

**PINE MOUNTAIN
ESTATES**

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**SPECIAL POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

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- Garden Gate

Pine Mountain
Property Owners, Inc.

**Board of Directors
2016-2017**

President: Ron Phillips
VP: Max Poteet
2nd VP: Ed Harman
Secretary: Patti Cline
Treasurer: Glen Cline

Other Board Members:
Bennie Stinson
Mike Bivens
Bobby Davis
Jonny Burch
Ray Hollowell
David Newman
Glen Michael
Max Butler

**Pine Mountain
Neighborhood Watch
Facebook Group:**

To read all approved meeting minutes, sell items on the mountain, celebrate happenings, make announcements, provide warnings and so much more...

Join Pine Mountain Estates, NC private Facebook group. You'll find a link on:

PineMountainNC.com
Under the POA Office tab—right column.

Annual Picnic:

2016 POA Annual Picnic will be held at the Pavilion on:

October 1st

Around Noon!

Watch for more details on the bulletin board next to the mail boxes.



July 2016

Pine Mountain Quarterly Newsletter

Bug Bites?

Great weather means people go outside, take walks, ride bikes and so much more. But what do you do when you're bitten by a local little bug? Think about these:

Alleviate itching, pain & swelling by using Essential Oils: Tea Tree, Lavender and Coconut Oil. You can dilute these with water if too strong.

Honey helps with itching and is a great anti-inflammatory. Lemon or Lime juice: helps with itch relief plus they are great

as an antibacterial. Use indoors only because the juices will burn your skin in the sun.

Tea Bags will help draw out bug bite fluids and reduce itching and swelling.

Vinegar is great dabbing small amounts to spots or add to bath water if you've become a bug's buffet.

Mosquitos a problem? Mix cheap blue mouthwash, Epsom salt and stale cheap beer. Won't hurt plants or flowers and will keep those little pests away for about 80 days.

But if you're bitten by a

mosquito, try rubbing a fresh Basil Leaf on the bite—stops the itch quickly.

Afraid you'll scratch at night? Put a piece of scotch tape or bandage over the bite. If you break the skin it could cause an infection.

Don't forget about Aloe Vera! Works as an anti-inflammatory, helps with the itch and healing your skin.

Lastly create an Aspirin paste and dab it on—takes the sting out right away.

Stay Safe!

Wanda Merical

Golf Course Greetings!

Greetings from the Golf Course!!!

Following the very good months of April and May, we've found ourselves in the middle of the Dog Days of Summer—hot and sometimes dry days in our future.

Greg and Dillard remain in full "fire-fighting" mode this time of year when rain is scarce and temps are high. Keeping the greens in beautiful 'ready play' condition requires several hours of sprinkler and hand watering, 7 days a week. We continually receive compliments from golfers on the terrific job on keeping our greens, green.

We've also started selective tree and limb trimming on and around needed holes enhancing aesthetics and equally important, the playability of the holes. This has received RAVE reviews thus far. Play has been very good—all thanks to the weather, overall course conditions, affordability, coupons in local papers and marketing.

Also, a Big Thank You to Wanda Merical who operates our Pine Mountain website for the golf course. If you haven't seen it, check it out @

PineMountainGolf.com.

Looking forward: We have some great events on the schedule to pass along.

Member/Guest: July 30-31st (tentative)

Casar Masonic Lodge: Aug 27th (fills up quickly, plan accordingly)

JP vs LGS: Sept 17 (inaugural event) details at: <http://michellebuff.wix.com/jplgs>

All these events will be utilizing the new pavilion—adjacent to the golf course parking lot.

Feel free to call the golf shop for additional information on any of these events.

PLAY GOLF!!

