

Senior Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda



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Date: Monday, August 3rd, 2026

Time: 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Location: Assembly Hall of Village Hall

1. Call to Order & Opening Remarks

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

2. Approval of Minutes

- Review and approval of the July 06, 2026, meeting minutes

3. Working Group Presentations

- **Healthy Aging Working Group**
 - Given Library- Given Tufts Bookstore Collaboration
 - 18 Months of EMS Data - Initial Findings
 - AED Geo-Map
- **Communications Working Group**
 - New SAC Portion of the VOP Website
 - Given Library- Given Tufts Bookstore Press Release
- **Safety & Security Working Group**
 - Cyber Crime Seminar, September 29th 2-4pm, Assembly Hall
 - The Senior Shield Initiative
- **Demographics Working Group**
 - Pinehurst Age Friendly Community Survey Preparations
 - A Family Care Home opening in No.6

4. Featured Speaker:

- Heather Burkhardt, MSW AARP, Associate State Director of Outreach and Advocacy for the Triangle
- Discussion and Questions

5. Closing Discussion

- Community Comments

6. Next Meeting

Monday, September 14th, 2026, at 3:00 PM (due to Labor Day holiday).

- Alternate Location: Fire Station 91 Training Room, 405 Magnolia Road, Pinehurst, NC 28374.



**Senior Advisory Committee
Minutes for the Regular Meeting of July 6th, 2026
Assembly Hall
395 Magnolia Road
Pinehurst, North Carolina
03:00 p.m.**

The Senior Advisory Committee held a Regular Meeting at 03:00 p.m., Monday, July 6th, 2026, in the Assembly Hall of Pinehurst Village Hall, 395 Magnolia Road, Pinehurst, North Carolina.

The following attendees were present:

Bill Grover MD, PhD., SAC Member
Ms. Suzanne LaFollette-Black, SAC Member
Mr. Mike Pearce SAC Member
Ms. Lisa Smith, SAC Member
Ms. Marti Harrigan, SAC Member
Ms. Beth Walker, SAC Member
Mw. Lynn Horton, SAC Member

Mayor Patrick Pizzella
Ms. Barb Ficklin, Council Member
Mr. Jeramy Hooper, Council Member
Mr. Kevin Fitzpatrick, Council Member
Mr. Doug Willardson, Village Manager

Special Guest: Ms. Lynne Drinkwater, Program Coordinator, Moore County Senior Engagement Center

1. Call to Order & Opening Remarks

Mayor Patrick Pizzella called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Following introductions, he reaffirmed the Committee's purpose of helping Pinehurst build upon its reputation as a safe, welcoming community by becoming an intentionally age-friendly community. Council Member Kevin Fitzpatrick welcomed the many residents in attendance and reflected on the Committee's strong early momentum and the significant progress made since the June meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes

The Committee reviewed the June 1, 2026, Regular Meeting minutes and the June 15, 2026, NAC–SAC Joint Meeting minutes.

3. Feedback from the Joint NAC-SAC Meeting

Members discussed the success of the joint meeting, highlighting strong participation, constructive neighborhood feedback, and opportunities for continued collaboration. The Committee agreed that future joint meetings will remain an important mechanism for community engagement.

4. Working Group Reports:

Mr. Fitzpatrick reiterated the organizational structure of the SAC. The 9-member committee is broken down into working groups. This was done to allow the committee to focus on four initial

strategic objectives.

- Demographics
- Communications
- Healthy Aging
- Safety and Security

These focus areas are intended to help guide the Committee's early research, discussions, and future recommendations to the Village Council. Committee members were asked to volunteer to serve on two of the four Working Group and a Chair for each Working Group was appointed. Reports were provided by each of the Working Group Chairs.

Demographics Working Group:

Chair – Suzanne LaFollette-Black

Members – Micheal Pearce, Patricia Smith, Lisa Smith

Chair LaFollette-Black summarized the work of the demographics team and the resources being assembled to better understand Pinehurst's senior population, including the AARP Livability Index. She reviewed Pinehurst's performance across the eight livability domains and introduced the AARP Age-Friendly Community Survey as a nationally validated assessment tool that will be presented to the Village Council for consideration.

