



The Needle

Pinewood Lake Homeowners Association

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BOARD CANDIDATES NEEDED

Over the years, Pinewood has had many Board and committee volunteers. There are many highly qualified people who would be of tremendous value to our community today. **Consider running for the Board of Directors. Three members will be elected at the Annual Meeting on December 1.**

Everyone is qualified if you live here and care about our community.

Individuals must declare their candidacy by October 8 or be a write-in-candidate.

Please contact the PLHA office or the Nominations Committee Chair with questions or to declare your candidacy.

David McAuley, Chair

703-360-1712

ACC NEWS

ACC is meeting twice a month and reviewing the current fence standard. If you have questions, concerns or ideas please join us.

Reminders:

- **The property just outside your rear fence belongs to you and you will receive a violation notice if the area is unkempt.**
- When submitting ACC Request forms, be specific with your request. If painting identify the name of the color. If replacing the fence identify the type/style. When filling out the requests please refer to the ACC Standards or contact the ACC Administrator. This will help in considering your request.
- Cut your grass regularly to help maintain the overall appeal of the community

Karen Jones

703-203-4506



FROM THE MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE...

Road Work

At the July Board Meeting, the Board approved the repair and repaving of the service roads on Lawrence Street and Central Park Drive. Concrete sidewalks and aprons throughout the community will also be repaired during road work. This work should begin in the next few weeks. Signs will be posted and flyers will be distributed to affected homes. The committee respectfully requests your cooperation during these projects.

2009 Projects

At our August Meeting, we will be consider our major projects for Fiscal Year 2009. If you have a particular project that you would like to have considered next year, please join us at our August 25, 2008 meeting.

Chris Ream 703-360-1712

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

There have been several reports of young teens wandering through the neighborhood destroying common grounds and hurting wild life. Recently I saw four people throw a huge rock at a duck by the dam. The police had already been called by someone else and came quickly. One person was detained and the others jumped the fence. I advised the police that PLHA was tried of this vandalism and they said they would make an effort to patrol our area more frequently. The next day the entire bike unit was here and issued no trespassing papers to three people that were walking around. Remember to call the police when you see inappropriate behavior.

Also parents, if your child has a guest who acts inappropriately, you are held responsible. I also witnessed kids throwing stuff/sticks at the ducks while their parents just watched; hurting a migratory bird, ducks and geese, is a federal offense with a fine up to \$500.00

Some kids that fish are also pulling up the rocks that form our rip rap along the lake

looking for worms. Come on folks...buy the worms and leave the rip rap alone.

Saturday morning I discovered that someone had a party on the bench near the pool. I picked up two cups the had vodka and coke in them, a five lb bag of ice that was partially frozen, a liter of coke that was half gone and a half gallon of vodka that was half gone. So there are things that go on in the early hours at the lake. I hope that those of us that live nearby will be watchful and call the police.

The next Watch meeting is in September. Meanwhile, remember that Information is a weapon and the more we know the better we can handle our problems working together.

Ginger Krup

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VANDELISM & BREAK INS

There have been reports of break-ins and back yard vandalism during the day and when residents are on vacation.

Ideas to prevent problems:

- Be sure your house is secure;
- When on vacation:
 - Ask a trusted neighbors to watch your house;
 - Turn off water, especially in back yard, or have it checked daily;
- On a daily basis, all residents should be alert to what's happening in their neighborhood. If you see something suspicious, call the police.

PAINT CANS IN TRASH

Don't put paint cans in your trash unless the paint left in the can is dried up. When the trash truck compacts the trash, it leaks the paint out on our streets, which are starting to look shabby. The white blotches left on the street don't wear off for years. Your dues (*or rent*) pay for road repair and sealing so help keep our maintenance costs down by disposing of paint properly.

For water-based latex paints, Fairfax County recommends either letting the sun dry out what's left in the open can if it's not much, or mixing in an absorbent like cat litter before bagging it. Then it's ok to throw it in the trash. Full cans can be taken to the Hazardous Material Site at the County landfill in Lorton, free of charge. It's only 15 minutes away south on Route 1.

