

The Needle

Pinewood Lake Homeowners Association

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April 2008

PAINT STANDARD DECISION

The Board will vote on paint standard changes at their next meeting on Thursday, April 10 at 7:30 PM in the PLHA office. All homeowners are encouraged to attend.

FENCE STANDARD MEETING

The ACC Committee will be reviewing the current fence standard at the April 15, 2008 meeting. Proposals that have been submitted for consideration are: Replacement of wrought iron/steel with Powder Coated Aluminum and Replacement of front wood interior fence panels with hedges. These proposals will be discussed in detail at this meeting. All homeowners are invited to join us and to share their ideas and suggestions. All are welcome. We hope to see you there.

VEGETABLE GARDENS

Any plant grown to eat or harvest may not be seen from the street without prior, annual, written ACC approval. Please submit your ACC Request Form.

SPRING CLEANUP DAY

Saturday, April 19

9 AM – Noon

PLHA Office or Central Park Circle Gazebo

Students: Earn Volunteer Hours



Followed by a Volunteer Lunch:

Hot dogs, burgers and drinks provided

Bring a covered dish, salad or dessert

Did you change your smoke alarm battery when you changed your clock?

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

One of Pinewood Lake's representatives to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors



Jeff McKay

Lee District Supervisor

PLHA Office

7:30 PM

April 9, 2008

He will answer our questions on:

- What is the latest in Fairfax County?
- What is the status of our property assessments and taxes?
- What is the impact of the Sub prime Loan Issue?
- What is significant in the neighborhood?
- What is significant on the Route 1 corridor?

A large attendance is important!!!

Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Let him know Pinewood Lake cares!!!

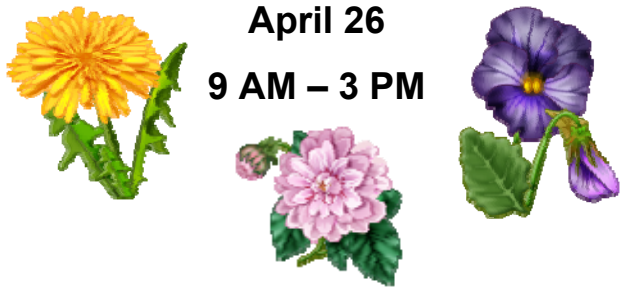
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MUDDY HOLE GARDEN CLUB

PLANT and YARD SALE

April 26

9 AM – 3 PM



PLANT SALE on Lawrence Street

YARD SALE at your house

Advertising in The Voice and The Mount Vernon Gazette

LUNCH on Lawrence Street
Sold by the Swim Team from 11-2

PINEWOOD LAKE POOL

Think Spring. The pool will open, as usual, Memorial Day weekend. This year that means 11 AM, May 24th.

Elsewhere in this issue, you will find the revised pool rules for 2008. Look for the schedule for renewing your pool pass in the May issue of the Needle. Also consider hosting an after-hours pool party. And, of course, have your children join the swim team.

Major changes for 2008:

- Pool rules rewritten in more conversational language.
- Admission only with a pool pass or a multi-use guest pass.
- Booklet of 10 guest passes now \$25.
- No more one-use guest passes purchased at the gate.
- Greater emphasis on safety.
- For example, adults must be within arm's reach of non-swimmers.
- For example, only adults may supervise children in wading pool.

HOSPITALITY HAPPENING

Community Clean-up is Saturday, April 19. Hospitality will be serving lunch at noon in the PLHA office.

Muddy Hole Garden Club Plant and Yard Sale is Saturday, April 26th from 9 AM to 3 PM.

Swim Team will be selling lunch from 11AM to 2PM as a fundraiser.

Check next month's Needle for Swim Team Information.

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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The last Watch meeting, March 10th was very interesting. We had a larger than normal group with a lot of things to say. I would like to emphasize that the members of the Watch including the Chairperson can only report to the police what has happened that we are aware of, after the fact. It is the responsibility of each one of us to call the police when something is happening. The office has stickers for your phone with both police numbers on it. If you are personally involved in an incident and report it to the police, it is your responsibility to follow up with the police officer who took the report. The Watch is not and cannot be your personal advocate.

I am looking for your suggestions as to how we can better patrol our areas. If you have any suggestions for the police on patrol regarding the security for Pinewood and/or the officers on regular patrol in our area working for Fairfax Cty. please send them to the office via e-mail or written form. I have heard from a few that they are dissatisfied with both the regular patrol and the officers working for us on overtime. The Captain has agreed to come and talk to us when ever we want, so think about it.

For those of you who attended the last CAC meeting , the captain was the speaker and gave out some interesting data regarding our area. There are some fact sheets at the office should you care to look at them.