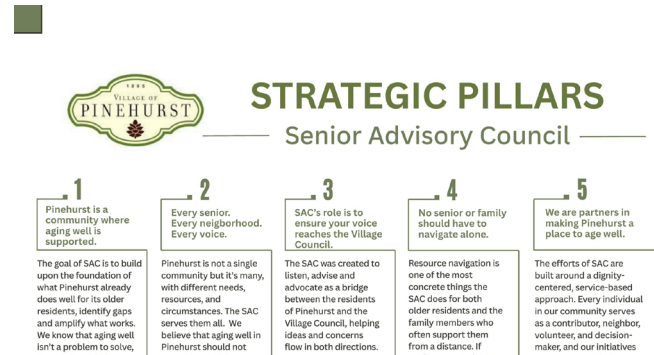
Communications Working Group:

Chair – Marti Harrigan

Members – Patricia Smith, Carolyn Horton, Kathy Beeman, Lisa Smith

Ms. Harrigan emphasized that effective communication must flow in both directions between the Senior Advisory Council and Pinehurst residents. She described the Neighborhood Advisory Committee as an essential partner in this effort and reviewed the broad range of communication channels available to reach residents with differing information preferences. She also introduced the Working Group's Strategic Communications Pillars that will guide future engagement efforts.

Senior Advisory Council Strategic Pillars



Healthy Aging Working Group:

Chair – Bill Grover

Members – Marti Harrigan, Beth Walker, and Suzanne LaFollette-Black

Dr. Bill Grover reported on new partnerships with Given Memorial Library and the Given Tufts Bookstore. The library has agreed to expand its healthy aging collection using the Committee's recommended reading list, while the bookstore will establish dedicated shelf space for healthy aging titles. Members recognized these collaborations as excellent examples of community partnership.

Safety and Security Working Group:

Chair – Beth Walker

Members – Bill Grover, Kathy Beeman, Carolyn Horton

Ms. Walker reported that the Working Group is developing a comprehensive community safety strategy recognizing that aging safely extends beyond cybercrime prevention to include pedestrian safety, traffic safety, home safety, and neighborhood preparedness.

Beth introduced the 'Silver Shield' initiative as an umbrella framework promoting safety at home, in the community, and online while encouraging neighbor-to-neighbor engagement.



5. Guest Speaker

Ms. Lynne Drinkwater, Program Coordinator, Moore County Senior Engagement Center

Ms. Lynne Drinkwater presented an overview of the [Moore County Senior Engagement Center](#), including its mission, programs, services, partnerships, and future opportunities. Ms. Drinkwater highlighted the extensive range of services available through the Moore County Senior Enrichment Center, many of which were unfamiliar to attendees. She distributed informational materials describing the Center's programs and discussed opportunities for future collaboration with the Senior Advisory Committee.

6. Closing Remarks

In closing the mayor thanked the members of the committee as well as members of the public for active engagement and support of this initiative. The mayor stressed the need to leverage existing programs and help better communicate access to these programs to the community. This includes everything from the fire department's smoke detector maintenance service to signing up for [Community Connect](#).

The Mayor emphasized that the Committee's long-term success should be measured not only by new initiatives but by demonstrable improvements in awareness, utilization, and effectiveness of services already available to Pinehurst seniors.

