

Senior Advisory Committee Inaugural Meeting Agenda



An Action-Oriented Advisory Body Committed to Measurable Impact.

Date: Monday, May 4

Time: 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM

Location: Village Hall

1. Call to Order & Opening Remarks

- Welcome
- Mayor Patrick Pizzella
- Village Council and Senior Staff

2. Member Introductions (2 minutes each)

- Professional and Lived Experience
- Why You Applied to the Committee
- State Your Thoughts as to the Single Most Important Issue Related to Aging Well in Pinehurst

3. Operating Model

- Committee Leadership
- Meeting Cadence, Structure and Staff Support.
- Key Roles and Responsibilities
- Working Group Model
- A Pathway to Self-Governance

4. Initial Objective & Formation of Working Groups

Development of a White Paper on the Current State of Aging in Pinehurst.

- Establish Initial Focus Areas
 - Demographics
 - Home Safety
 - Health & Wellness
 - Communications
 - Social Isolation
 - Online Fraud
- Members Select Working Groups.
- Identification of Provisional Group Leads.

5. Deliverables for the June 1st. Meeting

- Each Team Reports Back on Their Approach to the Focus Areas
- Initial Findings
- Roadblocks
- Necessary Resources
- Next Steps and Timeline

7. Closing Discussion:

- What Does Success Look Like in 12 Months?

Next Meeting: Monday, June 1st, 3pm, Village Hall

RESOLUTION #26-13:

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE POLICY FOR THE VILLAGE OF PINEHURST.

WHEREAS, the Village Council of the Village of Pinehurst recognizes the importance of fostering meaningful engagement with residents age 55 and older and promoting a high quality of life for senior members of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council desires to maintain a Senior Advisory Committee (SAC) to encourage effective two-way communication between Village Government and senior residents; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Senior Advisory Committee Policy establishes the purpose, goals, membership requirements, terms, expectations, meeting procedures, and Village support necessary for the effective operation of the SAC; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council has reviewed and discussed the proposed Senior Advisory Committee Policy and finds that adoption of the policy will provide clarity, consistency, and structure to the Committee's operations while supporting age-friendly community practices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Council of the Village of Pinehurst, North Carolina, in Regular Meeting assembled this 24th day of February 2026, that:

1. The Senior Advisory Committee Policy is hereby adopted as an official policy of the Village of Pinehurst.
2. The Senior Advisory Committee shall operate in accordance with the adopted policy, including its provisions regarding purpose, membership, terms, meeting procedures, and compliance with North Carolina public records and open meetings laws.
3. This policy shall supplement applicable statutes, ordinances, and other Village policies, all of which shall continue to govern the actions of the Committee.
4. The Village Manager is authorized to implement and administer the Senior Advisory Committee Policy consistent with its terms.


THIS RESOLUTION passed and adopted this 24th day of February 2026.



Attest:


Shannon Konstantinou, Village Clerk

VILLAGE OF PINEHURST
VILLAGE COUNCIL

By: 
Patrick Pizzella, Mayor



PRESS RELEASE

April 14, 2026

**EMBARGOED UNTIL: Tuesday, April 14 at 5:30
p.m.**

Department: Administration

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Pinehurst Names Inaugural Senior Advisory Committee

PINEHURST –The Village of Pinehurst is pleased to announce the appointment of the inaugural members of its Senior Advisory Committee, a new advisory body established by the Village Council to strengthen communication and engagement with Pinehurst’s older adult community.

Following a competitive application and interview process, nine residents have been selected to serve on the Committee. The group reflects a wide range of professional experience and community involvement, with backgrounds in healthcare, government, law, aging services, housing, and public service.

The inaugural members of the Senior Advisory Committee are:

- Kathy Beeman, RN
- Bill Grover, MD
- Marti Harrigan
- Carolyn Horton
- Suzanne LaFollette-Black
- Mike Pearce
- Lisa Smith

- Patricia Smith, RN
- The Honorable Beth Walker

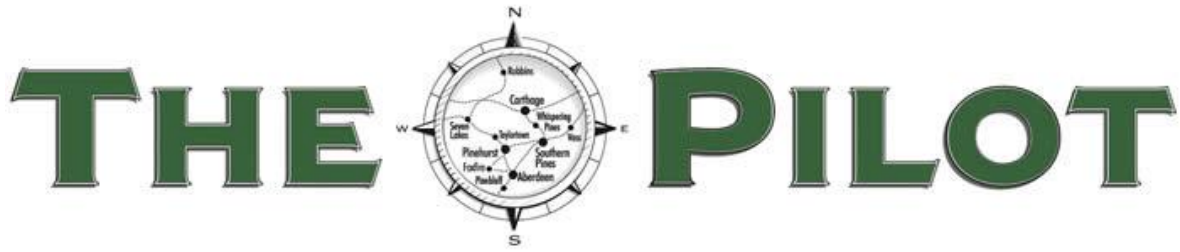
Together, these members bring decades of leadership and service, along with valuable personal experience supporting and caring for older adults. Their perspectives will help ensure the Committee's work is grounded in the needs and priorities of Pinehurst residents.