THANK YOU

Kelly Leonhardt

President's Report

As we, friends, residents of Pine Mountain, and members of the Association, embark on an new fiscal year, I submit the following as an initial report to the members:

A Few General Goals

- to provide leadership utilizing fiduciary responsibilities
- to provide for member safety at all meetings and POA functions
- to promote transparency and accountability
- to assure structure and order at all meetings
- to strive to accomplish that which is fair, right, honest, and legal

A Few Initial Specific Goals

- to meet with the Executive Committee in a planning retreat for the purpose of formulating specific

monthly, quarterly, and annual goals for the fiscal year 2016/2017

- to report to the members monthly via an "email newsletter" of all events and news of importance
- (if the office does not have your email, you may email it to pinemountainoffice@bellsouth.net)
- to promote "member participation" about concerns, comments, and questions by providing a short survey sheet to be enclosed with the quarterly invoice & newsletter (see survey sheet enclosed, please return it with your quarterly payment, or email it to pinemountainoffice@bellsouth.net) Each responded survey shall be noted at the next Board meeting, and in the President's monthly email newsletter.

Specific Short and Long Range Goals

- some specific goals to be identified at the July 11, 2016,

Board of Directors meeting by the Executive Committee as a result of its planning retreat (goal-setting will be an ongoing process which means new goals will be included as the need arises)

Committees for 2016/2017

The Association needs volunteers for its various committees, and your involvement shall be greatly appreciated. If you will serve on either of the following, please contact Patti at 828-437-4894 nominating; recreation; construction & maintenance; environmental control; publicity; audit; animal control; collection & real estate; emergency & security; golf; by-laws & covenants; and adjudicatory.

"Commit to work together, strive to solve Association objectives, and agree to disagree with respect"

Ron Phillips

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**You Can
Help!**

Partners for Cats works very closely with REASON (Reduce Euthanasia & Spay or Neuter) Together they promote, rescue and care for many cats and dogs as possible.

Please help spread the word, they are always looking for loving homes, donations and volunteers. If you or someone you

know would like to help, call.

Pine Mountain connections:

Jean Thorne - Partners
for Cats: 828-437-8769
Katherine Lee - Reason:
828-403-3675

Contact Information Updates:

We move, we update cell phones, change phone numbers—even email carriers and so much more.

Please don't forget to update all your contact information at the POA Office.

Call or send an email with all your updates to:

Phone: 828-437-4894
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**Check out...
Our Website:**
PineMountainNC.com

Need Help?

Routine housekeeping,
Spring/Fall cleaning, vacation property, special events, moving in/out, laundry, grocery shopping, organizing, And much more...

Schedule today!

Call Tammy: 828-781-0473



Celebrate My
Birthday...

July 4, 1776

POA Office News...

The POA fiscal year ended June 30th. And we are ready for a new year.

The Board Members for 2016-2017 are:

Single Family Homes: Max Butler, Bennie Stinson, David Newman, Glen Michael
Single Family Lot: Jonny Burch and Ron Phillips
Town Homes: Mike Bivens, Bobby Davis, Ed Harman, Max Poteet
Town Home Lots: Ray Hollowell
Golf: Glenn Cline
Leaving the board is: Jim Sayball, Mike O' Hagan and Jan Phillips.
Thank you each for many hours and years of service!

A Summary of 2015-2016 office report. This has been a very busy year:

There has been 8 homes, 2 townhomes and 5 vacant lots sold by residents this year. This means we have new neighbors and friends. We also have one very good possibly of a lot being sold and new construction of a home in the near future. The POA as of today owns 27 lots we wish to sell. There is a list of these lots posted at the POA Office for everyone to view. This year we did have the roads

marked with the yellow line or dashes to help driving on the foggy nights. Some nights, as you know, one can hardly see the front of your vehicle. Many have since told me how much this has helped getting them home. There has been repairs work on broken water pipes on Kinglet Road, Pine Mountain Drive, Sleepy Hollow, Holly Road and Pine Mountain Ridge. The water pump motor at the Twin Towers Station has had repair work done, and the North Ridge had the electrical switch replaced.

A very much needed major upgrading has been completed on the sewer plant. For months the sewer plant was run manually by the employees. As we searched for pricing of parts and labor the system had an electrical surge causing a fire and more damage, which the insurance did pay for. With the upgrade our sewer plant is running smoothly and should last a long time.

