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June 24, 2011

Breaking Ground



The Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines broke ground for a significant expansion on Sunday, June 19. Among the Chapel Faithful taking part in the ceremony were Dora Lancaster, Peggy Olsen, Reverend Charles Hinson, Jane Lowe, Helen Simpson, Reverend Cecil Callis, and Bob Jaeger.

How many SLLA renters?

by Laura Douglass Times Reporter

The Times

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Good humor and constructive commentary set the tone for the Town Hall meeting sponsored by the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] Board of Directors on Monday, June 20. The Bob Darr of comments —

well-attended event included informal discussions on lake safety, speeding and other security issues, as well paving and community standards concerns. However, the first order of business was a rebuttal by SLLA President

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Westsiders favor new mailhouse

by Stacy Naughton Times Reporter

Public comment overwhelmingly favored the building of a new Westside mailhouse during the Monday, June 20 Town Hall meeting called by the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] to gather input on the issue.

Though concern was raised about to the projected \$260,000 to \$470,000 cost. that didn't deter maihouse supporters. The Long Range Planning [LRP] Committee - which has been investigating the pros and cons of mail delivery for the community — has recommended that Seven Lakes West build one or more mailhouses

onsite within the next two fiscal years. The next step is for the LRP Committee to present its recommendation — for a second time — to the SLWLA Board of Directors at their June 28 work ses-

Former SLWLA President Ron Shepard, who is a member of the LRP Committee, gave Town Hall attendees the same presentation he gave to the Board last month, reviewing the pros and cons of onsite delivery to one or more mailhouses within the community, versus having members rent boxes at the West End Post Office. According to Director Don Freiert, the Board's liaison with LRP,

(See "Mailhouse," p. 11)

Board debates gate access policy

by Stacy Naughton Times Reporter

Stickers? Barcodes? Hangtags?

How best to move residents of Seven Lakes North and South through the gates of Seven Lakes West was a topic of debate at the Tuesday, June 14 meeting of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] Board of Directors, who decided that it's a question they need to address much earlier for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 than they have for 2011-2012.

Safety and Security Director Jim McCarthy and Community Manager Joan Frost, who had met with representatives of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] to discuss options, proposed a system much like

what has been in place during the past year: issuing special windshield stickers to SLWLA members who want easy access through the gates of the other community and permitting Westside access to North and South-side residents based on their SLLA stickers. Westside gate guards would record the sticker or license plate numbers of those SLLA-registered vehicles as they enter the community.

McCarthy said the SLLA has no objection to permitting Westsiders passage through the North and South gates, but added that the West Side would like to track who is coming through the gates for security reasons. "They have a [security] patrol over

(See "Gates," p. 27)

Guild members skeptical about water deal

by Darrell Marks, President Seven Lakes Business Guild

The June meeting of the Seven Lakes Business Guild was hosted by Phoenix Fashions on Monday, June 20.

A small but spirited group was in attendance for a meeting held with the expressed purpose of gathering thoughts and opinions from the business community concerning the proposed inclusion of Seven Lakes in the new North West Moore Water District, prior to a discussion of the issue by the Greater Seven Lakes Community Council scheduled for Thursday, June

1 tion. Anyone available to help should call Kim Tew at 673-4240. Additional information about the event will be shared as it in made available.

Guild President Darrell Marks also announced that the second "Meet the Merchants" of the year would be held on Saturday, August 27, in the area in front of Phoenix Fashions, from CommunityOne Bank to Seven

Before the potentially hot button issue could be addressed, Kim Tew of Jubilee Screen Printing announced that the date for the annual Chili Cook-off would be Saturday, October

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8, from 11 am to 2 pm. The event has been one of the Guild's best fundraisers, and Tew asked for volunteers to assist her in making sure that this year was no exception. Anyone available to help should call Kim Tew at 673-4240. Additional information about the event will be shared as it in made available.

Guild President Darrell the second "Meet the Merchants" of the year would be held on Saturday, August 27, in the area in front of Phoenix Fashions, from CommunityOne Bank to Seven Lakes Friendly Mart. This annual "thank you" to the local community will feature live music, free and discounted food, fundraisers for local non-profits, and fun attractions for all ages. Information on this event can be gained by calling Marks at 673-5998.

The meeting then turned

to the issue of the proposed water district, and Marks opened the discussion by acknowledging that he felt he had at least 45 minutes worth of reasons why Seven Lakes' participation in the District was a bad idea, but preferred instead of sharing his opinions to hear what questions and concerns the members present had. After no one stepped forward with a ringing endorsement of the proposal — or even modest support for that matter the questions asked ranged from "why now?" to "why

Since the preliminary costs announced are significantly higher than rate payers in Seven Lakes presently pay, concerns about eventual costs and the ability to absorb those costs in a tough economy were of concern to several business persons. Everyone present knew that talks of the district are still in the

early stages, but agreed that deals being put forward by the county to assure the participation of Robbins in the District have the potential to impact the total cost of starting the District, and therefore add costs to the Seven Lakes rate payers, even though no one from this area has as yet been included in any discussions with other participants. Dollars and cents decisions agreed to prior to our inclusion in the discussions were likened to closing the barn door after

the horses had all gone their merry way.

As a closing thought, everyone was reminded of the guarantee given to Seven Lakers at the last meeting between the Community Council and the County Commissioners that the issue would be put to a vote before the inclusion of Seven Lakes in the proposed district. With that in mind, the meeting was adjourned. The discussion of this issue has now begun. The Guild welcomes your input on this matter.

Alzheimer's Support Group

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Foxfire budget holds no major changes

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

With no tax increase or major new expenses on the table, few questions were raised during a sparsely attended public hearing to review the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Budget proposed for the Village of Foxfire.

Presenting a thorough summary on Tuesday, June 14, Finance Director Leslie Frusco estimated the real property and motor vehicle total valuation at \$157.9 million, which is a \$1.1 million increase over last year. Other revenue sources include sales tax, permits and fees, Powell Bill funds, fund balance appropriation, and Woodland Circle assessments, among others, for total budgeted revenue of \$882,100. Both revenue and expenditures show a 10% increase for 2011-2012.

Debt service includes annual payments toward three

loans incurred by Foxfire, with outstanding principle amounts of \$200,000 for the Village Green Park, \$413,673 for new water wells, and \$2,165,294 for the Woodland Circle extension project.

The total proposed expenditures of \$882,100 include a slight increase in overall salaries and benefits, and also a five percent increase in overall administration costs, at \$178,090, primarily due to anticipated election expenses and replacement of the main computer server at Foxfire Village offices.

With a less than one percent increase, the \$192,700 public safety budget includes one full time chief, one full time officer, one K9 officer, and one auxiliary part-time officer. The \$100,800 fire contract budget with West End Fire Rescue increased 3.7 percent, because growth in property valuation increased proceeds from the

fire tax.

The \$176,950 budget for streets and roads includes \$32,000 in Powell Bill funds and \$80,000 from the fund balance that was received from the new owners of the country club for three years back payment on taxes. According to Frusco, work will include several deferred maintenance and beautification projects.

"We hope to organize a series of beautification days to use volunteer labor to do the work, while using Village funds to purchase materials," Frusco said. We have a number of proposed projects but we are also open to new ideas."

Pool and park expenditures, estimated at \$50,600, show a fourteen percent decrease due to major repairs completed in FY2010-2011.

Foxfire Village maintains a \$25,000 capital reserve and a \$5,980 contingency fund.

A sixteen percent decrease in Water Fund revenue, anticipated at \$234,550, is projected due to the use of fund balance monies to repair and maintain the water tank in FY2010-2011. Any revenue in excess of expenses this year will be reserved in the water fund balance. Water fund expenditures include salaries at \$60,600, operational costs at \$87,970, debt service at \$48,760, and a \$37,220 contingency fund.

Long Range Planning

A draft copy of the longawaited community survey developed by the Long Range Planning Committee was distributed to the Foxfire Village Council for review and comment.

Chair Mick McCue said the survey should be complete and available to residents in the near future and clarified that he was not asking for Council approval — rather he was interested in their feedback before proceeding.

"The survey questions grew from interviews and discussions with Village staff and focus groups," he explained.

Frusco responded that her concern is not content, but control over how the surveys will be distributed and then counted

"It taints the validity for decision-making for what the survey was intended to do," she warned, noting that a prior survey was numbered so responses could be identified. "I would be thrilled with a 100% response; but if we're not just mailing surveys, but also having them everywhere else to be picked up, you could run the risk

(See "Foxfire," p. 20)

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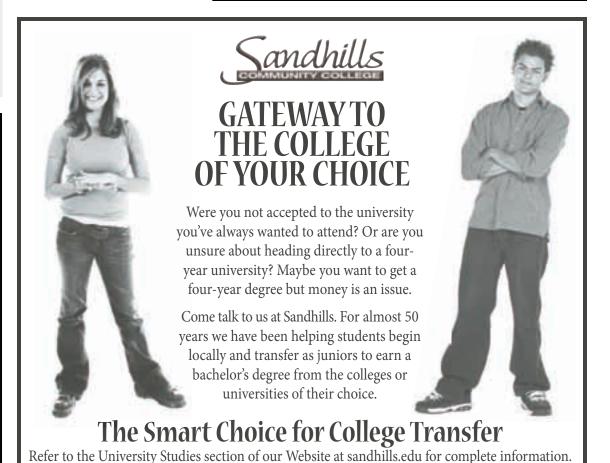
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How best to enforce rules on Lake Sequoia?

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

Reckless boating and risky maneuvers on Lake Sequoia by a small number of chronic offenders had some residents calling for outside professional law enforcement to resolve problems as lake security and boating safety concerns dominated discussion at the Monday, June 13 Work Session of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] Board of Directors.

"The question has come up — it is almost a demand — to bring in Wildlife [the NC Wildlife Resources Commission] on the Fourth of July holiday weekend to prevent something bad from happening on the lake," reported Lakes & Dams Director Don Fentzlaff.

And while there is progress toward creating a fast track Judicial Committee process to handle violations deemed dangerous or so flagrant as to require immediate action, Fentzlaff told his fellow Board members that the system may not be in place in time to prevent a recurrence of bad behavior over the busy holiday.

