



# VILLAGE of WHISPERING PINES

## MANAGER'S REPORT – MONTHLY

June 5, 2020

- Upcoming Events
  - Friday, July 3, Village Hall Closed for Holiday
  - Saturday, July 4, July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade
- Upcoming Meetings
  - Wednesday, June 10, Council Meeting, 6pm (Webex Electronic)
  - Wednesday, June 24, Planning & Zoning, 4:30pm
  - Thursday, June 25, Council Work Session, 2pm
- Duke Progress Energy Tree Removal
  - Duke Energy successfully removed three (3) large trees on Lakeview Drive that were jeopardizing the power lines.
  - The June Village newsletter will include a message to encourage residents to proactively contact Duke Energy directly to report trees that they feel jeopardize power lines on their property.
- Spring Valley Spillway
  - Still waiting on our “official” certificate to impound water. As a reminder, the inspector indicated it would be 3-4 weeks (from May 1<sup>st</sup> inspection) before we receive our certificate and possibly longer due to COVID-19.
- Public Works (PW)
  - As a follow-up to the work session discussion regarding the purchase of the mower, the acquisition will likely not occur until after July 1. The mower that was in stock has been sold and the availability of another in the next few weeks is unlikely due to COVID-19.
  - Dump truck is back in-service.
- Open Space Utilization Committee (met on July 2)
  - The committee reviewed the results of the resident surveys (369 received) and began developing a prioritization of the proposed amenities. The committee is scheduled to meet again on July 7, at which time they plan to



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finalize their recommendation to Council. Tentatively, the plan is to have the Committee present their recommendation to Council at the regular meeting on Wednesday, August 12.

- Code Enforcement

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

<u>Violation</u>	<u>#</u>
▪ Trailers	4
▪ Yard Nuisance	2
▪ Other	<u>4</u>
▪ TOTAL VIOLATIONS	10

- 370 Queens Cove Way (Minimum Housing Ordinance Violation)
  - The owner has until, Friday, July 10 (45 days) to complete the demolition. A draft budget ordinance amendment will be presented for your review at the June work session that will authorize the Village to complete the demolition (at the owner's expense) if the owner does not complete the demolition by the deadline.
- Coronavirus Response (COVID-19)
  - Executive Order No. (EO) 141, also referred to as "Phase 2", remains in effect and is set to expire on Friday, June 26, 5pm.
  - Muckraker operations have resumed with volunteers practicing social distancing and wearing face coverings.
- Fire Rescue Department (FRD)
  - Received official notification from the Office of the State Fire Marshal that our rating inspection will be conducted on September 9, 2020. The data that will be collected during the survey falls into one of three (1) categories:
    - Water supply and distribution system, water haul operations, including actual hydrant flow tests.
    - Fire department staffing, equipment, and training



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- Means for receiving/handling of fire alarms. We rely completely upon the Moore County 911 center for this component of the rating.
- Preparing for the rating inspection will be labor intensive with compiling the required documentation, as well as managing and overseeing staff preparations and responsibilities related to the inspection.
- Boat Storage in Village Parks
  - The deadline for applications is Friday, June 12, 2020.
  - The regular Council meeting in June will include an agenda item to determine the annual boat storage slot fee.
- Protest Response
  - Jason & I participated in multiple conference calls with the County Sheriff, the County Manager, County Commissioner Chairman, police chiefs, managers, and some elected officials from neighboring municipalities regarding the countywide preparation and response to protests and services regarding the death of George Floyd.
  - At the time of this writing (Friday morning), another conference call is scheduled for this afternoon to discuss the implementation of a State of Emergency (SoE) that would include a curfew. The curfew would be in effect on Saturday & Sunday, between 10pm to 6am each night.
  - If a countywide curfew is recommended by the Sheriff based on information/intelligence from Federal and State resources, then Jason & I recommend the Village sign onto the SoE/curfew, which would make it applicable to the Village. The primary purpose of the countywide approach is uniformity across multiple municipalities and the County's ability to streamline the messaging and publication of the SoE/curfew. The County intends to execute the SoE/curfew decision by 5pm Friday, if warranted.
- Administrative/Personnel Matters



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- The Police Department continues to be down two (2) officers with a 3<sup>rd</sup> officer unavailable (likely until the middle of July) with a non-job/non-COVID related illness.
  - Dakota Pratt, new police officer, was sworn-in on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, and is scheduled to begin employment on June 8, 2020.
  - A conditional job offer letter was provided to the second new police officer, contingent upon his successful completion of his medical exam. He is tentatively scheduled to begin on June 22, 2020.
- Received an executed copy of the lease agreement from Carolina Water (CW) for the old rescue squad building.
- Geneser lawsuit ref: Hummingbird Lane Update – The Village Attorney received notification that the Mr. & Mrs. Cherry retained an attorney to represent them. Otherwise, no change in status.
- Batchelor lawsuit ref: Hummingbird Lane Update – same as above.
- The June & July Village Schedule, Event, & Meeting Calendar is attached.