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Pine Mountain Quarterly Newsletter

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To review all Committees,
their duties and their
members, go to:
[PineMountainNC.com/
POA-members.html](http://PineMountainNC.com/POA-members.html)

**Pine Mountain
Neighborhood Watch
Facebook Group:**

Stay informed! Folks on
Pine Mountain are sharing
important information,
photos, local events,
outings, keeping neighbors
informed and much more.

Join Pine Mountain's
Private Facebook page!!

You can either:
PineMountainNC.com
Under the POA Office
tab—right column.
Or
Email your request to:
WMerical@msn.com

Gary Thorpe will be organ-
izing **Wards Gap Road
clean-up in June**...need
volunteers. Info will be
posted on Facebook and
the Front Gate Bulletin
Board.

Welcome!

Welcome to all our new
individuals/families on the
Mountain!!!

Definition of a Secret:

Telling only one person
at a time.

From the Editor...

By Wanda Merical

Meet Thy Neighbor:

A wonderful event — Thanks to all the folks that showed up. My count was 39, but there was wine floating about, so I can't be sure. Folks not only met new neighbors but they were able to visit with old friends.

If you felt left out because you couldn't make it or you can't wait to attend the next one. Planning has started for our next "Meet Thy Neighbor" event. Mark your calendars for sometime **mid-September 2017!!** See you then! ;)

Welcome Committee:

If you or someone you know that would like to help with the new Welcome Committee, please let me know.

Tasks: Help create home baked goods, gather interesting community & local information to be delivered to their doorstep. Helpers can volunteer for any or all parts of the Welcome Committee's tasks.

There's nothing better than being greeted by a neighbor with a little bag of goodies. ;)

Spring — my Favorite time of the year, well at least until Autumn gets here. The sun is shining, the air gets warmer and Mother Nature puts rainbows of color everywhere.

I know a whole lot of people that either visit or live here that truly appreciate all the labor of love our Garden Volunteers do to keep our gates and roadways looking so Grand. Thank You!!

Firewise: Eric Muecke, Urban Forestry Specialist, our point of contact for "**FIREWISE**" has provided Pine Mountain with a Pine Mountain Community Assessment of where we stand and what we need to do to protect our community in case there's another wildfire headed our way. To obtain a copy of the Pine Mountain Community Assessment Book, you can go either to the Pine Mountain Facebook page, look under "Files" or our website: PineMountainNC.com.

To see Ruth Robertson's complete FIREWISE article (on the 2nd page) please go to FIREWISE in the Pine Mountain website: PineMountainNC.com

Golf Course Greetings!

First of all, Spring is here!! And we're certainly ready for the growing season to begin. And as is the case for Spring, the golf course secured some invaluable volunteers to help with very badly needed greens aerification and topdressing. So a BIG Thank You to Ronnie Swink, Curtis Yancey, Hal Abernathy and David Lankford for all their efforts in getting this job done.

Looking ahead over the next few months, we have several fundraising events on the schedule: April 22nd, Relay for Life; May 6th, Church; May 13th, Trinity Baptist Church; May 20th, Burke Fire Association and June 3rd, Oak Ridge Baptist Church. For more info on any of these events, feel free to call the golf shop.

Hole in #1 Winners — Way To Go!! CONGRATULATIONS to Hal Abernathy, Hole #13, Jan 18th and Ken Bivens, Hole #3, March 24th.

Tee box repairs as well as some selective tree removal will continue in coming months as we do our best to provide the best course conditions possible.

Thank you for your support and we hope to see you on the course soon!!!

[Join the Pine Mountain Golf Facebook page and/or our Newsletter for updates.](#)

Pine Mountain Facebook:

1. Farmer's Markets for the surrounding counties: Burke, Catawba, Cleveland and Lincoln counties.
2. Board meetings and budget reports are posted as soon as they are approved.
3. Updated Contractor Services listing of all the companies/individuals who will come to us. If you know of someone who isn't on the list, please let me know.
4. Important information that will benefit each home & land owner to keep your family, home and property safe in an emergency situation.

Disaster Preparedness Plan:

As all of us know, last November made us realize how unprepared we all are in case of an emergency. Valuable information has been gathered, structured and posted for all Pine Mountain residents, home and land owners on the Pine Mountain website: PineMountainNC.com.

When booklets/pamphlets are available to all residents who do not have computers or internet capability, you will be notified as soon as they are available.

POA Office News...

By Patti Cline

Spring is always so beautiful! It is time to get outdoors and enjoy the warm weather. Why not have a picnic at our pavilion, bring the kids or grand kids to play on the playground equipment donated by Fred & Vonis Waugh. Or have fun fishing at the ponds. The old brush & trees have been cleared and looks great. Just remember to catch & release, do not eat the fish.

It is time for the elections to begin soon. We have four positions open this year. If you are interested, please let the POA Office know. Ballots will need to be mailed mid May to be returned by June 3rd to be counted. Also mark your calendar for June 10th will be our annual POA Meeting.