However, others at the Work Session recommended more research before inviting Wildlife officers onto the lakes.

"I'm not sure Wildlife regulations are in sync with our [community] rules," said Northsider Jim Allen, who also serves on the Lakes & Dams Committee. "It's fine to say they can contribute by arresting a drunken boater; but, by bringing them in are we putting ourselves in a position to have them enforce things that we don't?"

"This is opening a Pandora's Box and we need to understand what we're doing before we do it," Allen continued. "I'm concerned the cure may be worse than the disease."

Northsider Deb Temple also cautioned against looking to Wildlife as a quick solution to the community's boating problems.

"What I see is too many boats pulling tubers at one time," Temple said. "Wildlife can't do anything about that [the number of boats in the ski area at any one time is restricted by Association rules, not state regulations]. I see motorboats racing each other and Wildlife won't do anything about that," she said

Allen agreed and noted that reckless boating, not speeding, is the prime concern, as most boats on Lake Sequoia travel under 35 mph, a figure supported by an informal study conducted by Security Director Andy Lowe, who used a hand-held radar device to check speeds last weekend.

Lowe reported the majority of boats in the ski area at Lake Sequoia were traveling between 20 and 23 mph, with the fastest boat clocked at 30 mph. He told the Board he intends to ride along with the community Boat Patrol officer over the upcoming Fourth of July weekend to continue monitoring speeding on the lake.

Protocol to prosecute boating violations

During discussion, the Board briefly mentioned one boating safety incident that is currently under review by the Judicial Committee using the standard hearing process; but Fentzlaff explained that there needs to be a second, quicker protocol in place to deal with serious, flagrant offenses.

"We have to determine a procedure to notify an offender [written warning] and then move on if he doesn't correct the behavior," Fentzlaff said. "Do we take it to Judicial or do we fine them? If a fine doesn't work, then do we take it back to Judicial at that point?"

Recreation Director Bob Racine, a retired attorney, noted there is no way to accurately determine a boat has been speeding and have it hold up as evidence in a Judicial hearing [only certified law enforcement officers using calibrated equipment may issue citations]. However, he did encourage residents who witness reckless boating incidents to come forward to offer testimony.

"If we can get good factual information, then we can issue a citation," Racine said. "It is a question of having facts. Judicial has the power to levy fines. If they [the

offenders] refuse to pay the fines, we can put a lien on their property."

One idea that gained traction during the roundtable discussion was a more open reporting of incidents and any specific action taken by Judicial Committee.

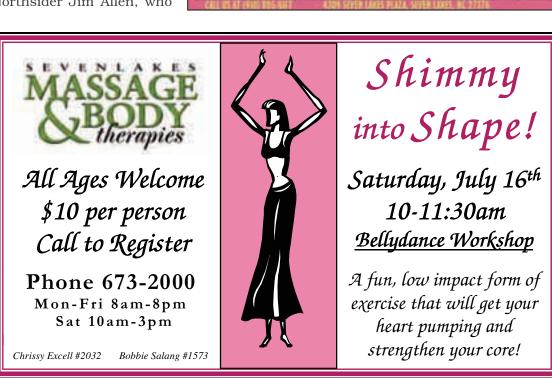
"If you want people to adhere to rules, you need to make the offenses known to the public," recommended Northsider Joan DeBruin. "People need to see it in print to react. They don't comply now, because there are no consequences."

Enforcement of boat stickers

Continuing the wide-ranging discussion of boat safety and security concerns, Fentzlaff also recommended placing a sign at the Northside entrance gate that requests all vehicles pulling boats and trailers to use the guest lane.

(See "SLLA," p. 12)







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County approves Fiscal Year 2011-2012 budget

by Stacy Naughton Times Reporter

Moore County's Fiscal Year 2011-2012 budget was adopted by the Board of Commissioners at their Tuesday, June 21 meeting in a three-to-one vote. Commissioner Tim Lea voted against budget adoption, and Commissioner Jimmy Melton was absent from the meeting due to illness

With Board of Education members in the audience, the budget was adopted without any increase in local funding for Moore County schools. However, Chairman Nick Picerno did present over \$100,000 in budget changes — which were approved by the Board — before the budget was adopted. The FY2011-2012 General Fund budget comes in just shy of \$85 million.

Out of the twelve budget amendments requested by Chairman Picerno, three were opposed by Commissioner Lea and sparked a lively debate. In one particular amendment, Commissioner Lea questioned the Board's stand on accepting state or federal grant money if it does not cause a direct financial impact on Moore County taxpayers.

After the Board rejected a request to use NC Department of Transportation [NCDOT] funding to save a currently-unfilled county position, Commissioner Lea fired back:"Reject grant money that does not cost local taxpayer any money at all? If you are going to single out one department, why are we not hearing this speech" every time we get a grant request. Previously in the meeting, the Board had unanimously approved an application for other grant

The Board also approved
— with Commissioner Lea
in opposition — a motion to
withdraw its membership in

the National Association of Counties, which will make Moore County the only county in the state to not be affiliated with this organization.

Lea also opposed continuing the Longevity Program for county, employees, arguing that, in the current economic climate, many counties in the state are doing away with longevity pay for employees and moving towards performance based pay.

In the end the Commissioners thanked the County Staff for their hard work towards creating the budget for the upcoming year. "The team has done an excellent job," said Commissioner Lea.

"I enjoyed the spirited debate," said Chairman Picerno, "and look forward to seeing what the future holds."

Redefining Voting Districts

The League of Women Voters urged the Board during Tuesday's meeting to consider a resolution that would rede-

fine the five residency districts for Commissioners and Board of Education members, so that the population in those districts would be as equal as possible. Research on the question that began in 2005 led the League to its recommendation that the districts need to be realigned.

Currently, Moore County is divided into five residency districts; with the largest population of 24,000 residing in District II — where Seven Lakes and West End fall — with a combined contribution of nearly 8,000 voters. The voting population, according to NC law, should be divided as equally as possible among the districts.

So, dividing Moore County's 88,000 residents by five, each district should ideally have a population of 17,500. However, both District II and District III fail to meet this ideal population. District III includes Robbins, West Moore, Bensalem, and Deep

River-High Falls and, at 12,000, is far below the target population.

Seven Lakes West resident Carolyn Mealing, who is Co-Chair of the League's Redistricting Committee, presented the Board of Commissioners with voting district inequalities. Milligan said the last time that the districts were redefined was in 1995; and. with the 2010 census recently complete. it is time for the voting districts to once again be redefined.

"It's a question of fairness with respect to inequality," said Mealing.

The League asked the Board to take four steps:

- Determine inequality in the voting districts;
- Pass a resolution to redefine the voting districts;
- Consult with Moore County Board of Elections to establish new voting district lines; and
 - Establish a process in (See "County," p. 8)

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Mobile classrooms approved for West Pine

by Laura Douglass Times Reporter

Three mobile classroom units to house additional students on the West Pine Elementary campus were approved by the Moore County Planning Board following a public hearing on Thursday, June 9.

The new units will accommodate Academy Heights students who are transferring into the reconstituted yearround program that was split between Pinehurst Elementary and West Pine Elementary following a controversial decision by the Board of Education to close the former stand-alone Academy Heights facility located in Taylortown.

While the mobile units are in use, West Pine Elementary will undergo a two-part expansion to include new construction of four classrooms to the southern wing of the school over the next six to nine months. And, in the future, four more classrooms will also be added to the facility's northern wing.

Currently, there are 423 students enrolled at West Pine Elementary and forty staff members. The approved request anticipates an increased student enrollment to 643 students. While classroom space is at or near capacity, the core facility was designed to accommodate 650 students, so no additional renovation to the common spaces, such as cafeteria and media center, will be required.

Unified Development Ordinance

Work on the Unified Development Ordinance [UDO] continues, but some Planning Board members, including Robert Hayter, are concerned that a recent decision to send the plan back to staff for consideration and then back again to the Board, may be wasting time.

"I am disappointed where we are at, because I felt the Board had been making good progress," said Hayter.

Planning Director Joey Raczkowski explained that the project had been redi-

rected with an eye toward generating public input, but assured Hayter he was open to other ideas of how to best reach out to ensure active participation in the process.

He distributed a list of potential stakeholder groups

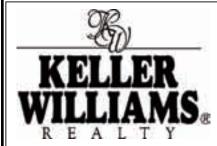
that should be contacted. including community associations, civic groups, environmental advocates, the development community, and other government boards and agencies. Raczkowski anticipated that multiple workshops will be scheduled to discuss the UDO in Fall 2011.

Hayter expressed concern that with a required Land Use Plan update also in the offing, that the time and energy of the limited number of volunteers interested in such

projects must be maximized.

Member Bernard Capstick also cautioned that multiple meetings could result in lower turnout and less input.

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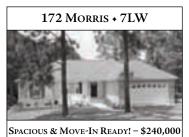


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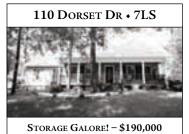




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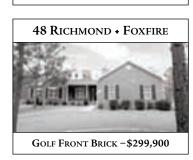


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School Board delays final vote on budget

by Stacy Naughton
Times Reporter

Given Governor Beverly Perdue's veto of the General Assembly's budget [since over-ridden by a vote of the legislature], the Moore County Board of Education deferred adoption of the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Moore County Schools budget during the School Board's Monday, June 13 meeting.

Because the School Board must wait for the final state budget to be approved before a local budget can become effective, the MCS Budget may not be formally adopted until July or August. In order to continue school operations after July 1 — without the final budget approval — the Board approved an amended budget resolution that is based upon the May 2011 budget framework.

With \$5.2 million lost in federal stimulus money this year, MCS has had to scramble to balance their budget while eliminating approximately twenty-five jobs. MCS Finance Director Mike Griffin told *The Times* that, since 2008, the school system has laid off almost 50 employees and eliminated nearly 170 positions.

For example, in an effort to prepare for budget cuts, "if someone retired we would not fill that position," Griffin told *The Times*. MCS Superintendent Dr. Susan Purser said Employment Security Commission Director Gene

Norton will host a seminar for laid-off school employ-

The layoffs should not impact the number of students in each classroom, given that the General Assembly has promised that there is funding for all current teachers and teaching assistants in the budget.

