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March Board Happenings

At the March 11th meeting,

New business included:

- Distribution of the Maintenance Committee's "Master Plan of Activities;"
- Approval of the Maintenance Committee Charter and membership;
- A discussion of the small number of working lawn lamps in the community, during which Mr. Syl O'Leary, the ACC Administrator, recounted a survey he conducted which revealed that, on average, less than 50% of the lawn lamps in Pinewood Lake are operational. This is a major security issue for the community. The ACC will solicit an advertisement for the Needle publicizing a group rate opportunity to install an electric lawn lamp. A Standard for Lawn Lamps is on the July Board agenda and *working lawn lamps will likely be required of all homeowners*;
- Approval of Policy Resolution 2004-01, Pool Rules published in this issue of the Needle;
- Approval of a \$200.00 fee for swim team pool membership for non-resident families; \$80.00 of which will go to the swim team, and \$120.00 to pool revenue;
- Approval of the Pool Committee Charter and membership;
- Announcement of a special community meeting to discuss requiring the formal registration of all residents and tenants with the PLHA office. The meeting will be held May 19th, at 7:30 PM in the South County Government Building.

Announcements included:

- The 2004 directory is being printed. [Distribution commenced the weekend of the 20th/21st of March, Ed.] and a reprint of the Rules and Standards Book is almost ready for the printers;

- Distribution of a copy of "Rights and Responsibilities - Principles for Homeowners and Community Leaders," from the recent CAI Conference. Board members will consider adopting it for PLHA;

- The office has purchased a digital camera for committee use;

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Thanks For Your Help!

Thanks to a few dedicated people who delivered the 2004 Directory and changes to the Rules & Standards book on the 20th and 21st of March.

Nathan Grace, Jim Brown, Nancy Razzino, Arthur & Michel Guilani, Lis Henderson, Barbara Palincsar, Fred Blanchard, Bernice Pratt (who did a lot of the heavy lifting with the 2004 directory), my son Colin, and I helped some too.

The Editor 703-619-7060

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Insert: - Central Air Duct Cleaning

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- The office renovation is progressing;
- That BFI has agreed to pay PLHA a settlement to recoup the bulk of its losses and attorney fees associated with their abrupt cancellation of services to PLHA;

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- Ms. Mildred Corbin reported that she participated in a "Community Ride-Along" program as a member of our Security Committee.

Bev Card

703-360-2528

Special Community Meeting

To discuss requiring formal registration of all residents and tenants with the PLHA office.

The meeting will be held May 19th, at 7:30 PM, Room 221C, in the South County Government Building, located near Pinewood Lake, between Buckman Road and Richmond Highway.

Help!Help!Help!Help!Help!Help!

One of our most vital committees is in dire need of new members. Are you willing to spend a little time to:

- ✓ Influence the way our community looks to visitors and prospective buyers?
- ✓ Be a force in maintaining and enhancing our property values?
- ✓ Help enforce our architectural rules and standards fairly, uniformly and without compromise?

There is important work to be done, and it needs to be done starting NOW! If you are ready to make a major contribution to the betterment of our beautiful community, contact Liz Crowley, Chairwoman of the Architectural Control Committee. Please call her at 703-780-6096. Or you can attend and volunteer at the next ACC committee meeting, on Tuesday, April 5th, at 7:30 PM, at the PLHA office, on Fernlake Court.

This plea for help is from Jim Brown, Member, PLHA Board of Directors.



The Muddy Hole Garden Club

Presents

Annual Pinewood Lake Plant Sale

May 1st

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

On Lawrence Street



ACC News

April 2004

Spring Walk-Around Inspection

The Spring Walk-Around, administered by the Architectural Control Committee, will begin on Saturday April 3rd, 2004. We hope to have all inspections completed and mailed by the middle of May. We'll be nominating "Outstanding Homes" during this inspection, so this is an excellent time to get your homes in *shape*. The inspectors will pay particular attention to the condition of the rear of the homes.

Volunteers participating in the walk-around inspection are members of the community. If you see them, introduce yourself, and if you have any comments or concerns, they will be happy to discuss them with you. They may not be able to answer all your questions, but they will know who to refer you to for answers.