For oil-based paints, it is illegal to throw them in the trash for environmental reasons. These paints must be taken to the County landfill in Lorton and disposed of at the HazMat Site, also free of charge. See <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/trash/accept-m-q.htm> for directions and hours, or call **703-324-5230**.

Don't throw paint or anything else in our

street storm sewers or gutters. It will just wind up in our lake with the other cans, bags and bottles that wash in whenever it rains.

If you feed the ducks and geese, please be nice enough to put your bread bags in the trash cans around the lake. Many people are teaching their children to feed the animals, but then leave their trash on the ground. This is not a good lesson for children to learn. We have a beautiful community here. Let's keep it that way. Thanks.

MUDDY HOLE GARDEN CLUB

"Gardens are such a Wonderful Friend"

As you drive into Pinewood Lake, please acknowledge that amongst its ongoing landscaping and beautification projects that the Muddy Hole Garden Club continues to sponsor, contribute, and display the various seasonal banners on Lawrence Street. So again we thank all the civic minded residents who have donated \$23.00 and more to maintain this distinctive community asset. As always donations are tax deductible and can be made to the Muddy Hole Garden Club at the PLHA office.

So with the summer doldrums upon us this is a quick overview of current and future projects that are under consideration:

- The Charles Way Triangle Garden outside the pool is almost completed. We still have to install a prominent rock feature in the center of the garden.
- A memorial garden bed is being planned to honor our longtime friend and garden club member, Jutta Caudill, who passed away last year. It will be at the end of the cul-de-sac on Saint Anne's Court. The garden design, plant selection and a plague are underway.
- The brick path leading to the gazebo on Central Park Circle will be replaced this summer; the beds and shrubs will be replanted in the fall. RCR Services will be instrumental in doing most of the work.
- You may have noticed that RCR Services has replaced the enclosure around the oak

tree on Central Park Drive as well as the flower bed surrounds at the entrances on Longworthe and Squiredale Squares. These projects have greatly improved the looks of those sites and have been long overdue. The next steps will be to redo the plantings. More work will be done on the "Lollipop" bed on Squiredale Square.

- Next year, we hope that similar work will be done on beds on Arendale Square and Scarborough Square!
- All this work by the Maintenance Committee in conjunction with the Garden Club will give Central Park Drive the look of an "Entrance" street to our community!

We hope that all of our neighbors will remember to keep your gardens and front yards well manicured and bursting with color, form and spontaneity! Until later . . . watch a rerun of the classic "A long Hot Summer" and keep the lemonade cool and the heat tolerable!!

Steve Papanicolas 703-799-7423

OPEN LETTER TO THE BOARD

Dear PLHA Board of Directors,

Please reconsider natural as a back yard color option because:

- Natural is allowed for Saint Anne's Court decks.
- The perimeter fence is natural.
- Natural has been chosen by 179 Pinewood homeowners – 34% of 531 homes; another 116 homes have an open back yard (*because they like nature or natural?*) for a total of 56%.
- Natural wasn't widely used when our community was built, but today it is.

Last month 22 homeowners contacted the office and 15 signed a petition. What about the rest of you? **Contact Board members or the PLHA office by August 14 if you support natural as a rear fence color.**

Sincerely,
Bev Card, Homeowner

TREASURER' REPORT

	Jun 2008	Jun 2007
In transit	\$ 34,149	\$ 1,500
Operations	199,329	175,859
Reserve	1,369,219	1,285,046
Total	\$ 1,602,697	\$1,462,405
Delinquent	\$ 71,646	\$ 34,354

Caution: The delinquent balance is \$37,292 more than it was just one year ago.

PLHA Calendar

Regular meetings in PLHA office @ 7:30 PM

Aug 5	ACC
Aug 6	Garden Club
Aug 14	Board
Aug 15	Needle Deadline
Aug 19	ACC
Aug 26	Maintenance
Aug 28	Marketing

TOWING POLICY

PLHA is not liable for damage done to vehicles towed from the community. Call Dominion Towing at 703-360-1234.

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Questions?
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