The state budget is planned in two year increments, giving the Board of Education an idea of what next year's budget constraints will look like. With so many cuts made over the past two years, MCS is preparing themselves for the "challenge." Dr. Purser told the Board that the teachers and staff have worked together "unlike anything I have every seen."

Five days added to calendar

More requirements have trickled down from the NC General Assembly to MCS, including adding five more instructional days to the 2011-2012 school year calendar

Dr. Purser presented the Board of Education with the additional five day mandate during the June 13 meeting, saying it will cut into family time and teacher work days. The five days added to the calendar are October 10 and 11; December 21; January 23; and March 9.

In keeping with North Carolina requirements, school cannot begin before August 25 and cannot extend beyond June 10. So Purser has had to pull from days within the school year to make up for the additional instructional days. Most of those days are coming from teacher work days.

Other Business

In other business during the June 13 meeting:

• A Public Education Grant was obtained by Missy Duncan of West Pine Elementary and West Pine Middle for the "Roaring Reading Buddies" program to purchase books for a classroom library. CTE Technology Teacher Alana Pennington and Career Teacher Deborah McMillan of West Pine Middle received a grant for the "Pencil Pouch" — a school store that is operated by students. Renee Rob-

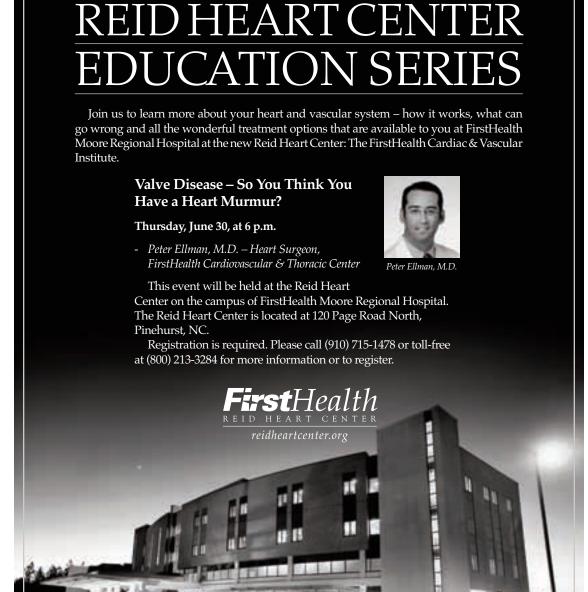
bins of West End Elementary received a grant for Smart Response Clickers to use with her Smartboard.

• Dr. Larry Upchurch was recognized by the Board for his forty years of service to the Moore County School System. Governor Perdue presented Dr. Upchurch and his wife Nina Upchurch with the Order of the Longleaf Pine Award. Dr. Upchurch thanked the Board saying, "That's what being in this business is all about . . . the real part that comes from the heart: we are truly in the people business . . . we will never forget your kindness."

• The Board approved Dr. Purser's contract for an additional year.

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which redistricting would be done on a consistent basis — perhaps after every Census, or when an imbalance to the ideal voting district population occurs.

The League would like the Board to establish new voting boundaries no later than December 31, 2011.

Two options to redistrict voting populations were presented to the Board by Chris Koltyk, County GIS Director. One option would move the Seven Lakes and West End Districts into District III with Robbins and High Falls. The other would keep Seven Lakes in District II but divide the West End precinct along NC Highway 73, with one-half going to District II and the other to District III.

The Commissioners will discuss the issue in a work session, with the objective of developing a response before the next elections.

Fire and Rescue

The Board approved a request by Public Safety Director Bryan Phillips for a contract amendment for High Falls Fire and Rescue. The original contract for the fire and rescue squad was terminated and the new contract will reflect the district's Medium Duty Rescue Certification.

Fire Marshal Ken Skipper's request for a Firefighter's Week to be observed every year during the week of September 11 was approved by the Board.

Public Works

The Commissioners approved a request by the County's new Public Works Director, Randy Gould, to begin work on the Vass Wastewater Systems Improvement Project. The project consists of constructing two new lift stations with related force main piping to pump wastewater to Moore County's existing No. 4 lift station in Southern Pines, and then on to the Addor wastewater treatment plant. The project would demolish the existing wastewater treatment plant in Vass.

Construction for the project

(See "County," p. 9)

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County

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is expected to begin in October. The total cost is more than \$2.2 million, with \$1 million coming from an NC Rural Economic Development Center and the remainder from bond funds.

Convening as the East More Water District Board of Directors, the Commissioners approved a bond resolution for the District, Bond Series 2011. The District will sell up to \$5 million in bonds to repay \$3.2 million in construction funding borrowed from the County and to cover additional costs of District expansion.

Information Technology

The Board approved a request by Information Technology Director Darlene Yudell for a five year copy, print, and scan management program with Toshiba Business Solutions that would not exceed \$89,000. The new program cuts the county's cost for the services nearly in half. The Board also

approved Yudell's request to amend an annual IT maintenance and support contract to incorporate a reduction of \$62,000. However, Yudell's request to replace a large number of laptop and desktop computers through a \$127,000 purchase or \$141,000 lease was tabled by the Board.

The Board discussed a proposal to replace the voluminous paper meeting packets they now receive with electronic agenda packets readable on a laptop or iPad. County Manager Cary McSwain will bring the Board further information on the matter at the July 18 Commissioners meeting.

Public Comment

During the public comment period, Sally Larson expressed her concern about the environmental impact that natural gas drilling companies may have on the area. Moore County has been named, along with Chatham and Lee Counties, as possibly having substantial shale gas resources, which are currently being targeted for development.

Larson asked the Board to urge Governor Beverly Purdue to veto any bill that would change the state's current environmental laws. "We shouldn't have to change our laws to accommodate them [gas companies]," Larson said. County Manager Cary McSwain said Moore County citizens need to educate themselves on this matter.

Doug Middaugh of Pinehurst responded to the latest counterproposal by Robbins to the County's draft plan to breathe life into the North West Moore Water District. Noting that Robbins asks for an independent water rate study to be conducted, Middaugh concured, saying, "I support the need for a rate study by an outside firm; however, I feel that it should include the impact to all proposed district members as well as, the remaining Moore County Utilities customers."

Other Business

Other business conducted at the Board of Commissioners Tuesday, June 21 meeting included:

- Human Resources Director Denise Brooks' request for a \$335,000 extension of the the Wellness Works Contract with Pinehurst Medical Clinic was approved by the Board.
- County Attorney Misty Leland introduced summer interns working with her department, volunteer law students Katherine King and Robert Garner.

Appointments

The following appointments were approved by the Board:

• To the Emergency Services Advisory Committee: Hampton Williams as a fire representative, Phillip Bartholemew as a rescue representative, Erik Stromberg as a rescue representative, Chad Blakely as a hospital representative, Linda Wallace as a citizen representative, Bradley Whitaker as a law enforcement representative and Murdock McLaurin as a community college representative.

- Three new members were appointed to the Retired Senior Volunteer Program Council, including Bryan Rainbow, Gert Strine and Barbara Davis.
- Rebecca Granger and Carol Matuza were appointed to the Nursing and Adult Home Care.
- Denis Snade was appointed to the Board of Health.
- Jimmie Ann Lassiter was appointed ETJ to the Town of Robbins Planning Board.
- Appointments to the Planning Board and the Moore County Transportation Committee were tabled.

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Place, Ontario to the late William J. Hanham and Bette Adams Hanham. He was

John Douglas Hanham, employed by Wal-Mart in Asheboro.

In high school, he was very athletic involving himself He was born in Carleton in the sports of hockey, soccer, and cross country. He was a member of the Jaycees in Troy and was a Senior Warden at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church in Trov.

Survivors include his mother. Bette Hanham of Seven Lakes; three brothers: Gregg Hanham of Ottawa, Ontario: Richard Hanham of Carleton Place, Ontario, and Gerald Hanham of Gatineau, Quebec; two sisters: Bonnie Hanham of Pinebluff, and Jane Drzewicki of Junction City,

A memorial service was held on Tuesday, June 21, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, Seven Lakes. The Rev. Robert Brown and Rev. Fred Thompson officiated.

Memorial contributions be made to: St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1143 Seven Lakes Dr., West End, NC 27376 or to Animal Advocates of Moore County, 229 Ridgeline Dr., Unit A, Aberdeen, NC 28315.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes assisted the family.

Friday

Swiss Steak Dinner

Corn & Shrimp Soup

Beef Stroganoff

Recycle that old PC!

the NC Sandhills and students in computer classes at Sandhills Community College are teaming up to help local citizens recycle electronics, electronic components and computers. A collection event will be held on Monday, June 27 and Wednesday, June 29 from 10 am until 4 pm each day.

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Monday

Habitat for Humanity of Habitat for Humanity facility at 2268 NC Highway 5 in Aberdeen.

> Student volunteers will disassemble and organize parts, which will be resold and funds will be used to build homes for low-income families.

> As of July 1, computer equipment and televisions will no longer be accepted at local landfills. A \$5 handling fee will be charged for donations of computer monitors and televisions but all other items will not have such a fee.



Tuesday

Artichokes Dinner **V**

Chicken Florentine

Chicken Pot Pie

Soup

Soup and Packaged Dinner Calendar for July

Thursday

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Chowder	Vichyssoise ♥	Guzpueno v	Chowder ♥	CLOSED
Lemon Shrimp Oriental Dinner ♥	Chicken Pot Pie Dinner	Broccoli Manicotti Dinner ♥	Poached Salmon Dinner	CLUSED
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11	12	13	14	15
Lentil Soup ♥	Gazpacho ♥	Vichyssoise	Beef Barley Soup ♥	Manhattan Clam Chowder ♥
Turkey Meatloaf	Chicken Paprikash		Tilapia Florentine	Peachy Pork
Dinner ♥	Dinner	Pot Roast Dinner	Dinner ♥	Dinner ♥
18	19	20	21	22
Curried Carrot	Chicken Brunswick	Chilled Cucumber	Carrot & Shrimp	Summer Vegetable
Soup ♥	Stew	Soup	Bisque	Soup ♥
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Mailhouse

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the response from the community to keep mail delivery onsite has been "six to one" — or about 85 percent — in favor.

