarding the information provided during the Special Council meeting on August 19 and the Council work session on August 26 pertaining to the development of land in and around the areas of Goldenrod, Royal Woods, Princess Gate & Queens Cove.



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- On Wednesday, Cindy & I attended the special County Commissioner meeting regarding the American Rescue Plan (ARP), which included staff from NC-PRO (State office tasked with coordinating pandemic issues). Unfortunately, no information was provided we did not already have. The County is taking the same approach as we have, which is patience and information gathering. They have yet to approve any project to be funded with ARP monies.
- Our new Public Works Assistant Director, Mr. Damon Dean, began employment on Monday. We will introduce him to Council at the September work session. One of his first tasks will be developing a scope of work and seeking cost proposals to replace the existing HVAC system with the goal of using ARP funds.
- Planning & Zoning Board
 - Approved a Home Occupation for a personal trainer service at 4 Ainsley Avenue.
- Permits issued (2021 season YTD)
 - Boats – 1061
 - Golf carts – 232
- Committee Vacancies
 - Tree Board – NO CHANGE
 - Chairman (2-year term) position available for appointment in September.
 - Planning and Zoning Board – NO CHANGE
 - Village member (3-year term) position available for appointment in September.
- Vacant Positions
 - Public Works
 - One (1) Public Works Specialist (re-advertise in late September)
- Surplus property sale (various watercraft)



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- Received bids on seven (7) of the 13 surplus items advertised for sale. The items sold generated \$1,075 in revenue. The six (6) items not bid on will be placed on govdeals for two (2) weeks. Any item not purchased by the deadline will be disposed of.
- 129 Lakeview Drive – Linda has provided a variety of supporting documentation to the Village Attorney so he can finalize and file the Order of Abatement with the Court.
- Geneser lawsuit ref: Hummingbird Lane Update – the appeal remains in limbo. The Village Attorney is awaiting definitive feedback/action from the Cherry Attorney.
- Batchelor lawsuit ref: Hummingbird Lane Update – NO CHANGE
 - Still waiting on a copy of the executed Order that reflects that ruling. I will forward a copy of the executed Order to Council upon receipt.
- Cirillo Employment Claim – NO CHANGE
- The September & October Village Schedule, Event, & Meeting Calendar is attached.