Remember to submit your ACC Request Approval Form before you make any change to the exterior portion of your townhouse, including the erection of any structures on the premises. The ACC Request/Approval Forms are available in the PLHA Office.

ACC meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month from October through April, and the first and third Tuesdays of each

month from May through September. The meetings are held in the PLHA Office at 7:30PM; everyone is welcome to attend.

The purpose of the ACC is to protect your property investment by ensuring that the Pinewood Lake Standards are maintained. The standards are not intended to restrict individuality.

Those interested in helping with the Spring Walk-Around should contact Syl O'Leary at 703-780-0888.

The Inspection Checklist that the inspectors will be using during the inspection is included in this issue of *The Needle*, pages 11 & 12. Remove it if you like, and place in a prominent place in your home, so you will know the common standards for the exterior of your house. This checklist does not supercede or replace the standards contained in the ACC Standards, which is Part III of the Rules & Standards book.

Syl O'Leary 703-780-0888
ACC Administrator

The Architectural Control Committee is looking for a few good people. The ACC needs eight people for the Spring Walk-around inspections. Please contact Syl O'Leary at 703-780-0888, for information about days and time required for this very important task.

Spring Cleanup

April 24th,
8:00 AM to Noon

Join Your Neighbors To Help
Clean Up Our Community

Meet At:
Central Park Circle Gazebo

Or At The
Frank Holub Community Center

Coffee & Doughnuts ~ Free Lunch At Noon

HOSPITALITY HAPPENINGS

Hello All! I hope everyone's enjoying the lovely weather lately. What a change from the snow. I hope that all of you take advantage of the wonderful weather and get out and meet or get reacquainted with your neighbors.

I want to remind everyone that the Easter Bunny will be visiting the Pinewood Lake office and surrounding park on Saturday, April 10th at 1:30PM. We will also be having a storyteller so I hope that all of our children can make it.

Another Pinewood event is the annual Garden Club Plant & Yard Sales, scheduled for Saturday, May 1st, 9AM to 3PM. The Garden Club will be selling plants along Lawrence Street and the Community will be advertising the yard sale. So, if you've done your Spring cleaning and have some items that you'd like to sell, why not take advantage of the publicity and have your sale with everyone else?

We will also be having a Memorial Day Bar-B-Que on Saturday, May 29th from 5-7PM to celebrate the opening of our pool for the summer. The Hospitality Committee will supply the hamburgers and hot dogs, and we ask you to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Come out and celebrate the beginning of the summer with us.

Our next committee meeting will be on Thursday, April 15th at 7:30PM, at the Community Center. I hope that anyone in Pinewood that's interested in volunteering will consider joining us. We get to do the fun activities in our community.

If you are a new resident and would like to find out more about the activities in Pinewood Lake, please give me a call at 703-360-8743 and I'll arrange a visit from a Hospitality Representative. We would love to meet you, welcome you to our wonderful community and answer any questions you might have to make your transition to Pinewood a little easier.

Susan Hosek

703-360-8743

April 2004 Calendar of Events in Pinewood Lake

(Board & Committee Meetings are held in the PLHA Community Center except as noted.)

4 th	Daylight Savings Time Begins
6 th	Architectural Control
7 th	Muddy Hole Garden Club
8 th	Board Meeting
10 th	Easter Egg Hunt, Hospitality Committee
11 th	Easter Sunday
12 th	Neighborhood Watch
13 th	Publications Committee
14 th	Pool Committee
15 th	Hospitality Committee
19 th	Due Process
20 th	Needle Deadline
22 nd	Marketing Committee
24 th	Community Cleanup
27 th	Maintenance Meeting

May 1st **Annual Plant Sale & Community Yard Sale**

May 19th **Special Community Meeting, South County Center**

(All Board & Committee Meetings begin at 7:30 PM, unless otherwise noted.)

Kids! Get your parents to take you to the Easter Egg Hunt in Pinewood Lake. It's on Saturday, April 10th, at 1:30 pm, at the Pinewood Lake office.

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Announcements of general or specific interest to the residents/owners of Pinewood Lake may be submitted to the Editor for inclusion in this section. Announcements should be factual and timely, and must include the name and telephone number of the point of contact. This section is NOT intended for advertisements.

The Editor

FAX: 703-619-7966

Fair Is Fair!

