

THE PINWOOD LAKE NEEDLE

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Your Community Voice

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Changes To The Needle Layout

We are making some changes in the layout of The Needle. We've been doing some cost analysis of printing costs, and discovered that "inserts" were tearing up the budget. So from now on, other than policy resolutions, inserts for committee event promotions will be incorporated into the back, or last page, and the next-to-last page. Doing that will allow the reader to tear off the back page for a "refrigerator reminder."

Another change, maybe temporary, maybe permanent, is the way we display advertisements. We want the messages from our advertisers to be seen, and we hope you give those advertisers your business - after all, they help pay for the newsletter. So at least for a few months, the ads will be scattered throughout the newsletter - just as they were in the past. Layout Changes are continued on page 2.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Since my last report, we have had two Neighborhood Watch meetings. We meet the second Monday of each month. I will bring you up to date on what's been happening in the neighborhood.

There have been several reports of groups of teens fighting after they get off the school buses. Apparently the different groups live in and around Pinewood, and the police have been called numerous times when the fighting has occurred. There have been some arrests made for the sale or intent to sell large amounts of different drugs in our neighborhood. In all of the cases the sellers do not live here but they are selling the drugs to those people that do.

There has also been an increase of people hanging around, young teens

smoking in the parks and littering in the common areas. Large groups congregating in the common areas intimidating older residents.

The most serious incident was a home invasion/ robbery where several guns were stolen. This robbery has not been solved nor have the guns been recovered. The police would welcome any information anyone may have regarding this incident. You can call the police station direct at 703-360-8400. This number should only be called with information regarding an ongoing investigation. *All other calls for service should be directed to the non-emergency number 703-691-2131.*

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Are You In Favor??? Or Against???

A 3-Way Stop at the intersection of Lakepark and Lawrence is in question. Pinewood Lake must take a vote of residents and present the results to Fairfax County. VDOT has said "yes." *What do you say? Are you for or against?*

The vote will be taken at the Annual Meeting on December 1st.

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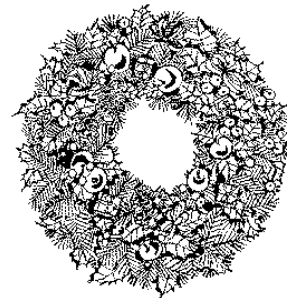


Needle Layout , continued from Page 1.

For the second month, the PLHA Calendar of Events is at the top of a Community Announcements page. It's full width across the page, and we hope it will be more noticeable and easier to read. The Community Announcements page will be the standard location for the calendar.

We want to keep the PLHA newsletter fresh and interesting, and welcome your comments on these and other changes. Please contact the office or the editor.

The Editor 703-619-7969



Happy Holidays!
From The Marketing Group
Roger Reutershan, Chairman
Kristi Long
Lis Henderson
Ginger Krup
Tom Beale
Fred Blanchard
Frank Holub

Jump on board in 2004 !!!

A couple drove down a country road for several miles, not saying a word. An earlier discussion had led to an argument and neither of them wanted to concede their position. As they passed a barnyard of mules, goats, and pigs, the wife asked sarcastically, "Relatives of yours?" "Yep," said the husband, "in-laws."

Community Announcements

December Calendar of Events in Pinewood Lake

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

1 st , 7:30 PM	Annual Membership Meeting
Rm 221, South County Center, Richmond Highway (accessible from Buckman Rd)	
2 nd	Architectural Control
6 th	Holiday Wreath Deliveries
8 th	Security Committee
9 th	Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
11 th	Board of Directors Meeting and Due Process Hearing
11 th	Needle Deadline for January 2004
13 th , 10:00 AM	Breakfast With Santa Claus
15 th	Continuation of Annual Meeting (if necessary)
18 th	Hospitality Committee
25 th	Christmas Day
31 st	New Year's Eve

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



Although Pinewood Lake may have ice over parts of it, DO NOT try to walk on the ice no matter how thick it appears. The weather hardly ever gets cold enough here in Alexandria to form ice thick enough to walk on. Some years ago, a child drowned in the lake because he thought it was safe to walk on. It's not now, and likely never will be safe this winter.

Please stay off the "ice."

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Fairfax County School Schedules
 Dec 22nd - Jan 2nd . . Winter Vacation
 Jan 19th M. L. King Holiday

2004 Pinewood Lake Directory

LAST CHANCE

This is your last chance to submit additions, changes, or deletions to your entry in the 2004 Directory. All changes, etc., must be submitted to the office not later than the 31st of December.