Three major concerns raised by Town Hall attendees Monday night included: cost, location of the mailhouse(s), and how many mailhouses should be constructed.

Cost

For Westsiders, receiving mail offsite would mean going to the West End Post Office and paying an average of \$56 per year per household to rent a box. That option could be available in as little as sixty days.

Shepard said that the current SLWLA dues structure could support spending close to \$500,000 to build multiple mailhouses throughout the community, without a dues increase. Town hall attendee Maureen Mead questioned the price tag, saying she could build a nice home for \$260,000, if she already owned the lot it was to be built on. Mead asked for a

"ceiling to be put on some of this money," that would be spent on the project.

Mead said the rationale for building a mailhouse onsite should not be justified by supposed cost savings, but by admitting it is simply what the community wants.

Former SLWLA Treasurer Kathy Kirst responded to Mead's comments, saying, "we don't necessarily need the Taj Mahal," but rather a structure that would meet the standards of the post office and the community.

According to Freiert the delivery standards of the post office are "horrendous," and could be a reason for the significant anticipated cost. The next step for onsite delivery would be to hire an architect or land planner, Freiert said, to, "serve the needs that we have," and get the "real cost" of the project, which LRP can then present to the community.

Dale Erikson asked that any new mailhouse(s) be viewed as an amenity and to not built to "cheapen" the community. Erikson also asked for closed circuit television to be placed in the new mailhouse(s) that can be viewed at the guard house, for security reasons.

Location

Many at the Town Hall meeting spoke in favor of locating any new mailhouse behind the West Side Park Community Center, because of its central location and available parking.

However, some residents, including Jean Downer, asked if this would pose a problem as far as school bus traffic and children are concerned. Noting the blind spots on Longleaf Drive when exiting the Community Center, former SLWLA Secretary Karen Milligan warned that more traffic coming in and out of the area could lead to accidents.

SLWLA Safety and Security Director Jim McCarthy is already investigating the possibility of creating a fourway stop at the intersection in question.

How Many Mailhouses?Although many at the meet-

ing spoke in favor of building one central mailhouse, the idea of placing multiple mailhouses throughout the community also had support. John Viscuso asked that mail be delivered to outside mail kiosks — rather than a fullycontained mailhouse — in three different locations: the community center, the back gate, and the Johnson Point parking lot.

Though some raised a concern that weather conditions could pose a problem for outside mail kiosks, Viscuso told *The Times*: "I lived in Pennsylvania and we had outside

mailboxes."

Johanna Moran agreed with Viscuso's idea saying outside mailboxes would eliminate the need to pay for heat, air, and windows. Linda Tableman said having mail delivered to the front gate, while living near the back gate is "really frustrating," and asked for two to three mailhouse locations to be considered.

A design for the mailhouse(s) has not been established, since community feedback was needed in this matter before the LRP Com-

(See Mailhouse," p. 12)

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Four locations can accommodate detours. Four will require that part of the community use the back gate while others use the front gate; a temporary guard will man the back gate during these repairs.

The culverts are located as follows and will be replaced in the order and per the **tentative** schedule shown below.

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SLLA work session

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By restricting boats and trailers to the lane closer to the guardhouse, it is much easier for SFI staff to monitor any boats that are coming into the community and to check them for current SLLA stickers.

The Board also tossed around the idea of refusing entry to any boat without a current sticker, though a few concerns were quickly raised, including how to accommodate guests traveling with boats and residents who own boats that are for use outside of the community [i.e. jet skis].

In addition to inspections at the gates, Fentzlaff said it would be useful to inspect boats for current stickers at the Sequoia Point launch. But, he added that any inspections conducted by Boat Patrol would diminish their time on and ability to monitor the lake itself.

The issue of current stickers is not limited to boats coming on and off the lakes, argued Lakes & Dams Committee member George Temple. He reported that several boats already in the water and docked at residences have expired stickers.

"We have rules. We need to enforce them," Temple said.

Current 2011 boat stickers are available at the SLLA office to registered owners. These stickers must be affixed by June 30 to avoid penalties.

Parking at Sequoia Point

Putting discussion back on dry land, the Board mulled over possible options to resolve parking problems at Sequoia Point. There is one parking area close to the beach, but overflow parking along Firetree Lane is prohibited.

"I was there on Memorial Day, and it was a mess, with cars everywhere," said SLLA President Bob Darr. "It is a problem; and, quite frankly, I don't know what to do about it"

One option suggested by a resident is to create a new parking area on Sequoia Point itself, opposite the beach and adjacent to the handicapped access road.

However, there is another proposed plan not yet fully explored to move the beach to that same area on Sequoia Point.

"The previous Board considered the problem of having the swimming area so close to boats and also a request to increase dockage," Director Bud Shaver explained. "It was suggested that we could relocate the beach to the other side, near the playground, so you would have one side of all boats and the other side [of Sequoia Point] for swimming and beach recreation."

Community Manager Alina Cochran also noted that Sequoia Point is narrow, which would limit parking. Responding to Shaver's comment, she said she has a rough estimate of costs for the beach relocation proposal.

Director Racine suggested more parking could be created in the existing boat storage lot, particularly where there are many trailers and boats that are rarely used, if ever.

"This is not 'the' solution or the best solution; but it could be done; and it would get a couple more cars off the street," Racine said.

Another option brought up

by Director Lowe is clearing the Association-owned lot located next to the boat storage area to create more parking, a recommendation also explored by former Director Kent Droppers last year. Darr agreed that more information was needed and tasked Grounds & Maintenance Director Bruce Keyser, Jr., with looking at the options options and the costs (See "SLLA," p. 14)

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Mailhouse

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mittee moved forward. "We want to continue to hear from you, what you think, concerns and support you have," said Freiert, who also mentioned that new mailboxes may be able to be designated by street address rather than lot number, which could help simplify delivery of mail. Such a

change would ultimately have to be approved by US Postal Service.

The next step in the process is for the LRP Committee to present their findings from the Town Hall meeting, along with information they have gathered pertaining to mail delivery for Seven Lakes West, to the SLWLA Board of Directors.

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SLLA work session

(Continued from page 12) and determining what could be done where.

Ramapo replacement pump

Director Fentzlaff reported that a new stainless steel submersible pump will be installed between Lake Echo and Lake Ramapo. There are three such pumps in the community that are used to move water from lake to lake, as needed.

Fentzlaff said the old pump has been pulled for repair and will be rebuilt and stored in inventory. Replacing the motor is anticipated to cost \$500, versus a replacement unit at \$2,000.

"Parts are available for these pumps, and we can keep one in stock in case another goes bad," said Fentzlaff.

Darr praised Cochran for her recommendation to replace the motor in the old pump and then store it on a standby basis.

Speeding & Security Cameras

A radar warning speed sign was placed at several locations in the community in recent weeks, reported newly seated Security Director Andy Lowe.

During a 1.5 hour period on Firetree Lane, the radar recorded 33 percent of vehicles traveling at or under the 25 mph speed limit and 60 percent of vehicles traveling between 26-35 mph, with 6 percent of vehicles traveling above 36 mph. During a 1.5 hour period along Shenandoah Lane, near the stables,

the radar recorded 25 percent of vehicles traveling at or under the 25 mph speed limit, 69 percent traveling between 26-35 mph, and 7% of vehicles traveling above 36 mph.

Continuing the security report, Lowe said the lightning storm observed last Friday evening knocked out all community security cameras — which isn't much of a loss, he added.

"The license plate cameras at the gate are absolutely useless," Lowe explained. "All those upgrades to the cameras accomplished was to spend a lot of money — and it reduced storage [capacity] in the cameras to 72 hours. And even if you had a use in 72 hours for that information, you could only tell the license and car, not who was driving."

"We have spent thousands on those cameras and they are absolutely useless," Lowe concluded.

Cochran said that because the damage to the cameras was storm-related, insurance may cover the costs to repair the system; however, the Board seemed to agree with Lowe that the system itself is inadequate whether it is working or not.

"My understanding is the theme behind the decision to purchase those cameras is that we as a community need security, President Darr said. "If what we have doesn't give us what we need, my question is what do we need and how do we get there?"

Lowe responded that the gate security monitors who is coming and going at all hours.

"I don't want to spend another penny [on cameras], if they are not any use," said Lowe, recommending that only the Southside afterhours gate camera should be repaired and maintained.

In addition, Lowe recommended that SFI gate staff should be trained on proper procedures to raise and lower the American flag to half-staff. Currently, when appropriate, such activity is performed by Northsider Dennis Mueller who also volunteers considerable time to updating the community bulletin boards.

Road paving

One bid has been received for a comprehensive study

of road conditions, and Director Bud Shaver requested Cochran advertise for at least two more similar bids before the contract is let.

"This information will be used to create specs for a paving contract," Shaver said. "We want an engineer to look at our roads and tell us what needs to be done — whether it's a repair, patch, overlay or repaving. Then we can (See "SLL A," p. 15)



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take each cluster of roads and add up the anticipated cost and how much time it'll take . . . We can't afford to do a \$3-4 million project in paving unless we go to bank. That is why this has been broken down into clusters, so we can determine if we can afford this or that."

He explained that the Reserve Study included a broad overview of the roads, rather than a specific mileby-mile individual study of each road. In addition, he has been in communication with Talis senior management and is also reviewing state paving contracts for more information that will be helpful in drawing up specific plans.

Shaver recommended forming a subcommittee to explore options for repaving and relandscaping Dogwood Lane to limit Longleaf Pine root damage to the road, and also look at realigning the North and Southside entrance gates.

"We promised the community we would keep them totally informed and that is what this is about," said SLLA President Darr. "There have been no decisions made on where, when, or with what to pave — but, as decisions are made and we move along, we want there to be no surprises."

With funds added from the current fiscal year dues collection, the Association has approximately \$550,000 held in reserves for the road paving project and state-mandated dam repairs.

Calling attention to a resident's recommendation distributed to the Board, Treas-

urer Conrad Meyer asked Cochran to explore whether the Northside Pool operating hours could be extended during the week until 8:00 pm.