When someone doesn't file and pay personal property tax, that puts an additional burden on those who do.

That's Not Fair!

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**TARGET
HOTLINE at
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Community Yard Sale

Neighbors ~ Set Up In Your Driveway
Sell Your Unwanted Treasures!

As Advertised In
The Buyer's Guide
Mount Vernon Gazette
The Journal
Notices Posted on Richmond Highway!
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Saturday, May 1st

MARKETING UPDATE

We Can Do More
East Meets West

We're good but we can be better! The good news – a recent home selling price reached \$300,000. Our homes are moving rapidly with multi-contract offers, but if you are selling and want to maximize your efforts here are a few hints from the pros. These quick sales tips are borrowed from a very interesting book co-authored by Martha Webb and Sarah Parsons Zackheim, entitled Dress Your House for Success. The authors state that, "if you're only going to do one thing, it should be uncluttering . . . it allows the buyer to see the true space and to see how their things would fit in . . ." Following this critical task, the writers recommend four additional steps to give your house maximum appeal; they consist of:

CLEAN – Everything must sparkle. Do that spring cleaning inside and out to perfection.

REPAIR – The house must say "there's no work to be done." Fix every blemish.

NEUTRALIZE – "Make it a neutral décor so somebody could imagine their furnishing

there."

STAGE – Do what the authors call "DYNOMIZE." Set scenes that will get a warm emotional response from the buyer. A well organized closet, flowers, the smell of bread baking will create an emotional connection. Buyers buy when they feel an emotional connection.

These five steps have a history of success – a goal shared by all of us.

East Meets West

Speaking of success, the Army has announced plans to extend Old Mill Road north through Fort Belvoir to Telegraph Road. This new road will replace the closed Woodlawn Road. The extension of Old Mill Road is the preferred solution and will, when completed, eliminate the current circuitous routing we must take if your destination is Telegraph Road or west. The Army states that Woodlawn Road will remain closed in the interim.

This is a big step forward and one that has the support of local Congressional representatives; however, there remains a lot of work to be done before the tires can hit this new road. We will keep you posted.
Roger Reutershan 703-780-4162

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS

Our Neighborhood Watch committee did not have a meeting in March due to other commitments. We did attend the Citizens Advisory Meeting, the second Tuesday of the month at the police station. The speaker was the county medical examiner and the meeting was very good. We all walked away with a lot of useful information that helps us understand how, why and what happens in extreme situations.

I have not received any ideas from our residents on how we can make this a better community to live and play in. I can only assume that my message failed to reach everyone. In any case, here is the message again. 'This community needs your input on what we can do to make life enjoyable here. Not only for the children but also for everyone.' What types of programs would you like to see take place? Our pool will be open soon. How many of our kids plan on being on the swim team? If we don't hear from you I'll assume that all is well here in Pinewood.

But that's not true from where I sit. There has been a rash of vandalism throughout this community during the last month. Our perimeter fence has been written on with several gang messages and foul language three times. As soon as we remove it, the messages appear again. The police have been notified and they have pictures of it. Also, a homeowner's tires have been slashed; the police were notified. I am asking anyone who may have seen anything or know who these individuals are that are doing this, to contact the police and/or the office. You can remain anonymous.

If you read the papers or watch television you cannot help but be aware of the gang activity in and around us. It is at our schools and neighborhoods. Yet I see kids outside with *no* adult supervision at all times of the day and night. I am not talking older teens; I am talking young kids, 8-

and 9-year olds. Fairfax County has entertained the idea of having a county curfew. Think about it.

The schools, churches, and police departments can only do so much. Parents are ultimately responsible for their own children and when trouble comes they will be held accountable. Spring is here and there have been six bikes picked up. I think the bikes must be stolen from outside neighborhoods and ridden into Pinewood Lake until they are broken or the individuals have to go home and they are abandoned. If you are missing a bike, call the office and see if they have any information about it.

Our next meeting will be the second Monday in April at the PLHA office. CAC meeting will be the second Tuesday of the month at the police station. Both meetings start at 7:30 PM. Hope to hear from you soon, and hope to see you at the CAC and committee meetings.

