



# The Whispering Pines Village Voice

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## Village Boards Vacancies

Want to be involved in the decisions made regarding the Village? You can!!!

The following Boards need volunteers:

### **Board of Adjustment**

Member from Village

Alternate Member from ETJ

### **Planning & Zoning Board**

Alternate member from Village

Alternate member from ETJ

### **Lakes & Watershed Board**

Cardinal Lake Representative (applicants must live on or in close proximity to the lake they are applying for)

To apply for a volunteer committee position:

Go online and apply at <http://whisperingpinesnc.net/forms.aspx?fid=557>

Stop by Village Hall to fill out a Volunteer Application Form.  
Village Hall, 10 Pine Ridge Drive, Whispering Pines, NC 28327

Or email Linda at [Ichristopher@whisperingpinesnc.net](mailto:Ichristopher@whisperingpinesnc.net)

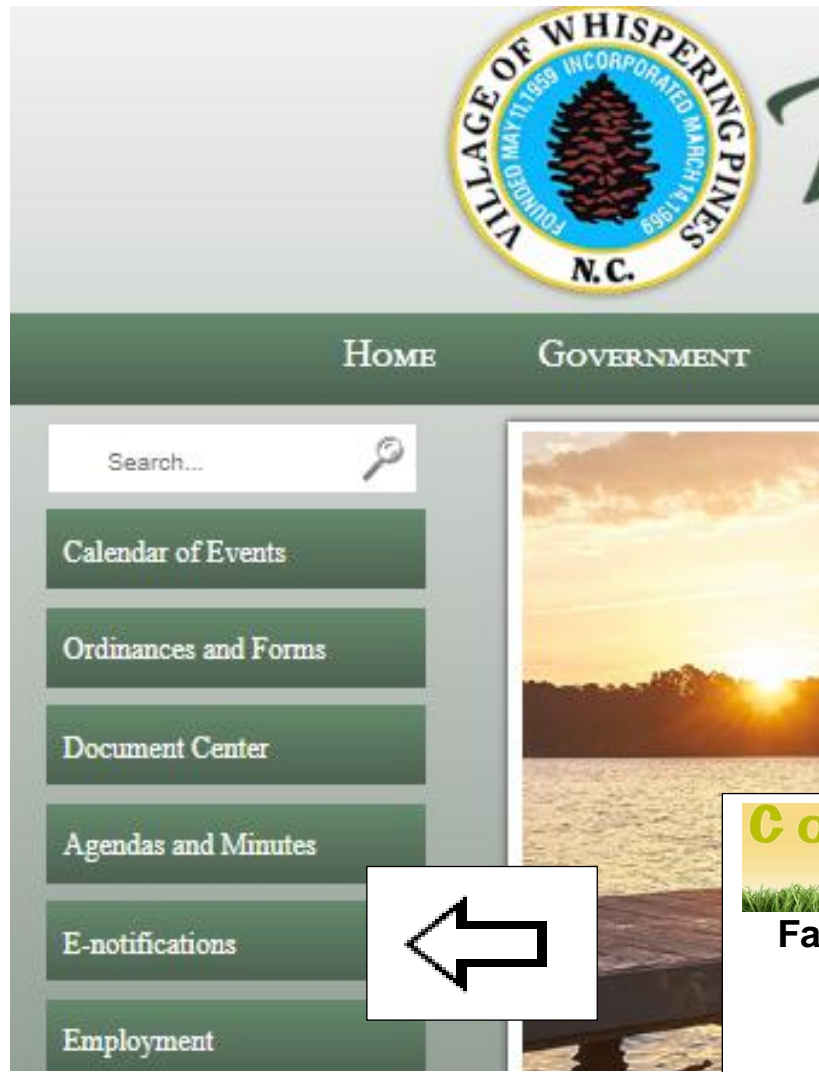
## **Bulky Item Pickup**

For the convenience of Whispering Pines residents, the Village offers an additional service for Bulky Item Pick Up. This service is designed to help residents dispose of certain types of bulky or awkward household items, such as old mattresses, water heaters, sofas, and chairs. This service is provided once per calendar year and is free. To schedule a bulky item pickup, please contact Village Hall at (910) 949-3141 x11. We will schedule the pick up on Mondays during the month of August.

Please note you must call before Friday at 4:00 PM the week before to schedule a Monday pickup. There is a maximum capacity and preference will be given to early callers. If you have any questions regarding the Bulky Item Collection Program, please contact Village Hall at 910-949-3141 x 11.