Spring is almost here and our ducks are mating. They will be in the roadways so be careful and **please watch that your children do not chase them.** We have one already with a broken wing. Also, **people are not cleaning up after their dogs.**

The next Watch meeting is April 14 and the CAC is April 15 at 7:30 PM. The Watch is at the PLHA office and the CAC is at the police station. See you there.

Ginger Krup, NW Chair 703-780-0752

BOARD HAPPENINGS

March 13, 2008

The following board members were present: Bill Gleason, Mark Brewer, Vicki McLeod, Bill Kiehl, Jack Kaufman and Delna Clark. Dave McAuley arrived late.

Community Comments:

- A homeowner commented on not being able to put up her new siding due to the board not making a decision about the paint recommendation. She asked that the board make a recommendation soon stating that she can't wait another 2 months due to current water damage. She also asked that other homeowners keep their trees trimmed and debris from the trees picked up.
- Ginger Krup brought info about where to find information on police incidents. She will leave copies at the office. She also has a map of Mt Vernon that shows where all the robberies in the local area happened.
- Ginger Krup informed us that there was a robbery that was apprehended by Sacramento patrol. 3 suspicious people were planning on robbing someone, but the police noticed them and arrested them with various weapons in a car. One of them lived in the community.
- Frank Holub asks that the Needle have more community articles. He wants the committees to include more input.
- Dick Knapp wants to thank the community for allowing a group of realtors to come in and council homeowners on their mortgages. He had a few participants.
- Mike Shigley suggests that there be more board happenings in the Needle and the minutes, once they are approved, be posted to the web. He also commented that the minutes from February minutes weren't spelled out and there were some grammatical errors. He stated that we did an

either/or assessment and suggests that the board be a little more careful when doing something like that. He questioned Vicki McLeod how is it that Supervisor Highland has an agenda for roads in another neighborhood, but not around here.

- Chris Ream mentioned that the Spring Community Clean Up and potluck will be April 19th.
- Dick Knapp announced that Supervisor Jeff McKay will be here at Pinewood Lake HOA to speak to the community on 9 April.
- Vicki McLeod stated that the land use meeting hasn't stated much lately. There isn't much going on right now in and outside of the community. The next Lee District meeting will be about the budget. She will supply a copy of it to the office and will put an article in the Needle about it.

Due Process:

- The Board granted seven homeowner until 17 March to correct ACC violations, otherwise monetary charges will be assessed at \$3.00 a day for the first thirty days, \$5.00 a day for the next thirty days, and \$10.00 a day for the next 30 days.
- One homeowner was given until 24 March to an ACC violation, otherwise monetary charges will be assessed at \$3.00 a day for the first thirty days, \$5.00 a day for the next thirty days, and \$10.00 a day for the next 30 days. If the violation is corrected by 24 March, the homeowner will be assessed a monetary charge of \$10 to cover administrative costs.
- One homeowner was given until 17 March to correct multiple ACC violations or monetary charges of \$10.00 a day for 90 days will begin until the cited violations are fixed.
- One homeowner was granted until 1 May to take the directed course of

action otherwise monetary charges will be assessed at \$3.00 a day for the first thirty days, \$5.00 a day for the next thirty days, and \$10.00 a day for the next 30 days.

- One homeowner's violation was dismissed as corrected and the Board assessed the homeowner a \$10 monetary charge for administrative costs.
- One homeowner was granted until 31 March to fix the violation, otherwise monetary charges will be assessed at \$3.00 a day for the first thirty days, \$5.00 a day for the next thirty days, and \$10.00 a day for the next 30 days. If the violation is corrected by 31 March the homeowner will be assessed a monetary charge of \$10 to cover administrative costs.

New Business:

- The Board accepted the Pool Committee's recommendation on the committee's membership, adopted Pool Resolution 2008-01 (Pool Rules), and set the charge at \$125 for non-resident swim team members' families to use the pool. All the money collected will go to the swim team.
- The Board referred a proposed chain link fence standard back to the ACC for refinement and proper formatting.
- The Board approved a request to replace rear siding providing that the new siding meets the current standard for color and width and is a close color to the Mosca rear elevation color scheme under consideration by the Board.
- The Board approved the Maintenance Committee Charter and membership.

Announcements:

- Mike Shigley informed the Board about the state of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge project's Telegraph Road Interchange phase.
- Ginger Krup reported that the Neighborhood Watch Committee had a

lively meeting on 11 March where issues were raised about the manner of patrols by the off-duty police officers.

- Dick Knapp informed the Board about the successful completion of two property auctions in the community.

Community Manager's Report:

- Kirsten Davis announced that there seems to be movement in the sale of several homes in the community.

The Board ratified decisions made in Executive Session not to waive a late charge for monthly dues and to write off a debt due to foreclosure.

The ad hoc paint committee will meet on 25 or 26 March based on availability of a meeting location.

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 PM.

DON'T FLUSH MEDICINES DOWN THE TOILET

Fairfax County officials recommend that residents do not flush unused medicines down the toilet — unless directed by the label. This advice applies to both prescription and over-the-counter drugs.