The form below allows residents, both owners and renters, to provide information for the 2004 Pinewood Lake Directory. Please complete it, and take it, fax it, or mail it, to the PLHA Office. The PLHA Fax Number is: 703-360-6771.

PLHA Residential Directory Listing

(To add, change or omit your listing)

If you wish to add, change or omit your name and/or phone from the annual PLHA Directory, please complete and submit this form to the PLHA Office.

Please print the following information:

Name(s): _____

Street: _____

Phone: _____

Include name phone

Omit name phone

Signature: _____

Please submit not later than December 31st.



HOSPITALITY HAPPENINGS

Seasons Greetings everyone! I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. I know my family did. We got together with loved ones, visited and, of course, over ate.

Now that there's such a flurry of activity getting ready for Christmas, I hope everyone with little ones will be able to slow down for just a while and join us for Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 13th, at 10:00 AM. Come have a bowl of cereal and get a small prize from Santa.

Please slow down a little and enjoy this wonderful season. It's not really about giving and getting gifts, as the retailers would have us believe. It's about being with those that we love and counting our blessings, no matter what your beliefs are. Have a blessed season and we'll see you next year!

Our next Hospitality meeting is Thursday, March 18, 2004 (yes, 2004!) at 7:30 PM at the Frank Holub Community Center (also known as the office). I hope that anyone interested in increasing the feeling of community in Pinewood Lake will consider joining us.

If you're new to Pinewood Lake, we'd like to meet you and tell you about the great neighborhood you live in. Please give me a call at (703) 360-8743 and I'll arrange a visit from a Hospitality Representative.

Happy Holidays

from the Hospitality Committee !

Susan Hosek (703) 360-8743

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Garden Club Update

December 2003

All the members of the Muddy Hole Garden Club wish to extend their most sincere best wishes to all for the upcoming Holiday Season.

As you move about the by-ways and paths of your unique community, remember, progress, dedication and vision do not come without effort and cost. Join one of Pinewood Lake's committees. Make this a priority for 2004. Find out that sharing and caring does have its rewards.

Hope to see you in February at a garden club meeting on the first Wednesday at the Frank Holub Community Center at 7:30 PM.

Steve Papanicolas

703-799-7423



C o m m u n i t y A n n o u n c e m e n t s

SNOW REMOVAL PLAN

With the approach of winter will come the problem of snow on the Pinewood Lake streets at certain times. To help ease the problem, the following plan has been developed:

On all streets in Area 2 (North of Lawrence Street) and those streets with service roads, the snow will be plowed to the curb side, away from the houses. On streets with cul-de-sacs, namely Birchlake, Cedarlake, Oaklake, and Pinelake, all snow will be plowed to the far end of the cul-de-sacs, instead of being piled in the middle of the street as in past winters.

For this plan to be of maximum effectiveness, everyone, and we mean everyone needs to cooperate by getting ALL cars off the streets with the forecast of snow. There are many non-operational vehicles parked on the streets of Pinewood Lake. With the approach of winter, and snow sure to follow, perhaps NOW is the appropriate time to get rid of the surplus vehicles.

WARNING: ANY CARS LEFT ON THE STREETS WILL BE PLOWED IN!

After-the-Holiday Trash Pickup

Next trash pickup after Christmas will be Monday, December 29th.
Next trash pickup after New Year's will be Monday, January 5th.

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

Advertising Policy:

There are two categories of advertising in The Needle:

Free personal ads from Pinewood Lake residents ONLY, and paid commercial ads from business entities.

Free personal advertisements are those from community residents (and absentee owners) that offer "one-time" sale of goods, and requests for goods or services.

Paid advertisements will be accepted from business entities who may or may not be owned and operated by community residents. These entities include such services as baby-sitting services, legal services, tutoring, gutter cleaning, and other income-producing services.

The intent of this policy is to strengthen the overall management and quality of the newsletter. Comments may be directed to the Community Manager, 703-360-6212. The Advertising Manager is Ms. Lois Passman, 703-780-4236, FAX: 703-780-6903.



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let me know.

Pinewood is a great place to live and although it has changed since I first got here, change doesn't always mean have to mean something negative. It just means changed. Let's turn this around and help one another enjoy our homes, our neighborhood and each other. There will NOT be a meeting in December. I wish all of you happy holidays and I hope to see you next year.