Ginger Krup 703-780-0752

Due Process Hearing

On March 15th, these Due Process cases were reviewed:

P A Rules Violation at 4414 Scarborough Square: The homeowner was present; one unlicensed vehicle has been removed, and a second will be donated on April 2nd. The Board granted the owner until April 10th to remove the vehicle.

P An ACC Violation at 8105 Oaklake Court: The homeowner was present; they applied for ACC approval of an unapproved color for major trim, but it was denied. They painted the major trim another color, but it is also an unapproved color. The Board granted the owner until June 30th to correct the paint color.

P An ACC Violation at 4319 Lawrence Street: The homeowners did not respond. The Board allowed the owner until June 30th to repaint the major trim, or receive a monetary charge of \$3.00 a day for the first

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thirty days, \$5.00 a day for the next thirty days, and then \$10.00 a day which will begin on July 1st until the violation is corrected.

P Four rules violations, and one ACC violation, were dismissed because the violations had been corrected.

Bev Card 703-360-2528

Response to Article in the March issue of The Needle:

This is in response to the "Take the Credit" item submitted by Marketing in the March "Needle." Although generally informative and well intentioned, the information should not be relied on to prepare one's tax return. Specifically the article may lead the reader to believe that a taxpayer can deduct in the current year the non-deductible points of a prior mortgage if and when they are refinancing. *Although his is generally true, there is a notable exception.*

As stated in the IRS Publication 17, "Your Federal Income Tax," for use in preparing 2003 Returns: "Mortgage ending early. If you spread your deduction for points over the life of the mortgage, you can deduct any remaining balance in the year the mortgage ends. However, if you refinance the mortgage with the same lender, you cannot deduct any remaining balance of spread points. Instead, deduct the remaining balance over the term of the new loan."

It is a very good idea to consult your tax advisor, or at least review an IRS publication if you have any questions regarding your return. I personally use the IRS Publication 17 cited above.

Jack Kaufman, Treasurer, PLHA

Letter To The Editor:

Dear Editor,

I am concerned that the board . . . voted to have those horrible gas lights on each night. Frankly, I'm bothered by this. First of all it's an added expense to repair a light which I did not choose to have installed in

the first place

Second, it's an added expense to keep the light on. Since my gas bill has shot through the roof, I frankly could do with a lot less bills.

How could the board make this decision without consulting the homeowners? Maybe they should drop our dues so we can cover the cost?

Judi Bast, Cedarlake Court

**MESSAGE FROM LEE DISTRICT
SUPERVISOR DANA KAUFFMAN**

When you hand over your money as you leave a Metro parking lot, you shouldn't have to hand over your sense of trust along with your \$3.00. It doesn't matter that studies show the parking industry has one of the highest rates of employee theft. Folks expect that the institutions taking their dollars will be accountable and demand that Metro, as a public entity, be held to the highest standards. Accountability and high standards are both the starting point for reform and the bottom line for me as your local member of the Metro Board.

The current parking management system marries the worst traits of a low-bid contractor to the lax oversight of an inherently slow moving bureaucracy. The media wasn't gentle with us when word of our audit first leaked; illustrating the classic saying 'truth is the first casualty.' The reality that there's plenty of blame to go around for the contractor and Metro alike got lost in the shouting. As further proof that timing is everything, the story of contractor theft of a potential million dollars a year hit at the same time as Metro begins our hearings to plug a \$28 million dollar hole in the upcoming Metro budget.

If we successfully halt theft at Metro parking lots, will that eliminate the need to raise parking fees? Unfortunately, it won't. Nonetheless, I cannot in good faith ask Metro riders to pay more if neither they –
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nor I - have a bedrock belief that the money will be properly accounted for and secured. Then there's the messy matter of human nature. The private sector isn't any cleverer than the public sector in devising fool proof systems to thwart human shortcomings. Accordingly, I believe the time is at hand for a radical change in how we handle parking fees.

More than seventy percent of Metro's customers already use Smart Cards to pay for Metro parking. This simple technology delivers large scale benefits for Metro and safeguards our riders' hard earned dollars so they are neither stolen nor misdirected. For some years now, both the Metro Board and staff have agreed that in the future Metro should rely on Smart Card. Well, the future is now and Metro can no longer afford the luxury of waiting for a perfectly crafted transition.