Instead residents are advised to throw unwanted medicines in the trash. This action will help to keep them out of rivers and streams.

Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dontflush for additional steps for disposing of drugs to prevent their misuse or accidental ingestion.

Trace amounts of common drugs have been found in the region's water supply, according to recent media reports. These amounts are in the parts per trillion. For comparison, one part per trillion is equal to one second in 32,000 years.

There is no proof that small amounts of medicines in the water can cause immediate harm to humans. However, it isn't known whether low levels of medicines can cause

long-term health effects. Scientists are just beginning to study this issue, and there are currently no state or federal standards for medicines in the water.

Fairfax County's wastewater treatment plant uses advanced technologies that screen out some of these medicines. Tap water is also treated with advanced processes.

Last year, county officials asked the state to more closely study the issue. At the federal level, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is also investigating.

For more information about the recommendation not to flush medicines, call the Fairfax County Office of Public Affairs at 703-324-3187, TTY 711. To learn how Fairfax Water treats drinking water, visit www.fairfaxwater.org or call 703-698-5600, TTY 711.

TELEGRAPH ROAD INTERCHANGE PROJECT

- Last phase of Woodrow Wilson Bridge project.
- Largest contract VDOT has ever awarded -- \$236 million.
- Construction area extends from Eisenhower Connector Interchange to Yellow Line Metro Bridge over the Beltway.
- Contract lasts until June 2013.
- Long contract to minimize traffic impact (no anticipated lane closures on Telegraph Road, except on sporadic basis between 9AM and 3:30PM).
- Work will progress from west to east and south to north
- Work scheduled so that disruption to Telegraph Road does not begin until after Route One Interchange completed.
- Initial work (first six months) concentrated on clearing the construction area, replacing the metal Outer Loop sound wall with a concrete one, and installing drainage.
- Expect to lose the right lane of the Outer Loop throughout the construction zone for at least this year.

- Next work will be to relocate East Drive to align with Lenore Lane (and then close Burundy Road between East Drive and Telegraph Road).
- Within two years flyover ramps will be constructed to take Beltway and southbound Telegraph Road traffic directly to Huntington Avenue and North Kings Highway (eliminating traffic light cycling for left hand turns from Telegraph Road to Huntington Avenue and North Kings Highway).
- Flyover ramps will include embedded sensors to signal VDOT in real time of potential road icing.
- Last three years of project will rebuild all four bridges carrying Telegraph Road over Cameron Run and the railroad tracks and realign ramps to eliminate merging from on the bridges to and from the "Eisenhower Valley."
- Completed project will include pedestrian and bike paths over the Beltway and the railroad tracks to the "Eisenhower Valley."
- Go to the Woodrow Wilson Bridge project Web site for additional details: <http://www.wilsonbridge.com/nn-telegraphRd-cu.htm>
- For additional questions or comments, you may contact the project's Community Relations Manager, Alex Lee, at 703-329-3424.

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR: CLEAN UP AFTER YOURSELF AND YOUR PETS

As the weather gets warmer and more residents are heading to the parks to walk and play, please remember to clean up after yourself by throwing any waste in the community-provided trash cans in the parks. Please also promptly dispose of any animal waste as it is unhealthy and extremely unpleasant to leave any animal waste on the ground for children or other pets to encounter.

VEHICLE REMINDERS

- All vehicles in Pinewood Lake should be operable and properly and currently licensed with current safety inspections.
- If you own vehicles that you do not regularly drive, please park them on state roads to leave private street parking for guests and vehicles that are used regularly.

TREASURER'S REPORT

	Feb 2008	Feb 2007
In transit	\$ 6,444	\$ 1,500
Operations	217,989	171,889
Reserve	1,313,168	1,290,816
Total	\$ 1,537,601	\$1,464,205
Delinquent	\$ 66,888	\$ 24,474

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- Free personal ads from Pinewood residents and absentee owners that offer "one-time" sale of goods or requests for goods/services;
- Paid commercial ads from businesses

PLHA Calendar

Regular meetings in PLHA office @ 7:30 PM

Apr 1	..... ACC	
Apr 2	..... Garden Club	
Apr 9	..... Jeff McKay at Pinewood!	
Apr 10	..... Board	
Apr 14	..... Neighborhood Watch	
Apr 16	..... Pool	
Apr 19	..... Community Clean-up Day <i>9 AM-Noon Office or CPC Gazebo</i>	
Apr 18	..... Needle Deadline	
Apr 22	..... Maintenance	
Apr 24	..... Marketing	
Apr 26 Plant and Yard Sale <i>9 AM-3 PM Lawrence Street Swim Team Lunches from 11-2 PM</i>	

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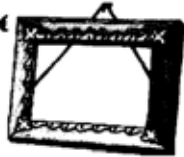
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for advance approval.

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