## E-NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

If you would like to know what is going on in the Village, please sign up for the new e-notification system. Linda DOES NOT send informational e-mails out anymore. If you have not signed up for the new service yet, go to [www.whisperingpinesnc.net](http://www.whisperingpinesnc.net) and sign up.



### **WHO DO I CALL?**

If there is a problem with your household trash, yard waste and recycling call Village hall at 910-949-3141 x 11. Please do not call the Whispering Pines Public Works Department for problems with these services.

## LAKE SPRAYING

**August 6th** has been set for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final lake spraying for this year, weather permitting.

Irrigation restrictions are based on the day of spraying. All irrigation drawn from a sprayed lake or pond must stop for a **five day** period following the spraying.

Information regarding the spraying will be posted and updated during the spraying on the Village website and the Village Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/186701705267809/>

Call 910-949-3141 x 11 for any other questions or details.



### **Fall Community Wide Yard Sale**

**Friday, October 19th**  
**Saturday, October 20th**  
**Sunday, October 21st**

Get your permit from Village Hall by Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup> if you want your address included in the Pilot ad.

**Village Hall – 10 Pine Ridge Drive.**  
**8:30am - 4:30pm**  
**Permit: \$5.00 check or cash**



## Whispering Pines Police Department

Chief Domic Campbell

After *25 years of service* with the Whispering Pines Police Department Master Police Officer John Tate will retire from the department on August 31, 2018.



Officer Tate started his career as a police officer with the Vass Police Department on December 31, 1990 and on March 1, 1993 he joined the Whispering Pines Police Department. Officer Tate has been a great asset

to our community and Police Department. He will be missed by our residents, Village staff and fellow officers. We wish Officer Tate well in his future endeavors.

In preparation for Officer Tate's retirement Officer Jessica Howard joined the Whispering Pines Police Department in July. Welcome Officer Howard.

## DOGS, DOGS, DOGS

**CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG. HELP KEEP OUR PARKS AND VILLAGE CLEAN FOR ALL RESIDENTS TO ENJOY.**

By Village Ordinance the owner or custodian of any dog shall be responsible for cleaning up of dog waste deposited on all right of ways and other properties (including vacant lots) within the Village.

The department receives numerous calls about dogs running loose in the Village or barking. The Village ordinance pertaining to dogs states that dogs must be on a leash when not on the owner's own property. Barking, howling or crying continuously for a period of 10 minutes or more or intermittently for ½ hour or more is considered a public nuisance.



Since school is out for the summer, please watch out for children playing throughout the Village. Parents should watch their children when playing outdoors. The Police Department strongly recommends that children should never be allowed to play on streets that are thoroughfares through a neighborhood. Even with a speed limit of 25 mph it is still dangerous for children. If children are playing near a roadway or in a cul-de-sac they should always be supervised.



### And when school starts again:

Children waiting for school buses should wait in a safe place well away from the road. They should not run and play in the roadway or leave book bags in the roadway. If children must cross the road to get on the bus they should wait until the bus has come to a full stop and check for traffic both ways before entering the roadway. Also, when exiting a school bus children should check traffic both ways before crossing the road.

### WEAR REFLECTIVE CLOTHING WHEN WALKING IN THE DARK

The days will soon be getting shorter and it will get dark earlier. Please remember to make sure you are visible when walking in the dark. Residents have been observed walking, biking, walking dogs, etc., in the roadway when it is dark. Due to curvy roads and the lack of street lights it is very difficult for motorists to see people walking. Please wear bright/reflective clothing - preferably a reflective vest or carry a light (but do not shine the light at vehicles).

## SLOW DOWN

Speeding is a common complaint in our neighborhoods. The Police Department is doing their part to enforce the speed limit. We ask that all residents do their part and obey the speed limit. The speed limit is 25 mph on interior streets. The speed limit is 35 mph on Ray's Bridge Road, Airport Road, Hardee Lane and Niagara Carthage Road.



Golf carts may only be operated on local streets and roads with a posted speed limit for motor vehicles of 35 miles per hour or less but only in accordance with the following provisions.