Cochran estimated the two additional hours per day of lifeguard coverage would cost approximately \$250 a week.

"My only concern is financial," she said.

Going around the table, the Board discussed and ultimately dismissed any plans to open the pool as adulthours only without a lifeguard present, because it would be difficult to enforce and would prevent family-use of the facility.

"Let's try it; and, if we only have a few swimmers coming in the later hours, we can stop," Meyer recommended. "I suggest we try it for a month and see how it goes."

Geese

Northsider Rich Scott told the Board that Lake Sequoia continues to have a serious Canada Goose population problem that is getting worse each year. "By 2015 I think we'll have more geese than residents," he said. "I don't know the answer, but we must do something. They release their body weight in waste everyday!"

Other Business

In other Work Session business the SLLA Board:

- Received a draft copy of a formal collection policy twice reviewed by the Finance Committee members, once last year and again this year, for final review and comment before approval.
- Approved a request by Lowe to install a port-a-potty on the Lake Sequoia island over the Fourth of July holiday weekend.

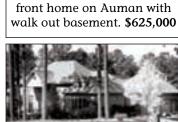


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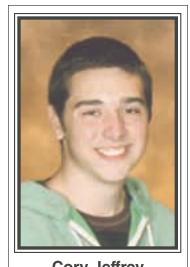


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Cory Jeffrey
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Cory is the son of Jeff and Charlene Holzerland. He is the grandson of Bud and Marilyn Holzerland and nephew of Rich and Karen McClimans, all of Seven Lakes West. He will attend Canisius College, Buffalo, NY, to pursue a degree in engineering with a minor in the arts.



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Lauren Beatrice Wenerd

DuBois Area High School DuBois, PA

Lauren is the daughter of Michael & Barbara Wenerd of DuBois, PA; formerly of Seven Lakes West. She is the granddaughter of Joseph & the late Gina Piper of Seven Lakes West and Herb Wenerd of Philadelphia, PA. She will attend Shippensburg University, Shippensburg, PA.



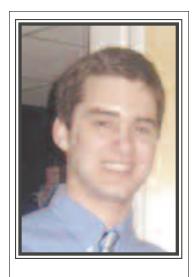
Michael John Greco

University of Memphis Memphis, TN

Michael is the son of John and Karyn Greco of West End.

He received a Master of Music Degree, with concentration in trombone perform-

Michael will live in Memphis and pursue a career in the music industry.



Steven Worsham

University of North Carolina Kenan-Flagler School of Business Chapel Hill, NC

Steven is the son of Cliff and Sylvia Worsham. His grandmother is Pauline O'dell of Seven Lakes West. He received a BS Degree in Business Administration. Steven works as a Business Analyst for Sapiens Americas, Raleigh.



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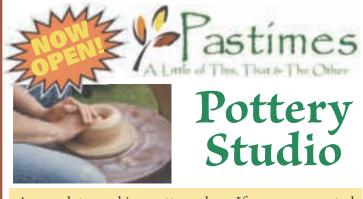


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SATURDAY, JUNE 25

• Moore County Amateur Radio Society (MOCARS)

- 12 pm noon, invites the community to visit their annual Field Day, (through Sunday noon, June 26), at Aberdeen Lake Park, Route 1, Aberdeen, near the Rescue Squad Building on Lakeshore Drive. MOCAR members take their equipment, using only emergency power, to test and make sure that they are ready to provide critical communications when needed. When trouble strikes, ham radio operators are often the first and only people able to provide critical communications and information. During emergencies, hams work through local organizations to provided emergency communications at local emergency shelters following storms and natural disasters. Everyone is invited to come and see how local ham radio operators can quickly set up communications. Everyone will have the opportunity to experience the enjoyment of making an amateur radio communications contact.

<u>SUNDAY, JUNE 26</u>

- St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church 9:30 am, Holy Communion. 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes 673-3838.
- Belford Baptist Church Homecoming/Revival begins June 26-29. The Homecoming Service will be at 11 AM. Dinner to follow. Revival is June 27-29 at 7 pm. Pastor Robert Dockery of Macedonia Baptist Church, Hoffman. 925 Windblow Rd, Jackson Springs.
- "Snakes of the Sandhills" - 3 pm, snakes are creatures of great beauty to some and absolute dread to others. You are invited to learn the reasons to have great respect and appreciation for these fascinating animals. The ranger will teach you to recognize venomous snakes, so that you will know which snakes deserve your respect and which ones demand it. Meet at in the auditorium at Weymouth Woods. Wey-

mouth Woods, Sandhills Nature Preserve, 1024 Ft. Bragg Rd. Southern Pines, NC 28387. Call 910-692-2167 for more information.

TUESDAY, JUNE 28

• Healing Service – 11 am, St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church. 1145 Seven Lakes Dr., Seven Lakes.



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prayers for the sick & trouble, those in harms way, traveling, bereaved or deceased. Carol Burgess, Deacon, All are welcome.

 Seven Lakes West Landowners Association
 7 pm, work session. West Side Park Community Center. Open to all landowners.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29

• Seven Lakes Landowners
Association – 7:30 pm,
General meeting. Seven
Lakes North Clubhouse.
Open to all landowners.

THURSDAY, JUNE 30

• Bread of Life Ministry - West End United Methodist Church, 11 am to 1 pm. Ministry is

for seniors

(widows, widowers, and the elderly). A time of fellowship and devotion and a wonderful meal provided \$5.

- Wine Tasting at Sandhills Winery 5:30 to 8 pm, great wines, and food pairings. 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. (910) 673-2949. www.sandhillswinery.com
- Valve Disease: So You

Think You Have A Heart **Murmur?** – 6 pm, join Peter Ellman M.D., a heart surgeon with the FirstHealth Cardiovascular and Thoracic Center to learn more about heart murmurs. This is the final event in the Reid Heart Center Education Series. The Reid Heart Center is located on 120 Page Road North off Hwy. 211 and Memorial Drive. Registration is required. Please call (800) 213-3284 for more information or to register or register online www.firsthealth.org/heart

• Carolina Philharmonic presents JAZZ – 7 pm. I've Got Rhythm at The Carolina's Cardinal Ballroom. The sassy vocal stylings of Laura Didier with a concert featuring a dozen audience favorites like "It Had To Be You,"

and "I've Got Rhythm." Cash bar. For more information please call 687 4746 or 687 0287 or visit www.carolinaphil.org

FRIDAY, JULY 1

• Casual Friday at SLCC – 5 to 9 pm. Buffet 5-6:30 pm. \$8.15 (+ tax & gratuity). Food, games & socializing.

SUNDAY, JULY 3

- St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church 9:30 am, Holy Communion. 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes 673-3838.
- Winged Gems Butterflies
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MONDAY, JULY 4

• Independence Day

TUESDAY, JULY 5

- Healing Service 11 am, St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church. 1145 Seven Lakes Dr., Seven Lakes. Intercessory prayers for the sick & trouble, those in harms way, traveling, bereaved or deceased. Carol Burgess, Deacon. All are welcome.
- Pinehurst Performing Arts Center with the Carolina Philharmonic presents The Kingston Trio, at 2:30 pm & 7 pm, held in the Owens Auditorium, Sandhills Community College. Relive the memories with an unforgettable concert. For more information, call 687-4746 or 687-0287 or visit www.carolinaphil.org

SUNDAY, JULY 10

- St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church 9:30 am, Holy Communion. 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes 673-3838.
- Turtle Talk 3 pm, meet in the Auditorium. Escape the heat and come celebrate the "Year of the Turtle" by attending this program on shelled critters of the Sandhills. Learn to recognize different species, hear some

fun facts, and hold empty turtle shells. This program is fit for all ages. Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines. (910) 692-2167

MONDAY, JULY 11

- Bingo Night at Our Lady of the Americas 7 pm, Early Bird Bingo; and 7:30 pm, Regular Bingo. 298 Farmers Market Road, off Hwy 211, just east of Hwy 220, Candor. Minimum purchase \$15. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome. 910 974-3051.
- Second Monday 6:30 pm, Sandhills Community College Outdoor Jazz Band Concert, at Boyd Library Green. Free bring your lawn chair or blanket to sit on and enjoy an evening of music.

TUESDAY, JULY 12

• Healing Service – 11 am, St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church. 1145 Seven Lakes Dr., Seven Lakes. Intercessory prayers for the sick & trouble, those in harms way, traveling, bereaved or deceased. Carol Burgess, Deacon. All are welcome.

THURSDAY, JULY 14

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• Wine Tasting – at Sandhills Winery 5:30 to 8 pm, great wines, and food pairings. 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. (910) 673-2949. www.sandhillswinery.com

SATURDAY, JULY 16

Sandhills Horticultural **Society** – 9 am to 2:30 pm, hosting a Pen and Watercolor Floral Painting class conducted by Donna Whitman, at the Ball Visitors Center, Sandhills Community College. 20 participants maximum will take home a finished painting - no painting experience necessary and most supplies needed will be provided. \$45 horticultural society members - \$50 nonmembers. Call Tricia Mabe to register at 695-3882. All participants must prepay.

SUNDAY, JULY 17

- St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church 9:30 am, Holy Communion. 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes 673-3838.
- **Geology of the Sandhills** 3 pm, meet at Weymouth
 Woods Visitor Center. Have
 you ever wondered where
 all this sand in the Sandhills came from? What is
 paint rock and soap stone?

Join the Park Ranger to learn the answers to these questions and discover more about the geology of the Sandhills. Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines. (910) 692-2167

TUESDAY, JULY 19

• Healing Service – 11 am, St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church. 1145 Seven Lakes Dr., Seven Lakes. Intercessory prayers for the sick & trouble, those in harms way, traveling, bereaved or deceased. All are welcome.

SUNDAY, JULY 24

- St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church 9:30 am, Holy Communion. 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes 673-3838.
- For the Birds (Kids Program) 3 pm, meet at Visitor Center. Ranger-led program will explore the basics of birding for kids! Parents, bring along the youngsters to learn about the birds in your backyard, get familiar with different bird calls, learn how to use binoculars. Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines. (910) 692-2167.



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Foxfire

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of residents with particular issues they want to address providing multiple responses."