Over the next several weeks, my fellow Metro Board members and I will review how quickly Metro can move to a cashless parking system. Key in this process will be making Smart Cards more easily available and dealing with the occasional customer who arrives 'cardless' at a parking lot. Doubtless, we will hit a bump or two along the way. However, I believe customers will be more receptive to this change if it means silencing once and for all the giant sucking sound of their dollars going out of the system and into someone else's pocket.

Changing the system and changing our individual habits won't be easy but it's the only way to restore the public's trust.

Dana Kauffman 703-971-6262

Maintenance Log - April 2004

Our office has a new look! We have painted, installed a new tile entry way, installed new carpeting with matching baseboards. New Venetian blinds have been installed and various pieces of artwork will be displayed on the walls to

make our community center look neat, clean and presentable. It has been a job-in-waiting for some time and now is a task accomplished. Kudos to Roger Reutershan, Project Chair, Jane Quigley, Jane Palazzolo, Mark Piston and Frank Holub!

Spring is here and the activities of aerating, mulching flowerbeds, liming lawns and tree pruning are well underway. Again, we warn our neighbors who may be sensitive to chemicals to beware. We will not be fertilizing this year and insecticides are a ways in the future. But the spring work is underway. Sorry, we can't do anything about the pollen; nature does her own thing!

Clean Up Day!

Again, we will be having a Spring Cleanup Day on April 24th, starting at 9:00 AM, and going to noon. Neighbors can meet at two locations (the Gazebo on Central Park Circle and the PLHA office) to get coffee, doughnuts, and assignments. Of course, hard work is always followed by lunch at the Community Center at 1200 hours. The main course will be prepared by the Hospitality Committee, but in the spirit of community, we ask that each homeowner bring a dish to share .

Front Yard Lights

The Maintenance Committee urges each homeowner to look at their front yard light. Is it working? If not, please do all you can to get it operational this summer. It is part of the style and charm of Pinewood Lake. It does not have to be a gas light; it can be converted to a sensor-controlled electric light, but please do get it to work as a light. ACC will have more guidance out this summer.

There are a lot of other projects that will be worked on this summer. We are pursuing a project to upgrade the lights in our community parks, there are fence

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panels that have been damaged by storm and time, several dead trees (some by the beavers) that need to be removed, there is road work that needs doing this summer, work on the family park behind Lawrence Street and we have drainage problems to investigate. Work! Work! Work!!!

All these efforts need input from community members, residents who are willing to join in and work with/on the Maintenance Committee to get Pinewood Lake back in shape. Won't you look at your calendar and see if you have some time to spare to be a part of the solution? Our committee meets regularly on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Frank Holub Community Center at 7:30 PM. Come! - play with us!

Frank Holub 703-799-4788

Garden Club Update April 2004

"A Walk Along The Path"

With spring rapidly approaching and nature throwing off its cloak of wintry pallor, the idle hands of gardeners near and far cry out to Mother Earth, but this time not in despair! The seasons to till, plant and eventually harvest have surely drawn near. With this in mind — plan on attending the May 1st, Saturday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Lawrence Street corridor Pinewood Lake annual Plant Plus Sale. Find many of your gardening needs from our wide selection of annual bedding plants. To ensure the best selection, arrive early and let our knowledgeable garden club members assist you in making your purchases. Remember your support ensures a continued garden club which strives to ever improve and maintain the community's landscape and common grounds.

For your convenience, the swim team will jointly host a food court for the hungry consumer on the run!

Want to assist in other ways? Remember we still have numerous community flower beds which need the "TLC" of our residents. We provide all the necessary bedding materials and flowers — you supply the time, effort, insight and creativity to make another community flower bed flourish. For further information, contact Steve Papanicolas, 703-799-7423 or Frank Holub at 703-799-4788 and become a Gardening Angel in the Pinewood Adopt-A-Flowerbed program.

As always, we appreciate all community resident support of our Plant Plus Sale, a Gardening Angel or the Lawrence Street banner programs. Remember, your neighborhood is only as viable as the time and energy that you as a resident commit to. Come join us at our next meeting on April 7th at 7:30 PM at the Frank Holub Community Center.

Steve Papanicolas 703-799-7423

From A Former Board Member

I am extending a plea to every PLHA resident (homeowner or renter) – put your efforts to work to make the PLHA community what you personally want it to be.