- No person may operate a golf cart unless that person is licensed to drive upon the streets and highways of North Carolina and then, only in accordance with such driver's license.
- An operator of a golf cart must be at least sixteen years of age.
- Only the number of people the golf cart is designed to seat may ride on a golf cart, specifically, passengers shall not be carried on the part of a golf cart designed to carry golf bags.
- No golf cart may be operated in a careless or reckless manner.
- **Golf carts must be operated to the extreme right of the roadway and must yield to all vehicular and pedestrian traffic.**
- Golf carts may be operated only during daylight hours, with the exception of golf carts equipped with operating lights and reflectors. Golf carts with operating lights and reflectors may operate for one hour before sunrise and two hours past sunset.
- Golf carts must be operated in accordance with all state and local laws and ordinances, including all laws, regulations and ordinances pertaining to the possession and use of alcoholic beverages.
- Golf carts must have the basic equipment supplied by the manufacturer, including a vehicle identification number. Such equipment must include all safety devices as installed by said manufacturer, including lights and reflectors if the vehicle is to be operated at any time before sunrise or after sunset.
- The Chief of Police, or his designee, may prohibit or limit the operation of golf carts on any street or road if the Chief determines that the prohibition is necessary in the interest of safety.
- Golf carts authorized for use may be operated in the Village of Whispering Pines on public streets and roads only within the corporate limits of the Village of Whispering Pines.
- Golf carts shall not be operated on or across any public or private properties without the permission of the property owner.



**Village of Whispering Pines  
Finance Officer**

Cindy Graham

**FISCAL YEAR 2018-19 GENERAL FUND  
BUDGET ADOPTED**

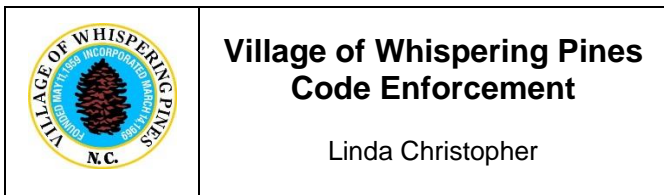
At their regular meeting on June 13, the Village Council approved a balanced FY2018-19 General Fund budget in the amount of \$3,432,021. Operating costs for FY2018-19 are projected at \$3,222,957 of the General Fund budget. The Village's mission continues to be to provide the highest level of professional residential service possible in a cost-effective manner. There is no property tax increase to the current rate of .37 per \$100 valuation.

Of the approved General Fund budget, \$209,064 is for a number of capital projects, including, but not limited to:

- The acquisition of a new financial software system to replace the existing 20 year-old system.
- The replacement of exterior signage for the Village Hall, the Police Station, and the Fire Rescue department.
- The acquisition of a printer/plotter that will facilitate printing of large documents, such as: surveys, maps, development proposals, and more.
- A vehicle replacement for both the Police and Public Works departments.
- Replacement of fire hose, personal protective equipment, and self-contained breathing apparatus for the Fire Rescue department.
- Update of the Police departments Child Identification software.
- Continued care of Village streets including street repairs, resurfacing, restriping and maintenance.
- The continued maintenance and repair of the Village's dams as necessary.
- At no cost during this fiscal year, the Fire Rescue department will contract to replace an existing 21-year old fire engine that will be delivered the fall of 2019.

The Village has a Capital Reserve Fund for major repairs to Village infrastructure, which is funded by a restricted .05 tax levy adopted in 2010. In FY 2017-18, the Police Station building was added to and renovated using funds from the Capital Reserve.

As a whole, the Village remains in a solid fiscal position with most economic indicators showing positive trends allowing for initiatives that preserve the special character and uniqueness of the Village.



**Village of Whispering Pines  
Code Enforcement**

Linda Christopher

Certain Village ordinances continue to be violated on a regular basis. Here are a couple of friendly reminders. Please see the full ordinance wording, available at [www.whisperingpinesnc.net](http://www.whisperingpinesnc.net) for additional information.

**Boats / Watercraft** – Code of Ordinances, Chapter I:

All boats or watercraft used on Village lakes MUST have a current Village boat sticker properly displayed.

Non-lakefront residents may store hand launched watercraft at Village owned access areas **IF** a boat rack has been installed **AND** there is available space on the rack (not on the ground).

Floats, platforms, trampolines or other water devices / equipment may not be permanently anchored in the lakes. This type of equipment may be used on Village lakes but must be removed daily.

**Recreational Vehicles, Boats and Trailers** – Land Development Ordinance, Section 4.10

The parking and or storage of such vehicles is prohibited unless enclosed or appropriately screened from view from the street and adjoining properties.

**Trash Cans** – Code of Ordinances, Chapter E:

Unless they have been placed out for pickup; trash cans should not be visible from the street.

Trash cans shall not be placed out for pickup prior to 3:00 p.m. the day before a scheduled pickup.

Trash cans must be removed from view and properly stored by 7:00 p.m. the day of pickup.

Trash cans / containers are only permitted to be placed at the street on Wednesday for yard waste.

**Unkempt or Nuisance Properties** – Code of Ordinances, Chapter E:

The following are prohibited:

Areas allowed to hold stagnant or standing water which become a breeding ground for mosquitoes, rats and other pests.