"The council hopes to use the results for future decision-making," she continued, "but, if people can send in as many responses as they want, it taints the response."

In addition, Frusco recommended that two surveys should be provided for every address, since the intent is that every adult resident will have the opportunity to respond.

Mayor George Erickson agreed that some control was necessary and also suggested that out-of-town property owners should also be contacted and asked to complete a survey.

"If we're going to look at the future," Erickson said, "it is not just people who live here now, but also those who own here and pay taxes: they should have some kind of say. The history of Foxfire has been that many who own property do end up eventually living here."

Water

Looking to limit the number of water wells, while also providing leniency for equestrian property owners, the Council wrestled with a few key points in a proposed ordinance amendment that would allow either one well per ten acre lot or one well for every ten acres on a single lot depending how the final draft is written.

"I want equestrian people to have the opportunity to

drill a well to feed their animals," said Councilman Ed Lauer, "but I don't want it to be abused to the point it endangers our water in the Village. We need to ensure we can provide water to the rest of the community in a safe and secure way, which is why I would insist on one well per lot, any lot, that exceeds ten acres."

"The more wells you punch, the more danger of contamination," warned Lauer. "I want to provide them an opportunity to service their property, but I don't want to have an excessive number of wells.

During his report on water concerns, Lauer noted the Seven Lakes community had recently exceeded 800,000 gallons use in one day, a trigger point for conservation measures imposed by Moore County. [The County recently revised its conservation triggers; actual usage in a given day is not among them. -Ed.l In Foxfire Village, he reported a similar spike in usage over the last few weeks, but said he is proud that usage in only reaching 77% capacity.

"That shows people are paying attention," Lauer said. "I anticipate hitting our own triggers in the next month and I want to encourage everyone to conserve water as best they can. This is the Sandhills. Sand indicates desert: desert means there's not a whole lot of water; and, right now, we're running at barely average rainfall."

Lauer said many of the Village's water-related ordinances were developed to support conservation measures, including the irrigation water well ban that is currently in place.

"We are very concerned about every well," he explained. "We don't deny permits for wells to people in our ETJ [Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction], because we don't provide water services to them. But we do need to know if they have a well, if it is being properly installed, and if they are obeying all the rules for putting in a well. With any residents in our ETJ, we have an extreme interest in what they do with water and anything else."

A NC Department of Transportation [NCDOT] traffic study at the Foxfire and Hoffman Roads intersection initially produced a recommendation to move a bricked-in sign; however, Councilman John Eltschlager said another inspection of the area showed no need for such action.

NCDOT also measured the Richmond Road intersection for safety paint markings; however, they were hesitant to commit without more discussion and input from the Council and Foxfire Police, since the paint is a raised surface which could create noise pollution, from decelerating trucks, near the entrance to the country club.

In addition, Eltschlager reported that NCDOT has determined they are not responsible for a road sign damaged during a recent project and, therefore, will not reimburse the replacement cost.

Responding to a pothole concern at Forest Lake Drive, Eltschlager said that area of road has been deteriorating for some period and the pothole was not caused by a nearby new construction proj-

Finance

The General Fund, as of May 31, stood at \$810,620, including \$50,000 held in capital reserve, \$9,776 in

Powell Bill funds, \$20,984 in the Stonehill Pines account, and \$8,369 in the Woodland Circle fund. The Water Fund stood at \$278,526, including \$591 in the Woodland Circle fund. In addition, the Village maintains \$135,504 held in escrow for a new well.

Two annual bank loan payments are due in July, including \$27,740 from the General Fund for the Village Green Park, and \$41,144 from the

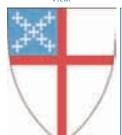
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Garden strategies for hot Summer weather

by Jim Caudill Seven Lakes North

Hot Summer and dry weather began in late May and has continued in June. The drought was partly relieved by several inches of rain, but Seven Lakes and the Sandhills are still below normal regarding rainfall. Hopefully, we will be blessed with frequent showers in the future.

July is known quite often as the hot-dry Summer months but, according to statistics as conducted in Scotland County a few years ago, July was the Summer month that produced the most rainfall.

Questions and complaints have been heard relative to the poor growth and performance of the Summertype lawn grasses [Bermudas and zoysias] and specifically, what can be done? The cool, damp weather followed by the dry, hot heat in late May was not conducive to early growth of warm season grasses.

Here are a few suggestions that might be helpful:

Foxfire

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Water Fund for new wells.
An interest-only payment of \$81,167 for the Woodland
Circle project is due in April 2012.

Other Business

In other business during its Tuesday, June 14 meeting, the Foxfire Village Council:

- Appointed Stephen Sparks to the Planning & Zoning Board.
- Heard from Erickson that the grant application to PARTF [NC Parks and Recreation Trust Fund] for a major renovation and rebuilding of the central pool and tennis facility was not selected during the first round, but is eligible for review again in August. "Emails indicate there is still a chance we will get funded for the entire project," said Erickson. "We'll see what happens."

Maintain to the best of your ability the necessary water and plant food. If disease or insect problems occur, have the problem identified and make the proper treatment.

Mowing regularly before weed seeds become mature will help control weeds but herbicidal chemicals become necessary if broadleaf weeds are plentiful.

Broadleaf weeds and woody plants can be controlled by various formulations of 2,4-D, MCPP, Dicamba, or other phenoxy herbicides sold under various trade names.

Another question raised is how often and how much should I be watering my lawn, plants and trees?

Vegetable garden, budding plants and lawns require 1" to 1.5" inches of water per week for optimum growth and development, if the soil is light and sandy [like most

soils in Seven Lakes and the surrounding area]. If rainfall is ½" then you must supplement an additional 1" of irrigation to make up the difference.

During hot and dry weeks, ornamental trees and shrubs should be watered once, if newly planted or transplanted then thoroughly drench twice. The best time to water is early morning: late watering at night often spreads diseases and insects.

A question often heard from gardeners tired of pulling and digging up weeds and grasses is whether there is some type of helpful chemical control?

The most effective herbicide to use in the driveway and in pine straw is glysophate [Round Up®], which comes in several formulation strengths. The most economical to use is the strongest

concentration of glysophate mixed with water for the proper dilution desired.

Broadleaf weeds can be controlled with phenoxys. Do not use phenoxys or Round Up® underneath shrubs, trees or other plants exposed to the root zone area.

Another product that has been cleared for grass control on some vegetables is called Vantage[®]. It's a grass-killer only [crabgrass, Bermuda, etc] and may be applied overtop of most broadleaf vegetables with little or not damage. Remember to use all chemicals safely, according to labeled directions, and by all means – keep them out of the lakes!

June vegetable garden suggested plantings

All types and variations of snap, bush and pole beans including lima, peas [Southern field, crowder, or cow peas], sweet potatoes, tomatoes, eggplants, and other Summer-growing vegetables.





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OPINION

Is that a fact?

A blooper of a percentage was lobbed over the fence this week and landed with a sonorous thud somewhere east of Disbelief and well north of Factual.

I'm pretty sure a Good Samaritan finally located it just southwest of Backtrack City and quickly buried it with a shovel before it started reproducing little blippers. If not, we'll be hip deep in bleep around these parts in no time and emptying the hardware store of blooper scoopers.

But just in case he rolls back out from the garden and under a tree, like my poor meatball, let's hope we statistics are made up on not making that up — go

get nothing more than mush. I figure we're close already since this particular blooper hit the grease far too early: overcooked and a bit lopsided from jumping from the frying pan, to the pot, to the kettle called Black.



the spot.

Or is that 76.3%? Or is it 98%?

As a professional reporter. I have a profound and deep respect for that often vast divide between opinion and fact, so I decided to consult

a reliable source for clarification on this key figure.

According to the Bureau of Made Up Statistics,

You see, the simple fact of 43% of all statistics are made the matter is that 73.6% of up on the spot. And no, I'm check it out for yourself.

Armed with this credible tidbit — hey, I saw it in writing after all — I decided to head for Las Vegas. I figure a born-to-count number whiz like me had at least a 3-to-1 chance of hitting it big at the tables. I mean, it's not like statistical analysis is counting cards, right?

Cruising the strip with Carrot Top and sidling past Celine Dion [or maybe it was Wayne Newton, I couldn't tell], at long last I queued up for a dance with a onearmed bandit.

Flat-busted after dropping a roll of quarters — it was payday you know — I realized

my winning strategy was... um, not winning.

Thumbing a ride with an 18-wheel tractor-trailer sporting a faintly familiar windshield sticker, I yearned for home, my bunny slippers, and a few reassuring numbers, to wit:

- One: Don't bluff more than once in a poker game with
- Two: Never give yourself a haircut after three drinks.
- Three: When you make a mistake, make amends quickly. Crow tastes much better when it is served

Fundamentalism is found in many faiths

Question: Is there any difference between a Moslem Jihadist terrorist who bombs Western embassies and a radical Christian Fundamentalist who bombs abortion clinics?

Response: In my opinion, there is no difference. Both of them believe that they are being obedient to God as they understand God and both have misrepresented and distorted their own scriptures to justify their actions. Fundamentalism is essentially the same in all of the world's major religions. Fundamentalists believe:

- God (or gods) wrote or dictated word for word to a prophet sacred scriptures; and, because they came from God, these scriptures can contain no errors.
- Salvation and life after death depend on a person's acceptance of the infallible truth contained in these scriptures.
- True believers are compelled by our concern for the eternal destiny of our fellow men and women to convert them and save them from hell and also stop them from

teaching "untruth" to oth-

• Those people who differ with us; refuse to be converted; and, especially, those who oppose us, or live immoral lives according to our interpreta-

tion of our scriptures' definition of immorality, are not only our enemies', they are enemies of God.

One does not need to look far into any sacred scriptures to find ample reason to attack and kill "enemies of God."

Out of fear and defensiveness, Fundamentalists see themselves at a point of crisis in which they stand to lose their religion, their identity, their faith, and their meaning for life itself. They believe that they are participating in a cosmic battle between good and evil. They fear annihilation and seek to save themselves by holding on to selective passages and practices of the past. Often they withdraw from mainstream society and are not a threat to society. On the other hand, they may fall under the leadership of a powerful (usually male) charismatic leader who provides faithful followers a plan of action to take back the world for God.

