



The Needle

Pinewood Lake Homeowners Association

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BOARD CANDIDATES NEEDED

For nearly 40 years your Pinewood Lake Homeowners Association has been manned by volunteers. Most other developments in our area employ management companies to run their finances and operations. In the vast majority of cases they are disappointed and going financially broke with special assessments. Contrary to this, Pinewood is in excellent financial shape with physically sound upkeep and development. We accomplished this over the years by having many talented homeowners volunteer their services on committees or the Board. In the current environment, the number of volunteer candidates for the Board is very lean. Over time this shortage will be disastrous. We know Pinewood is full of highly qualified people who would be of tremendous value to our community. Volunteering to run for the Board is not pure altruism, rather it is protecting one of your major investments.

Consider running for the Board of Directors. Three members will be elected at the Annual Meeting on December 3.

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 any member of the Nominations Committee with questions or to declare your candidacy.

Bev Card	703-360-2528
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Chris Ream	703-360-1712

Bill Kiehl, Nominations Chair 703-780-0181

ACC NEWS

During my June lawn lamp inspections, every home on Oaklake Court and Squiredale Square had their lawn lamps lit. I would like to send out kudos to every homeowner on those streets.

Another reminder - homeowners need to look outside their rear fences for any trash, debris or anything else that needs to be removed. **The property just outside your rear fence belongs to you and you will receive a violation notice if the area is unkempt.**

Any resident who has planted vegetables in their front yard needs to have ACC approval. If you do not have ACC approval, please submit a request immediately.

On August 7 at 7:30 PM, the ACC Committee will review their paint color recommendation which will be on the September Board agenda. **This is your final chance to voice your concern or opinion concerning the new paint recommendations.** Every homeowner will be affected by this potentially significant change.

Karen Jones

703-360-6212



Thanks to the Marketing Committee for recommending and planning our new sign!

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

I guess I spoke too soon last month about the area being quiet....We have had a lot of vandalism these past few weeks. Our perimeter fence has been badly damaged in two locations. There is trash scattered all over our common areas. However, the biggest concern is the large number of young people walking through our neighborhoods talking loud, playing loud music and using profanity. This is happening at all hours of the day and night. I must say that a number of our residents are intimidated by them. On the fourth of July a gun was fired several times at the rear of one of our streets. The homeowner went out that night after hearing loud booms but couldn't see anything. The next morning the resident went out behind their house and picked up the shell casings of six bullets that had been fired. That was the noise that they had heard on the night of the fourth. I might add it was a 45 caliber gun, which is a fairly large firearm. I would like the parents of our young people to ask their kids if they know the people that come through here and give the names to the office. I hope that our kids will come through. After all, this is our neighborhood and our homes that are involved.

There have been quite a number of people riding bikes too fast around our lake and most of them do not live here. We all have to be alert as to what goes on here. Our Neighborhood Watch people cannot do this on our own. The residents must make an effort to get involved or it just won't work. Call the police when you see things that just aren't right.

I hope my next article will be a happy one. Anyway, see you at the WATCH the second Monday and our CAC starts up again in Sept. on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 at the police station. As usual, any suggestions you have are welcomed.

Ginger Krup

703-780-0752

PERIMETER FENCE SEALING

The PLHA has contracted with a company to repair and reseal our perimeter fence. You may have already seen the contractor at work. Please note that this work requires that the contractor be able to access the perimeter fence. If you have plantings that block the perimeter fence or if you have items stacked against the community perimeter fence, you must move them to provide the necessary easement in front of our perimeter fence. The repair work has already started and the sealing should be completed by September 1, 2007. Thank you for your assistance in allowing us to complete this project in a timely manner. Please call the office at 703-360-6212 with any questions.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

“Pilfering Amongst the Posies!”

Although I recognize this to be a most blatant opportunity to stab at a Pulitzer prize winning expose somewhat philosophical ... Aesop & more Art Buchwald; but at least time would not permit. So with all its lackluster merits I address the issue at hand. Quite simply, someone stole two of my maturing red bell peppers! No! It's not earth shattering nor will I be physically malnourished or emotional scarred but disgusted and morally outraged – YES!!! In my youth and we're not talking Eocene era or even pre Civil War, individuals were raised with intrinsic values and respect for other people's space and property! How out of touch with reality I must be with the atrocities that besiege the universe on every level? None the less, it would be nice to think that some things are laze-a-faire. Why do I suspect they were stolen? Only because two other potted plants of “hens and chicks” were physically extricated from my yard. One planted in a pot from my courtyard more recently ... sad, but a true testimonial to one individual “low life.” So if you are that desperate, please take the same abandon and knock on my door and I'll gladly buy you some bell peppers, otherwise you might find yourself being prosecuted for trespassing. Now it has just dawned on me that perhaps the little ladies from the classic play, “Arsenic and Old Lace,” had one too many salesmen of the pilfering persuasion ... it's only food for thought.

A disgruntled Central Park Circle Neighbor

TREASURER'S REPORT

	June 2007	June 2006
In transit	\$ 1,500	\$ 13,287
Operations	175,859	195,600
Reserve	1,285,046	1,087,413
Total	\$ 1,462,405	\$1,296,300
Delinquent	\$ 34,354	\$ 19,171

PLHA Calendar

Regular meetings in PLHA office @ 7:30 PM

Aug 1	Garden Club
Aug 7	ACC
Aug 9	Board
Aug 13	Neighborhood Watch
Aug 15	Pool
Aug 17	Needle Deadline
Aug 21	ACC
Aug 28	Maintenance
Aug 30	Marketing
Sep 4	Labor Day Bar-B-Que

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