All of the committees need your participation. You have and can use your talents to work with any committee and make it into what you want it to be. Put your personal efforts where your complaints are – you can make a difference.

Mildred Corbin

- ☹ If at first you don't succeed, shouldn't you try doing it like your wife told you to?
- ☹ Why is it that whenever you attempt to catch something that's falling off the table you always manage to knock something else over?
- ☹ Why do people keep running over a string a dozen times with their vacuum cleaner, then reach down, pick it up, examine it, then put it down to give their vacuum one more chance?

ACC Inspection Guidelines for Walk Around Inspections

CHECK ALL WINDOWS FOR GRIDS, EXCEPT FOR REAR WINDOWS ON SAINT ANNES COURT.

NOTE THE TYPE OF FENCES. INDICATE IF NOT THE STANDARD TYPE TONGUE AND GROOVE FENCE. ALL FRONT FENCES MUST BE PAINTED OR STAINED AN APPROVED COLOR.

NOTE WHERE FRONT FENCES HAVE BEEN REMOVED AND NOTE IF SHRUBS HAVE BEEN PLANTED.

Standards: All house trim, gutters, down spouts, shutters, wrought iron, fence panels, posts, arbors, sheds, decks, lamps should be well painted, without evidence of peeling, cracking, chipped or defaced paint; rust; or exposed metal or wood. Painted brick should be repainted if brick has chipped or paint has faded, exposing natural brick through the paint.

FRONT OF HOUSE

1. Major Trim includes shutters, doors, and wide trim around windows and doors, roofs of bay windows and wide horizontal trim on bay windows.
2. Minor Trim includes window frames, roof edging, fascia and frieze boards. Narrow wood trim around windows.
3. Brick includes all brick areas at front, side and rear. Make sure you look at chimneys, and exterior stairs on the Gramercy model with two front entrances.
4. Fences include all front, side, parking pad and rear fences, except wrought iron fences.
5. Wrought Iron fences must be painted black. Wrought iron on homes that have steps and/or balconies may be painted minor trim color or black.
6. Windows: Check for damaged, missing or cracked panes and for missing grids.
7. Yard: Look for unauthorized storage and neatness; We have some beautiful yards in Pinewood Lake so be sure to compliment the residents for their hard work.
8. Arbors and Posts are painted beige in the front. Fence posts at the rear of the home are painted the same color as the rear fence with the exception of the wrought iron fences. Wooden posts should be painted green.
9. Lawn Lamp: Must be painted black and fully operational, but does not have to be lighted. Check for cracked or missing glass, missing bulbs or mantles and paint condition. There MUST be a Lawn Lamp.

10. Shutters: Not all models have shutters, but those that do must be painted the same color as the major trim of the home. Shutters should be painted one color. Look for cracked and rotting shutters, and those in need of paint. Also note missing shutters.
11. Fascia Board: Should be painted minor trim color or white. Look for signs of rot. Check conditions of paint, check for peeling, cracked, blistered or faded paint, or an unauthorized color.
12. Rake Boards must be painted white.
13. Parking Pad: Check for unauthorized storage items, *ESPECIALLY CARS THAT HAVE EXPIRED LICENSE PLATES* Make sure you include a general description of the vehicle, including make, model, and color, and presence/absence of license plates. Check also for general neatness of the parking pad.

REAR OF HOUSE

14. Wooden Fences: the rear fence posts are painted the same color as the fence. Once again check for condition of the wood (Feel free to feel the wood for rot, especially on the bottom of the panels.) Check the paint for peeling, cracked, blistered, faded paint or an unauthorized color. Rear fences must be green or brown.
15. Patio: Check for unauthorized storage and general neatness.
16. Sheds: MUST be of wooden construction. They may either be painted or stained to match the rear wood fence. *NO METAL SHEDS ARE ALLOWED* Check sheds for condition of wood and if painting is needed. Check for peeling, cracked, blistered and/or faded paint, or an unauthorized color.
17. Decks: Only Saint Annes Court may have decks at the second level of their homes. Check for condition of wood, paying particular attention to the railings and stairs. Check the paint conditions for peeling, cracked, blistered, faded paint or an unauthorized color.
18. Gutters: May be painted white or minor trim color. Report gutters that are loose and need repair or replacement.
19. Other: This is a catch-all. Canopies/awnings are considered on a case-by-case basis. Fiberglass awnings are NOT allowed. Gutters and down spouts may be painted white, or approved minor trim color. Note suspected discrepancies.
21. Window Air Conditioners: Note all window air conditioners on your inspection report — some are approved; some are not.
22. Minor Trim and Major trim at the rear of the homes may be all white.