Ask the -

Rev. Don Welch

Fundamentalism is essentially a 20th century — now 21st century — phenomenon. It is a reaction against the scientific and secular culture that first appeared in the west and now,, through modern communication, has taken root throughout the world. All of the major religions were designed for an entirely different world, and we have not yet found a sacred story that can unite us and give meaning to the mysteries and ambiguities we face in today's modern world

Fundamentalism is now a part of the modern world and it will not go away. Any attempt to have a dialogue with a person is impossible if that person believes that the creator of the universe wrote the book he is using as an authority. The rise of fundamentalism represents widespread disappointment, alienation, anxiety and rage that no government or society can safely ignore. Declaring war on radical fundamentalism, Muslim or Christian only creates martyrs and continues the endless cycle of revenge. The modern scientific world, which seems so exciting to westerners like me, seems Godless, drained of meaning and even Satanic to a fundamentalist.

If we expect fundamentalists to evolve into more compassionate treatment of their perceived enemies in order to be true to the actual teachings of Jesus, or Buddha or Muhammad, secular humanists and mainline followers of Christianity and other established religions in the world must also become more faithful to benevolence, tolerance, and respect for all

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West Side should vote on mailhouse question

Dear Editor:

Many years ago, when we were looking at property in Seven Lakes West our realtor provided us with a tour of the community, including the mailhouse.

It was understood that this was one of our delivery options and if this was considered detrimental we could look elsewhere.

A few months ago, the number mentioned by the board for the cost of a new mail house was \$375,000. Based upon comments by a member of the Long Range Planning Committee this could be accomplished without raising dues. Apparently, the Association has \$375,000 for discretionary spending on something that should be

considered an amenity, not a necessity. It is assumed this \$375,000 will come from a Capital Expenditures account. If so, what will be deferred: road repairs, the additional nineteen fire hydrants or further culvert replacement?

When the cost of maintenance, insurance, beautification, etc. is figured into

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the equation, it just adds one more item to the burdens already being carried by the many volunteers in this community.

A valid point is made regarding the annual costs paid to the USPS if that option is chosen. However, less than fifty percent of lot owners will be paying that fee as fifty percent of lots are just that, lots. Annualizing the amount paid to the USPS is comparing apples to oranges and is misleading. Each lot owner will pay the USPS just as they pay a utility bill. This is not an amount paid by the Association. According to the by-laws it is not a responsibility of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Associaiton Board to spend \$375,000 for a mail house to save the lot owners money in the future.

There are really three

1. Leave the existing mailhouse and incorporate it into the new entry design. (There has been no mention that a licensed building inspector has examined the building and deemed it ready to crumble to the ground).

2. Tear it down and have everyone pick up their mail at the West End Post Office. (Most travel outside the gates daily now).

3. Build one or two mailhouses at a cost of \$375,000 for one or double that for

It is our personal opinion that mail delivery is a matter between the USPS and the homeowner, and not a duty of the Association.

A lesson hopefully learned during the dam road controversy is that this is an item requiring the input of all lot owners. A referendum should be sent to all lot owners stating all the options and the "actual" associated costs of each.

This is an issue which should be decided by the community at large.

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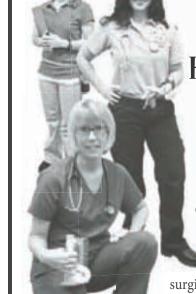
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ager Alina Cochran, only 6.6 percent of all homes in Seven Lakes North and South are rental properties (which is 5.3 percent of all lots, developed or undeveloped).

[Because the SLLA levies a separate dues on renters, the number of renters can be readily derived from the Association's financial records. SLWLA Community Manager Joan Frost told The Times that the West Side does not have a similar mechanism for tracking the number of rentals within their gates.]

"And secondly," Darr continued his rebuttal, "what is not 'snobbish' and not 'elitist' about asserting that renters create a security problem? I might ask if the renters and rental properties on the West Side are creating a security problem for them also — or are just our renters the problem-creators?'

In recent weeks, SLLA and SLWLA Security Directors have met and discussed a protocol that provides each community with a way to identify who is coming in the gates — and also would allow guards in either community to restrict entrance to nonresident, known troublemak-

"It provides identification if the entrant violates rules while in the community, so that subsequent action can be taken," explained Darr.

Expressing opposition to the idea of requiring the purchase of barcodes for access, Darr said such measures

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We must begin to address ourselves more emphatically to the fears, anxieties and needs that our fundamentalist neighbors experience and that we ignore at our own peril.

Don Welch is the minister at the Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines. He welcomes your questions and comments. Write him at: dwelch1@nc.rr.com

seemed to be driven more by revenue concerns than security concerns.

"Barcodes won't provide more security unless barcodes are available to residents only," he said. "And maybe that is the real objective. And, if it is, then they need to devise a system to meet their objective, and then we will have to respond accordingly."

Darr's comments echoed back to the confusion generated last year when a Westside decision to eliminate windshield stickers in favor of a barcode-only entry system left Westsiders with no quick and easy means of identifying themselves at the North and South Side gates.

Concluding his remarks, Darr asked for patience and said he was hopeful that another meeting between the two Associations' representatives would be held soon to help find a solution agreeable to both communities.

"I respect their interest in securing their property,' Darr said. "I would hope that they respect our interest in the same.'

Lake Security

Ongoing concerns at Lake $Sequoia - on \ both \ land \ and$ water - provided ample fodder for residents to offer ideas and potential solutions during the Town Hall meeting.

Picking up on the discussion of gate access as it applies amenities access, Northsider Bill Yarish said a policy of checking for membership and guest passes at Sequoia Point last Summer was successful — a measure improved by the professionalism of the Roving Security guard in place at the time.

"He did an excellent job; and, I think, had that place under control," said Yarish. "I'm concerned that there doesn't seem to be someone of that same ilk down here this year checking ID cards."

In addition, Yarish noted the large amount of trash left at Sequoia Point after the Memorial Day holiday and said parking at the corner of Primrose Circle and Firetree creates a safety haz-

"I am concerned about the issue of what goes on at the park, the parking issue at Primrose, and that there are people in the park that don't belong there," said Yarish. "We finally had someone doing something about it last year, and now he's gone. The solution would be to hire someone who will do the job — that is, to check for ID —

and that person could also monitor cars that are parking illegally.'

Darr agreed that parking continues to be a safety concern at Sequoia Point, despite efforts to curb roadside parking through the use of railings and signage.

"The barriers have helped greatly, but we have not yet alleviated the parking problem," said Darr.

He commended Lakes & Dams Director Don Fentzlaff (See "Town Hall," p. 25)

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for his committee's efforts to develop a rules sign that will be installed at the boat launch, as well as work towards expediting the Judicial Committee hearing process for dangerous or egregious rules violations, particularly reckless boating.

Community Standards

"Violations are few, but there are still too many," said Darr. "And, with Community Standards, it is like our issues on the lake, we have chronic violators."

While there is room for interpretation on a few rules, Darr said, the majority are clear cut; and there should be no difficulty in understanding what is expected of homeowners.

Darr and Community Standards Director Bob Racine both expressed hope that shortening the process that takes a violator from notification to a hearing before the Judicial Committee, as well as a more user-friendly spreadsheet to track violations, will help correct reported violations more quickly.

"We're spending a lot of money to make this place look better through the Davenport Landscaping contract, and we need to get these problems fixed, "said Darr. "It hurts all of us."

In a roundtable discussion, Darr and Racine explained that a new system put in place several weeks ago eliminates the "neighbor against neighbor" concern that often characterized reporting of Community Standards violations. Any resident may submit an anonymous complaint that will be reviewed by the committee, and committee member names are not announced or published.

Southsider Ray Pardue, a former longtime member of the Standards Committee, expressed concern that, since the elimination of a community police force, there has been no effective means to deal with short-term rules violations, such as illegal yard sale signs on weekends.

Northsider Jim Allen sug-

gested that an overriding theme of many SLLA discussions, including the one about rules violations, is effective communication — or the lack thereof.

"You are not reaching all the people you want to reach," Allen told the Board, "And there is a lack of consistency as standards are applied ... Once you identify those people [violators], unless you penalize them in a meaningful manner, your communications won't be that effective."

Northsider Jamie Newell agreed, "We need to be proactive."

She recommended distributing a more meaningful listing of rules, noting that, the "green book" of by laws and rules distributed to SLLA members is so dense and chockfull of information as to be unwieldy.

In Spring 2001, the first, and perhaps only, edition of a Community Standards pamphlet highlighting the most pertinent and common rules was printed and distributed to new homeowners

"We all have the big book but, as it relates to standards, I think we need to update this pamphlet," said Darr.

Rather than incur the expense of mailing out such information, former Director Sally Kindsvatter recommended handing it out when residents visit the office to pick up their vehicle stickers or conduct other business.

"Every Board makes modifications to the rules, and no person can be expected to know every rule in the book," said Kindsvatter. "I don't go for 'people don't know better,' but I do agree that rules should be more readily accessible."

However, Bill Yarish cautioned against pamphlets or summarized information that could be construed as governing documents, when landowners should be consulting the green book for comprehensive information on rules.

Northsider George Temple suggested that understanding and knowing the rules is only part of the issue.

"I know most everybody

who breaks the boating rules," Temple said, "and who breaks the community standards rules. Yes, we need to make the public aware of what the rules are, but I think the problem is mostly a function of arrogance."

He continued: "They [violators] know that nothing is going to happen to them. A solution is to publicize — without names — every outcome of Judicial hearings. For example, Resident X was fined \$100 for overgrown grass. I think when people

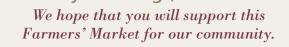
start to realize that something is going to be done — when judicial convicts and that there are consequences — then you will see a difference."

Darr said that many of the suggestions and issued raised during the Town Hall meeting discussion are agenda topics that will be reviewed by the Communications Committee that is currently forming.