"This is a strong and thoughtful group that reflects the very best of our community," said Councilmember Kevin Fitzpatrick. "Their experience and commitment will help guide meaningful conversations and support practical solutions as we continue working to make Pinehurst an intentionally age-friendly community."

The Senior Advisory Committee will serve as a forum for ongoing, two-way communication between residents and Village leadership on issues important to older adults, including mobility, safety, accessibility, social connection, and access to information and services. The Committee will also provide input on policies and initiatives that support residents in aging safely, actively, and with dignity.

The creation of the Committee reflects the Village's commitment to thoughtful, responsive governance. With more than half of Pinehurst's population age 55 and older, this effort helps ensure the community continues to meet the needs of its residents now and into the future.

The Committee will meet on the first Monday of each month. Its first meeting will be held on Monday, May 4 at 3 p.m. in Assembly Hall at 395 Magnolia Road. Meetings are open to the public, and community members are encouraged to attend.



Pinehurst Launches Senior Advisory Committee

- [Matt Lamb || Staff Writer mlamb@thepilot.com](mailto:mlamb@thepilot.com)

Applause rang out in Assembly Hall earlier this week as residents from across the village expressed their support for Pinehurst’s new Senior Advisory Committee.

Passed unanimously in a resolution by the Village Council, the SAC marks the first new official committee in Pinehurst in over a decade.

Spearheaded by council member Kevin Fitzpatrick, he thanked the area’s senior community, which inspired the initiative.

“Their stories, your struggles, your triumphs, your wisdom gained through your life, your lived experience, are the very bedrock of this effort,” said Fitzpatrick. “The policy before us establishes the Senior Advisory Committee as a structured, codified forum for two-way communication between village government and our senior population, a community that’s been very intentionally shaped and sustained by older adults. This is more than symbolic; this is thoughtful, forward-looking governance.”

Pinehurst is uniquely positioned to offer additional services for seniors. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 55 percent of Pinehurst residents are 55 or older. The median age in the village is nearly 59, and 41 percent of residents are over 65.

As for its founding policy, the SAC will look to “serve as an advisory committee identifying opportunities and challenges related to health aging, mobility, accessibility, social connection, safety and supporting the village’s efforts to remain a welcoming and age-friendly community for residents in all stages of life.”

Additionally, according to a village staff report, the committee plans to “promote policies, programs and community initiatives that support independent living, accessibility, social engagement and overall well-being for older adults,” while also “providing input on how village facilities, parks, sidewalks, transportation systems, events and communication can better reflect age-friendly design and practices.”

Regarding membership, the SAC will consist of up to nine members, appointed by the Village Council, who will serve a maximum of two consecutive three-year terms, for a total of six years. Members must be at least 55 years of age at the time of their appointment.

“Membership should, to the extent practicable, reflect diversity in age, neighborhoods, backgrounds, abilities and interests within the senior population,” reads the policy.

“Members will be individually appointed by the Village Council upon recommendation by a committee consisting of the Village Manager, a member of the Village Council and designated village staff.”

Members of the Village Council lauded Fitzpatrick for his novel idea and his effort in putting the SAC in motion.

“Kevin, I think you’ve done a great job, not only conceiving of the initiative, but sort of driving it through to the conclusion that I think we’ll reach tonight,” said council member John Taylor. “I think that we have tremendous human capital here, and the people who have spoken are representative of that; they will drive this more so than any document that we adopt, and we’ve set out a good framework.”

Referencing Mark Twain and the nature of aging, Mayor Patrick Pizzella said, “Age is an issue of mind over matter; if you don’t mind, it doesn’t matter.”

“I’d like to point out that this is the first new advisory committee established in over a decade,” Pizzella continued. “We don’t do this haphazardly. It has to begin with a good idea, and you get to a resolution in the adoption of such.”

As for reaching potential committee candidates, a call will go out on the village website, through various local media sources, in a presentation to the Neighborhood Advisory Committee and through information displayed at the county’s Senior Enrichment Center and Given Memorial Library.

The following two months will be spent collecting and reviewing prospective committee member applications and conducting interviews. The council will review and approve all members before an eventual welcome reception at the Tufts Archives.

If all goes to plan, the committee will hold its inaugural meeting in May.