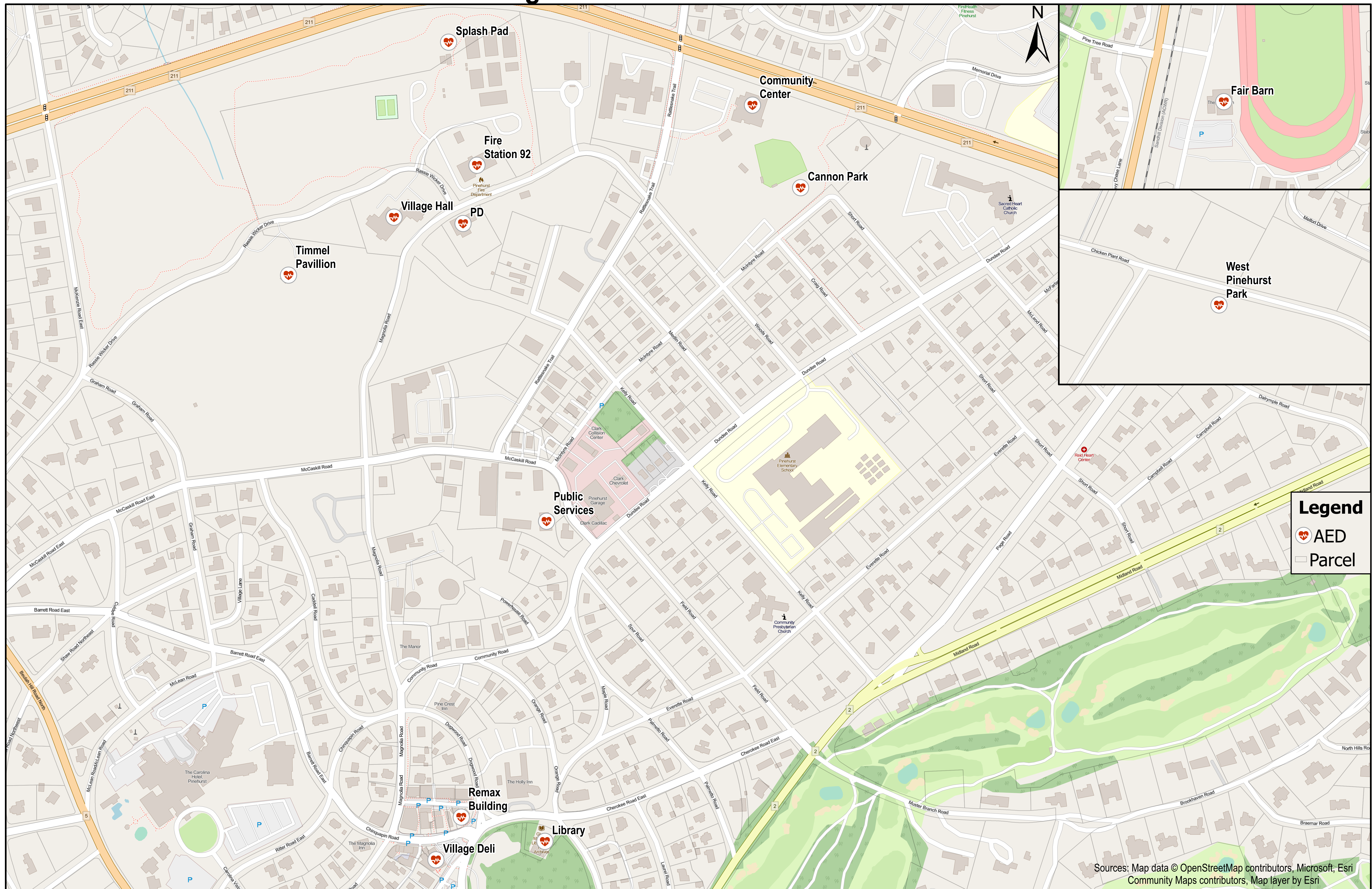
Council member Barb Ficklin offered her continued support for the senior advisory committee and complemented its members on the speed at which it is an efficiency at which it operates.

The committee solicited comments from attendees and the audience, and the valuable and lively discussion ensued with many offers of help and alliance. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.

7. Next Meeting: Monday, August 3rd, at 3pm in Village Hall

Respectfully submitted,
Councilmember Kevin Fitzpatrick

Village of Pinehurst AED Locations



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