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Pines Community Center
ATTN: Virginia Barbee
Ted Parrish
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107 Johnson Street
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To All Concerned,

I was asked by Ted Parrish to re-inspect the Pines Community Center in the aftermath of the renovations to the inside of the building. Perry Burns and I conducted the follow-up on June 28th. As you know, our department was in the center last fall at the request of Ms. Karen Stegman for a similar visit. By way of this letter, I wanted to let you know what we observed and to reaffirm that any comments I make are purely advisory since your facility is not subject to any regulatory structure in the way it currently operates as outlined in Mr. Parrish's letter to John Davis on 6-20-00.

The first thing that we noticed is that the interior space was greatly improved from the last visit. It appears that a lot of painting has been done and that some sheet rock and other wall/ceiling materials had been replaced. There were no lingering musty or stale odors that were noted before nor was there any visible molds growing on the inside of the building. As stressed in the prior letter, the control of moisture is essential to limiting mold growth, which is a primary asthma trigger, and is therefore critical to maintaining good indoor air quality.

We also looked as best we could in the attic space to see if the roof was still leaking. It does appear that some moisture is still seeping through the roof and may continue to cause problems in the future if not corrected. I am not technically qualified to predict if and when this might occur but I felt that it should be pointed out.

Finally, I confirmed with Kay Lowrance of the Division of Child Development that the center is exempt from being licensed as a day care. If, in the future, you want to pursue licensing as a child care facility,

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please contact Ms. Lowrance (336-599-4919 and she can provide you the necessary guidance on that process. Copies of Ms. Lowrance's correspondence on the matter are enclosed.

Please feel free to contact me if your have questions or comments regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Ron Holdway
Environmental Health Director

cc: Rosemary Summers, Orange County Health Director
Kay Lowrance, Division of Child Development, DHHS