Refer to Section III, ACC Standards, of the Rules & Standards book for page & paragraph references, and illustrations of these standards.

Harold the Houseowner says:

Winter trash is still blowing around - keep it picked up; makes the whole neighborhood look better.

The end of Winter was a good time to plant grass seed, especially on top of a light snow. But Spring just sprung, so get busy; it's not too late. Yep, some birds might eat it, but grass seed will work its way down into the soil with the rains that are sure to come, and should germinate soon.

Plan for the spring! Surely you've gotten some seed catalogs? Get them out, and with your graph paper, do some advance planning. Get your orders ready, now is the time to order your seeds. In early April, get your seedlings started and be ready to go to the ground in early May. HINT: Wait till around Mother's Day to plant outdoors to avoid all frosts in the area. Spring in Virginia is sometimes sneaky with unexpected freezes.

March would have been best to apply pre-emergent weed killers, but what the heck, do it now! Follow the manufacturer's instructions.

Hey! It's not too early either to plan for all the spring painting of fences and so forth. The ACC Spring Walk Around is coming soon, so get hold of your favorite contractor and get on his schedule now! It can be tricky to get him to do work for you at the last moment. Oh Yeah! And don't forget to send a request for your project to the ACC for approval.

Frank Holub 703-799-4788
 (This article, above, was to have been published last month, but because I didn't have room, Frank pulled it. Then I updated it, inserting it in the form you see above. The Editor)



Don't Splash Your Trash!

Surely you'll remember our big lake dredging project last year. During that project, a lot of silt and muck was scooped up from the lake bottom; that was the whole reason for the dredging. But along with the muck, was a lot of paper and plastic cups, plastic bags, lightweight cardboard (like french fry containers), soda cans, plastic soda bottles and other things probably best not named.

How did all that stuff get into our lake!?!?!?



Well, some of it probably washed off the streets - Richmond Highway, and all the side streets - but some of it probably washed right out of the storm sewers of Pinewood Lake. It came from kids, teenagers and adults throwing these things down the curb sewer openings found along the streets all through Pinewood Lake. Please don't do that! When you bring home a meal or snack from Seven 11, Windy's, Popeyes, and yes, McDonalds, take the trash, and put it all in your trash can, in your house, so it's taken away with the regular trash pickup.

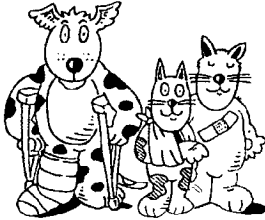
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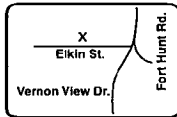
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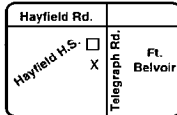


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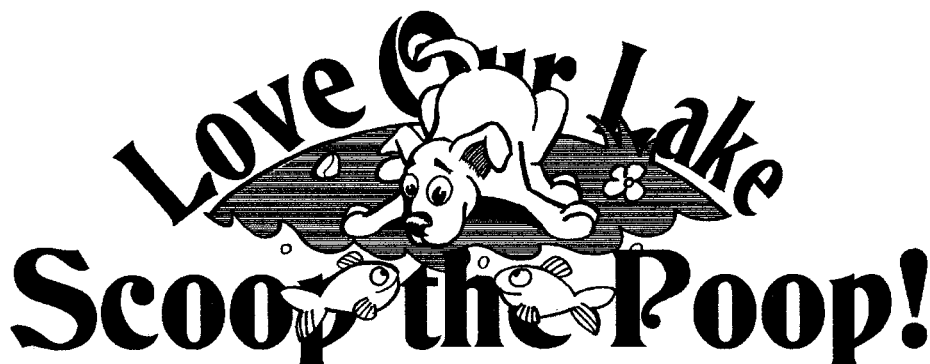
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