A place of growth of poison ivy, poison oak or other noxious vegetation.

Weeds or grass in excess of eight inches in height.

A concentration of combustible items.

A concentration of building materials.

An open collection of any garbage, food waste or animal waste.

The parking or storage of inoperable or unlicensed vehicles.

**Recreational/ Play Equipment** – Land Development Ordinance, Section 4.12

ALL recreational or play equipment must be located in the rear yard and within the required setbacks.



**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 watch your children and never leave them unattended. Constant supervision is the most effective method to prevent drowning.
- Do not rely on floatation devices to protect your children from drowning. You must supervise at all times.
- Have a phone nearby.
- Have children swim in pairs – the “buddy system”.
- If a child is missing – check the pool first.
- Teach your child how to swim. Visit <http://www.sandshark.org>
- Learn CPR. Visit [www.redcross.org/nc/southern-pines](http://www.redcross.org/nc/southern-pines)
- 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.

**STAY HEALTHY**

Throughout the course of the summer there will be periods of unhealthy high temperatures and humidity. Drink plenty of water throughout the course of each day, wear light colored clothing and take frequent breaks in an air conditioned environment. If someone is sweating profusely with a pale skin color and is ill with any or all of the following symptoms; cramps, light headedness, dizziness, shortness of breath and nausea; remove them to a shady or air conditioned area, provide them with water and cool wet compresses to help reduce their body temperature. These symptoms could indicate that the person is possibly suffering from heat exhaustion. If their condition does not improve within a matter of a couple minutes; call 911.

## VILLAGE PARKS

The Village has many parks for residents to enjoy. We recognize that some of the parks get very crowded and parking is limited. If a park is crowded please visit one of the other parks that are less crowded. Remember that parking in the roadway is never allowed. Also, the Village has an ordinance that prohibits dogs being off of a leash so for those that take their dogs to the parks remember they must be on a leash at all times.

If you have guests that would like to use the lakes and parks (not being accompanied by the resident) you can obtain a guest pass from the police department free of charge.

## VILLAGE LAKES

### Thagard Lake:

12 South Lakeshore Dr - picnic area, boat storage racks, car accessible boat ramp.

57 Lakeview Dr - swimming area; boat storage racks.

### Spring Valley Lake:

68 Pine Ridge Dr - picnic area, boat storage racks (canoes and kayaks only), car accessible boat ramp. 204 Pine Ridge Dr - boat storage racks (canoes and kayaks only), swimming area.

### Pine Lake:

Car accessible boat ramp on Niagara Carthage Rd.

Boat storage racks at 112 Pine Lake Dr.

### Fly Rod Lake:

Car accessible boat ramp on Sunset Dr.

### Shadow Lake:

Car accessible boat ramp access after 57 Shadow Dr.

### Whisper Lake:

Car accessible boat ramp next to 1 Dewberry Dr.

### Blue Lake:

Hand launch boat only.

### Cardinal Lake:

Hand launch boat only.

## PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

### Whisper Grove Park/Playground:

Located on Whisper Grove Ct.

### Blue Lake Park/Playground

At the corner of Pine Ridge Drive and Banning Dr

### Thagard Lake Park/Playground:

12 South Lakeshore Drive

### Princess Gate Park/Playground:

40 Princess Gate Dr

Our newest park – Opened July 2018

### **Summerfield Park**

471 Goldenleaf Circle



# THE WHISPERING PINES FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT

Cordially invites you to attend our

# FIRE SAFETY OPEN HOUSE



## Saturday, October 13, 2018



Open House from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

At the Whispering Pines Fire Rescue Station, 16 Hardee Lane, Whispering Pines

Free hot dogs, lemonade, sweet tea, cupcakes and popcorn.

Live fire & rescue evolutions & demonstrations!!!

Fire prevention and educational displays, handouts and activities, including: Junior Firefighter Helmets, coloring books, Smokey the Bear, Sparky Funhouse, and much more!!!

For additional information call (910) 949-2400 or [rmlambdin@wpfirerescue.com](mailto:rmlambdin@wpfirerescue.com)

# 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

Whispering Pines Fire Rescue Dept. , 949-2400  
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

Village Hall will be closed on Monday,  
September 3, 2018 for Labor Day

**DON'T FORGET!**

## **HOLIDAY TRASH PICK-UP SCHEDULE**

**LABOR DAY:** Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> –

Household trash regularly scheduled for pick-up Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> will be picked up Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. There will be NO yard waste pick-up for this week.

**Want to stay informed about what is happening in the Village?**

- 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  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/186701705267809/>

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