"This will be the meat of what they do," Darr said. How to communicate — and

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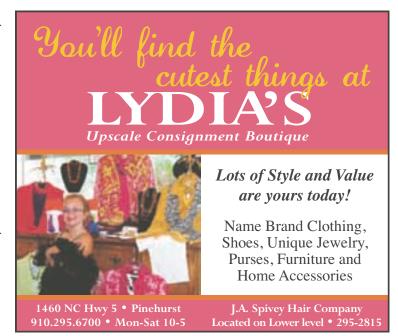


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Speeding and security

Describing speeding as a compliance issue, Darr noted that the community has few means for enforcement beyond asking the Sheriff's office to come in for additional patrols at extra expense.

"We can't afford to bring a thirty-dollar-an-hour cop in here to take care of our problems," he said.

Addressing other security issues, Darr recommended that a Community Watch program — which has not previously been successfully launched in the community — could be helpful.

In addition, Darr said that park shelter lighting will be left on until 3:00 am over the Summer months to assist Roving Patrol and reduce incidents of vandalism.

Yard debris site

A pile of lumber recently abandoned at the yard debris site was hauled away at a cost of \$1,500 to the Association —"for junk that shouldn't have been there!" exclaimed Darr. "I went back two weeks later, and the pile is almost as big as before."

Darr said he is thrilled with the work initiated by recently seated Security Director Andy Lowe, but added that the community must also step in to help.

"We can limit the open hours at the debris site to when we can monitor it, but that would cost money and probably wouldn't fly," said Darr.

Northsider Joyce Keller suggested adding security cameras to watch the site, but Lowe responded such equipment would cost upwards of \$5,000.

Likewise, cost concerns derailed a suggestion by Northsider Les Sommers to add a barcode gate at the debris site entrance. Lowe estimated a new gate would cost \$20,000.

One idea that did gain traction was better communication of debris site rules to landscaping contractors. In

simple terms, a resident may take their own yard waste to the site; but, if they hire a contractor, the waste must be disposed of off-site.

"Any person for hire cannot dump in the debris site, even if it is a resident's yard waste," explained Lowe.

The rule includes landscaping contractors who live within the community.

Bill Yarish agreed: "When you get down to the nitty gritty: it's always about enforcement."

Road Paving

Offering appreciation for the "tons and tons and tons" of work completed thus far on the paving project by Director Bud Shaver, Darr said the Association is identifying engineering firms that will look at the data compiled so far and provide a comprehensive study.

"We need them to tell us what we need to do and how to do it," said Darr. "We have to get a good one [engineering firm], because we have to get this right. It will be awhile yet before we see any paving, because we aren't going to jump into it half-you-know-what."

Director Shaver explained that hiring an outside engineering firm will serve three purposes: to determine how each road should be handled [overlay, patch, pave, and/or reconfigure]; to oversee the paving contractor; and to provide a redesign of the front entrances to align the North and Southside gates.

Dogwood Lane is a priority area, and a separate sub-committee is being formed specifically to discuss future landscaping and concerns over the Longleaf Pine roots that have warped the road surface.

Southsider Bob Stephan recommended employing a different — and less unsightly — method of crack filling once the new roads are finished.

Other concerns

When the Town Hall floor

was opened for general discussion, several residents expressed a variety of concerns.

• On septic systems, Sally Kindsvatter said she was very surprised when her system was inspected [now required whenever a home is sold] and that, despite no problems and regular pumping, her septic system failed all seven points. She recommended that more information on septic system maintenance and care should be distributed by the Board or the newspaper.

"We all have septic systems, so this is a community problem and residents should

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there," McCarthy told The Times. "We have a volunteer neighborhood watch that depends on its residents."

However, it seemed clear during Tuesday's meeting that many on the SLWLA Board would eventually like to move towards a barcodeonly entry system for nonresidents. In a recommendation aimed at avoiding the errors inherent in writing down and keeping track of decal numbers, Events Director Jim Ferguson said "Take

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know more about it," said

• On the Greater Seven

Lakes Community Council,

Ray Pardue asked for an

update on Moore County's

progress towards ensuring

adequate water in the future

for Seven Lakes. Darr

responded that the GSLCC

would be meeting later this

week and that he understood

the Board of Commissioners

is in discussion with the

Town of Robbins to increase

county water capacity.

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Kindsvatter.

the human element out," and suggested issuing using barcodes only, and not decals.

A Perennial Issue

Whether to use stickers or barcodes or some other solution to facilitate reciprocal access between SLWLA and SLLA turf has been an ongoing issue for both Boards. Infrastructure Director John Goodman on Tuesday suggested that the simplest solution might be to end the reciprocity.

"Sixty percent are rentals

• On fire hydrants, Pixie

Carroll asked for clarification

on comments made at a

recent SLLA meeting that

community fire hydrants

"don't work." Shaver

explained that the size of

hydrant water lines is only

good for flushing the lines.

Instead, for actual fire emer-

gencies, local departments

rely on a pumper truck to

draw water from special pipes

installed at Lake Echo and

Lake Longleaf. Water is then

transported to the incident

site as needed.

over there [on the North and South Sides]" Goodman said. "Now, there are no restrictions to them coming into our community. Nothing elitist or snobby — we are looking to secure our residents." [Goodman's number was off by an order of magnitude; fewer than seven percent of SLLA residences are home to renters. -Ed.]

During public comment, Charlie Flinchum supported that restriction, saying: "It is time to put our foot down. Let them [SLLA members] use their own amenities. Let their board get their problems in order, so they can stop bringing them over here."

Concerned that the Board was deciding on a gate access policy at the eleventh hour, because both communities are in the process of issuing new stickers and bar codes, Goodman offered a motion, unanimously approved by the Board, that starts work now on a community access policy for next year.

An ad hoc committee that will include Community Manager Frost, along with Directors McCarthy, Goodman, John Hoffmann, and possibly Adam Wimberly, will present

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recommendations to the Board in August and then work toward an agreement with the SLLA. The idea is to develop by this August a policy that can be put into place next Spring — when new barcodes and stickers are issued — so that the Board isn't left scrambling to develop a policy at the last

Community Manager Frost told The Times on Monday that an gate access policy for this year still awaits approval by the Board.

Emergency Exit Signs

The installation of four emergency exit signs throughout the community was approved by the SLWLA Board during Tuesday's meeting, with John Goodman, Adam Wimberly, and Jane Sessler in opposition.

Wimberly said the issue of emergency exits is something that has been left over from the Dam Road being closed

and the ongoing argument about "what happens if there is an emergency." During the public comment period John Oravitz said the community needs to "curtail the signs." Roger Brooke echoed Oravitz saying the proliferation of signs is "not very attractive . . . and cheapens the community.'

Westside Speeding

Safety and Security Director McCarthy asked for feedback from his fellow Directors on the issue of speeding in the community. Fearing legal ramifications if, for example, the community issues a ticket and it remains unpaid by a non-resident member of the Beacon Ridge Golf Club which is not owned by Seven Lakes West — McCarthy asked for input on the matter.

An unpaid ticket could result in a non-resident BRCC member being denied entry into the community,

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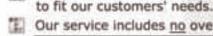
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McCarthy noted.

Director Goodman reminded McCarthy that the community has a legal committee and funds to address such a problem were it to arise. ARC Director John Hoffmann agreed to help the Safety and Security Committee put together an enforcement plan and present it to the Board at the second work session in July.

Fireworks Not Permitted

The use of personal fireworks is not allowed in Seven Lakes West. Member Joan Erikson told the Board that she has heard firework use in the community and feared it could cause a fire due to the dry weather and pine straw. The West Side's annual fireworks display is scheduled for Monday, July 4.

Lake and Dam

The Board during Tuesday's Work Session approved a request by Director Goodman to post additional guards at the gate of Johnson Point for the next one or two months for the purpose of checking the membership status of those entering the area.

The two guards will be posted during the weekends, holidays, and other times that are deemed necessary. Boat

monitor guards will also be checking people's identification to make sure those in the area are either a resident or a guest of a resident. A grace period of one week is being allotted for members to have their membership cards or a picture ID with them and to verify what lot they belong to if asked.

Lake and Dam Director Wimberly reminded members to abide by the speed limits while on the Lake — which also apply to boats pulling tubers. Boats should have new stickers affixed by June 1; \$25 fines will be issued starting June 15 for boats without current stickers.

The Board approved a motion by Wimberly to begin investigating different options for reinstalling a swim platform at Johnson Point at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.

Wimberly will also investigate the possibility of installing a gate at Johnson Point identical to the one at Lake Auman Dam.

Architectural Review

Three new members were appointed to the Architectural Review Committee [ARC], including Joshua Haire, Bill Carl, and Maurice Martin. Ed Schempp and Dick Williams were named ARC Deputy Co-Chairs.

ARC Director Hoffmann

told *The Times* that regular notices will be sent to the gate house identifying construction vehicles that are authorized to enter the community. Anyone who has not had construction services approved by ARC will not be on the list at the gate house, and those vehicles will not be allowed to enter the community. Hoffmann said this is being enforced to help uphold community standards.

ARC requirements, as well as by-laws, covenants, standards, and rules and regulations, will be given to real estate offices that sell in Seven Lakes West so that future residents will be aware of them before purchasing in the community, Hoffmann said

Culvert Repairs

Infrastructure Director Goodman announced that a temporary guard shack will be installed at the back gate for approximately one month while culvert repairs on Longleaf Drive are completed. The location of some culverts do not afford the opportunity for detours, so some residents will be able to use only the front gate or the back gate. The repairs were scheduled to begin on Thursday, June

Other Business

Other business conducted at the Tuesday, June 14 SLWLA Work Session included:

- The Board approved the Nominating Committee for 2012: Ron Shepard, Ed Cockman, Ed Silberhorn, Kathy Kirst, Jane Sessler, Johanna Moran, Jim Ballew, and Pat Land.
- President Herdrich asked Board members to respond to emails in a timely manner and research the topic before sending anything out. He also asked for Board members to be copied on respons-

es.

- President Herdrich questioned the lag time in the back gate mechanism, which Joan Frost confirmed is programmed to have a five second delay. McCarthy said a lot of maintenance has been done to the back gate, and it may be more beneficial to get a new one, which could cost as much as \$7,000.
- During public comment period, Roger Brooke asked for the Long Range Planning Committee to look at adding walking trails in the community.

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