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Editor’s Side-Chat

Oh, friendly reminders...

Let’s try to be courteous to our *guests*-persons who are visiting our neighbors-by using our **parking pads** unless, of course, you have more than two cars.

Attention bird feeders!!

Please do not put out food (e.g. bird food, old bread, etc.) in the park; it’s attracting more than just birds.

As your prepare to stock up on school supplies, please remember that Aug. 5th-7th is **Virginia’s Tax Free weekend!!**

Lastly, the Publications Committee would like to publish a **PLHA’s Annual Jr. Writing Feature** in next month’s newsletter. Students from K-6th grade may submit poetry, short article (50 words or less), or drawing depicting back to school experiences. Please get permission from your parent or legal guardian. Entries will be reviewed by the committee prior to printing. Contact the HOA office with any questions.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!
S.J.

Neighborhood Watch on Tuesday, Aug. 2nd

By Tricia Gosby

Remember **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT!** Come to the community pool, meet your neighbors and have a slice of pizza and a soda. **Time: 7-9 p.m.** Fairfax County Police and Fire Departments have been invited.

(For more details about National Night Out, go to <http://www.nationalnightout.org>)

Double Cinema Nights at Pinewood Lake

This Month on Aug. 13th and 27th!!

Presented by the Cinema Committee

Feature: Gnomeo and Juliet (G)

Date: Saturday, August 13th

Time: 8:30 PM

Place: Pool Parking Lot

Free admission and popcorn!



This Touchstone Presentation is a “G” rated animation makeover film which is somewhat based on Shakespeare’s “Romeo and Juliet, The Greatest Love Story Ever Told.” The film stars Garden Gnomes which magically come alive after dark. Perfect for the whole family, it is a fresh, romantic, funny, action packed film and sure to delight both the young and young-at-heart.

Feature: True Grit (PG-13)

Date: Saturday, August 27th

Time: 8:30 PM

Place: Pool Parking Lot

Free admission and popcorn!

True Grit is one the best films of 2010! It was nominated for 10 Oscars and another 22 wins and 74 nominations. The film stars Jeff Bridges, Matt Damon and Hailee Steinfeld. In the film, a tough U.S. Marshall helps a stubborn young woman track down her father’s murderer.
Great Movie!!

****The PWL swim team will be selling hot dogs, drinks and candy at both showings. Please support the team. ****

Notes from July 14th Board Meeting

The Board passed two revised policy resolutions: 2011-05 (Collection Procedures) and 2011-06 (ACC Due Process Procedures).

The Board reviewed appeals of ACC decisions at three properties, instructed the Neighborhood Watch to further investigate the possibility/feasibility of installing cameras around the neighborhood if they thought it was worth looking into, and set a date of August 1 at 7:30 PM for a special Board meeting just to review a possible revision of the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions.

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ACC LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

Interested persons should come out to the upcoming meetings on the 2nd and 16th or call the HOA office for information.

A BIT OF NEWS

Land Use News:

Buckman Rd. Apts. Is under renovation and while they are renovating the apartment Complex is expanding their learning center offered to all age groups. They need the Land Use vote on August 1st meeting because it falls under a special exception zoning Rule. Buckman Apts. are making great strides to improve their image in the Buckman Rd. communities. The police are meeting with their tenants and they are forming a Neighborhood Watch program plus a tenant association.

Jefferson Funeral Home was approved for embalming as the Land Use had asked for Environmental answers.

Another project on **Oakwood Rd.** was looked at for a possible housing project. Transportation as always is a problem. More Later.

Human Services

Human Services committee are looking at the future for affordable housing and workforce housing as well elderly housing and also the expansion of the Mt. Vernon Hospital who are having a number of issues with zoning concerning once again transportation.

New Horizons

The facility for substance and mental health in patent stay on Richmond Highway has been opened now for a year with no problems and a waiting list. Residents are receiving counseling and job training in hopes to turn their lives around. The NAB committee is the liaison for the facility and program of which I am a member. Web Site: www.NewHorizonsNAB.org for further information.

LDACO (Lee District Association of Civic Organizations) is not meeting over the summer but will resume in September.

Until Next Time

Vicki

PINEWOOD LAKE POOL REMINDERS

By Mike Shigley
(Modified by Shana Johnson)

The pool will close 8 PM, Labor Day, September 5th.

Quick Highlights:

- Pool hours are 11AM to 8PM daily.
- Admission only with a pool pass or a multi-use guest pass.
- Booklet of 10 guest passes costs \$25.
- No one-use guest passes purchased at the gate.
- Guests are your friends and family members who do not reside in Pinewood Lake.
- You may include only permanent residents on your pool pass.
- Adults must be within arm's reach of non-swimmers.
- Only adults may supervise children in wading pool.
- Family members of residents behind in their Association assessments will be denied entrance to the pool.

POOL OPPORTUNITIES

- Join the Pool Committee! Help make the pool a center of community social activities (*We are really short of members.*)
- Host an after-hours pool party (applications and instructions available online or by calling 703-360-6212.

Pool Pass Notice

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TREASURER'S REPORT

JUNE 2011

The total cash balance at the end of the month was \$ 2,186,674. An analysis of this balance and comparisons with prior periods follows:

	June 2011	May 2011	June 2010
In transit	\$1,495	\$1,495	\$ 2,773
Operations	\$ 153,606	\$ 151,758	\$ 114,301
Reserve	\$ 2,031,573	\$ 2,037,459	\$ 1,974,137
Total	\$ 2,186,674	\$ 2,190,712	\$ 2,089,977

DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS

The balance for delinquent accounts on June 30, 2011 was \$100,249 (\$92,835 for dues). The current balance and comparisons with prior periods follows:

	June 2011	May 2011	June 2010
Balance	\$ 100,249	\$ 102,653	\$ 93,766
90 days or more	\$ 83,856	\$ 85,412	\$75,618
# of accounts over \$1,000 in 90 day or older category	24	26	19

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- Join us via email and/or **Facebook!**

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PLHA Calendar for August

Regular meetings in PLHA office @ 7:30 PM

August 1 ...**Special Board Mtg to Review DCCR**
 August 2 ACC
 August 3 Garden Club
 August 8 Neighborhood Watch
 August 11 Board Meeting
 August 16..... ACC
 August 17 Pool Committee
 August 19..... Needle Deadline
 August 23 Maintenance Committee
 August 25 Marketing Committee

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