FIREWISE

By Ruth Robertson

The FIREWISE Committee has designated Saturday, April 22nd as our Pine Mountain Spring Clean-Up Day. Very appropriate since April 22nd is also EARTH DAY!

What is Spring Clean-Up Day? This event will kick off our 2017 Community activities to make our mountain and our home sites safer from a wildfire. Anything that we do around our Pine Mountain residences or our Community common areas to reduce our Wildfire risk counts!! Raking leaves, clearing out debris that has collected over the winter, trimming back bushes and low hanging tree limbs, cutting down dead trees or bushes around your home, etc., all count as eligible clean-up activities!

Why is this important? Because Spring ushers in not only warm weather and the return of our beautiful Summer foliage, but it also increases our risk of wildfires. And for those of us living in the mountain, risk of a wildfire is always present.

Not sure what to be looking for? FIREWISE has an Individual Home Owner Assessment Sheet that will guide you to determine the risk hazards around your home. Your individ-

ual home score will provide you with a roadmap of things you can do to reduce your home's risk in the event of another fire. Many of the steps necessary to improve your home assessment score can be accomplished during Spring Clean-Up!

Keep Track! Keep track of the number of hours you spend doing FIREWISE activities—whether it's on April 22nd or any other day. These hours will turn into FIREWISE Community time giving credit to Pine Mountain FIREWISE Program at \$23.56 an hour. So make sure you turn in your hours to Patti at the POA.

If you would like a copy of the 2016 Pine Mountain Estates Risk Assessment Summary Report, you can contact the POA Office or download a copy either from the Pine Mountain Facebook page or PineMountainNC.com website. Additional information about the FIREWISE Community program can be found at: NCFirewise.org website or contact Patti at the office.

Don't forget to help out a neighbor that needs help with their outdoor chores...their time also counts.

Pine Mountain Real Estate

The Pine Mountain website now has a Real Estate section—check it out. If you're thinking of selling your property, please contact Real Estate Agent Catherine Frank (828) 334-7262 or if you want to sell "By Owner" please contact Wanda Merical with your property and contact information and a picture of your property to be advertised on our website.

PineMountainNC.com

Garden Gate News:

We're having nice weather, but the last average frost date for this area is April 8th thru the 11th. This is a good time to turn the soil, which helps the soil to warm up. Seeds and young plants need the warm soil. Azaleas will be blooming soon and after flowering is the time to trim back the bush to set the blooms for next year. Have a wonderful Gardening Year.

Happy Gardening Everyone & Ron Schwing

RIP: Bennie Stinson

Pine Mountain lost a dear and wonderful friend on March 4th from a 4-wheeler accident here on the Mountain. Bennie Stinson, by most, was considered "The Handyman" from all the hours he donated helping others, including neighbors, golf course and maintenance crew with cars, trucks, lawn mowers, weed eaters, leaf blowers, maintenance equipment, pumps and anything else, just give him enough time, he could find a way to fix it. Bennie Stinson was one of the most generous, loving and caring people you'd ever meet. He was devoted to his wife, Diane, his family, his church and his friends. As a Pine Mountain board member, he was always looking for ways to help our community. Bennie Stinson, a true character that will be missed by everyone that knew him. He was a true character, just thinking of him will put a smile on your face.

Financial Brief: Dec—Feb 2017

POA Income

POA Outgoing

POA:	Dues & Services	Utilities	Maint	Permits, License, Ins, Taxes	POA Office & Salaries	Legal	Equip & Machines	Bldg, Grounds, Roads	Total Out	Difference
Dec	\$4,388	\$2,577	\$759	\$918	\$9,766	\$0	\$52	\$192	\$14,443	(\$10,055)
Jan	\$32,844	\$5,266	\$5,864	\$871	\$7,816	\$125	\$265	\$742	\$20,949	\$11,895
Feb	\$8,941	\$4,496	\$1,955	\$872	\$7,690	\$525	\$12	\$543	\$16,289	(\$7,348)

Golf Income

Golf Outgoing

Golf:	Income	Cart Fees	Total In	Utilities	Maint	Cart Rentals	Pro Shop / Ads	Permits, License, Ins	Salaries	Total Out	Difference
Dec	\$5,503	\$3,725	\$9,228	\$514	55	\$32	\$1,023	\$687	\$13,028	\$15,339	(\$6,111)
Jan	\$4,779	\$2,982	\$7,761	\$540	\$0	\$32	\$876	\$638	\$7,258	\$9,344	(\$1,583)
Feb	\$13,399	\$6,244	\$19,643	\$989	\$109	\$32	\$1,531	\$637	\$7,250	\$10,548	\$9,095

Note: Quarterly Dues are requested/due at the beginning of: Jan, Apr, July & Oct. Annual Treasurer's Reports range from July to Jun, POA's fiscal year, not calendar year. This Financial Brief is in consolidated form—for a more explicit detailed report, please request a copy through the POA office. If you would like for this review to continue, please notify the editor. Thank you. Disclaimer: The Pine Mountain Treasurer did not submit this Financial Brief.