After our very warm November and December we did have snow and ice. Our employees did a great job clearing the roads. Unfortunately one storm the employees had trouble getting to the mountain to clear the road due to the ice and we

had one of the residents slide and total their car. Our roads still were cleared before the county roads. The side ditch on Pine Ridge Drive has been filled with large stones which were free for the cost of picking them up. Thanks to Bennie Stinson asking Kevin Womack where he got his stones from. We have more stones left that we will be using later.

Pick up of small limbs and branches at residents homes this spring is being done after the residents call for the pick-up. The four dead pine trees at the entrance way are in the process of being removed.

Ron Schwing was in charge of building the new pavilion which we used for our annual meeting and a picnic afterwards. The employees helped with about 60% of the building and many hours of volunteer work from Glenn Cline and Bennie Stinson and others.

The 2015 Annual Water Report has just arrived. The report is posted on the POA bulletin board by the mail boxes and in the POA office for the next 30 days. A copy of the report is in your July 1st invoices.

Patti Cline

The Hummingbird



One of the delights of spring on our mountain is the return of the tiny little Ruby Throated Hummingbird. The Ruby Throated Hummingbird is the only hummingbird native to the east coast of the U.S. They migrate up the east coast from Mexico and Central America traveling as far north as Canada. They are small delights, and are much more aggressive as their diminutive size would suggest. When "our" hummers arrive, the males start performing their dance which is a flown in an arc, as large as space allows, performing and showing their red throats to the females who get to choose who will father two or three eggs. Only the female feeds and raises the tiny infants, laying eggs in a nest of moss glued together with spider webs.

You can tell when a new group of tiny birds have hatched and left the nest not only because your bird count on your feeders will double, but while the female hatchlings cannot be told from their moms, the little boys won't have the red throats yet. They will sometimes have a tiny red dot in the middle of the throat or

they will look like they need a shave with a 5 o'clock

shadow where the red will be when they are mature.

Ruby Throated Hummingbirds eat insects. The nectar they drink from flowers (thus pollinating them), and from the nectar feeders humans provide (4 cups water to one cup sugar with no red dye required), is only their "energy drink". They need protein to survive which they get from eating tiny insects such as the gnats that plague us on the mountain, and tiny spiders. You will sometimes see spider webs hanging from their beaks as they feed, or build their nests.

It is advised that you hang at least one feeder out by late March, to help the early birds who are going all the way up to Canada to breed. While it is cold out and early I usually use a 3 to 1 mixture to give them a boost and keep the nectar from getting moldy from hanging longer than it will in the summer.

These pretty tiny birds are not family oriented and are in fact quite aggressive in defending their territories. You will see and hear them as they fight for the right to "own" one flower or feeder.

They dance in the air as they battle each other, males and females. If you listen carefully you can hear a screech, like tires, as they turn corners in the air, chasing each other in flight. When they brush against each other you can hear the feathers meeting each other. Humming birds are able to fly up and down and backwards as they try to tell the others to leave their territory.

Keeping a hummingbird feeder filled and hanging from your deck or a tree will assure you many hours of enjoyable entertainment during the warm hours of spring, summer and into the fall. In the fall the birds start to head south to their winter feeding grounds. The males usually leave first, then the females, with the newly hatched immature following last. Keep your feeders up at least until the first freeze to help the late travelers, who will surely be immature birds that have flown all the way from Canada and still have so far to go. You might even spot a western bred Rufus Hummingbird taking a short cut from the West Coast to fly south for the winter.

Jean Thorne

The Garden Gate

Gardening can be very rewarding. The effort and work that we started this Spring is paying off, the flowers are in bloom and the vegetables are growing. The entrance is in full color and the gates have beautiful flowers. Driving around the mountain, I see my neighbor's flower gardens and bushes so all of this complements what Mother Nature has given us on Pine Mountain.

Happy Gardening everyone.

Ron Schwing

New Pavilion:

We're so excited to have our new pavilion. Think about all the possible events residents, property owners, golf club and locals can have. Special events, tournaments, family reunions, picnics, weddings, anything and everything you can imagine.

All residents and property owners can use the pavilion free of charge along with golfing tournaments. All others will be required to pay a small fee.

Our board is currently looking at creating rules and/or guidelines to ensure all users are safe and the area is kept clean. For details and reservations contact the POA office.