Remember, moving doesn't solve the problems and you are either part of the solution or part of the problem. I hope to increase our neighborhood watch for next year. See what you can do.

P.S. The CAC meeting is held the second Tuesday of the month, at the Mount Vernon District Police Sation. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM. See you there.

Ginger Krup 703-780-0752

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH, continued.

I strongly urge parents to keep a close watch over their children's activities after they return home from school. Ask them if they are aware of any strange things happening here; like cars driving to the same locations every day by people that do not live here. Gang activity has been taking place. Report anything that just doesn't seem right. The police will determine if something is going on. You just report it.

For those residents who attended the November meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), I am sure you have a lot of information to share with your neighbors. We had a wonderful meeting. Capt. Moser gave us an update of the area and showed some film of the flood in the Belle View neighborhood. Our guest speaker was Dianne Beatty, who gave us information on an organization she started to fight the problem of predators stalking our children via the Internet. I will have a folder and some information at the office for those of you who are interested. If there is an interest in having Dianne come to speak to us please

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Maintenance Log - Dec 2003

Another year passeth on . . .

December heralds the last month of each year, but nonetheless a new year is on the horizon. In Maintenance, it has been a good year, a lot was done, but the work ahead still looms. We were able to dredge the lake to nearly the original depth; we did some street work, but there is still more to do. We got a good start on path work and more will be done before the end of the year. We will also have new lakeshore walls in three places and yet Maintenance Log is continued on Page7

Maintenance Log is continued from Page 8 more work remains at the lake. We need to solve a problem with Saint Annes Court. We have trees to remove and new trees to plant. There is a study about the lighting of our community that should see some trial work in the spring . . . on and on the list goes.

We survived Hurricane Isabel and our good neighbors came out help clean up, the October work day was well attended. I say a heartfelt thank you to all those good folks and hope that everyone can help us again in crisis and at our next work day. Three hours of work in the fresh air followed by a nice lunch and conviviality, not too bad for half a day's work.

We do have a dedicated group of neighbors who are willing to get into the ideas, as well as get the work done. If you are so inclined, come join us. There will be no meeting in December, but come January . . . there will be work and we hope more willing hands to do it. The Maintenance Committee meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Frank Holub Community Center at 7:30 PM.

And in the keeping of the spirit of the season, the whole committee would like to

extend our hearty greetings to all our neighbors for the upcoming holiday season and best wishes for the new year of 2004.

Frank Holub 703-799-4788

November Board Happenings

At the November 13th meeting the treasurer reported the following:

Operations	\$ 136,278
Reserves	558,268
Totals	694,546
(an increase of \$24,396 from Sep 03)	
Delinquent Accounts	\$ 32,153
(an increase of \$557 from Sep 03)	

! Will Bond, a Pinewood homeowner, was hired as the Saturday office assistant.

! Ginger Krup, Security Chair, reported two drug arrests in Pinewood and guns stolen from a home.

! The current standard for the Gramercy Model steps was retained.

! Mark Piston was appointed 2004 Nominations Committee Chair, Heidi Bopp and Frank Holub members, and Dick Knapp and Peggy Parsons tellers.

! National Paving and Repair Company was approved to complete supplemental path work: 881 feet from the pool parking lot to Birchlake Ct. for \$5,096; 410 feet from the side park between Arendale Square and Central Park Circle for \$2,470; and 290 feet from Oaklake Court to the outfall near Lawrence Street for \$1,742.

! The Maintenance Committee was directed to explore the sump pump drainage issue on Saint Annes Court and make engineering recommendations at the April Board meeting.

! The Board is sending a letter to Dana Kaufman concerning the traffic, storm water drainage, and design impact of the proposed "Main Street Project" adjacent to Pinewood.

! A one year snow removal contract was approved for RCR Services at the plowing rate of \$70 per hour with a four-hour minimum, sand at \$25.00 per ton, and ice melt at \$10.50 per 40 lb. bag.

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Due Process Hearing

November 17th Due Process Hearing:

8111 Pinelake Court - the owner was present and stated she was willing to replace front and back fences, but the owners at 8109 and 8113 weren't responding. She was granted six months to complete the repairs.

8109 and 8113 Pinelake Court - no one was present; they were given six months to correct the fence violations or be assessed a monetary charge of \$10.00 a day until the repairs are complete.

8075 Saint Annes Court - the owner was present and stated he will remove the unapproved fountain.

7929 Central Park Circle - the owner was given 60 days to submit an ACC request form for painting the major trim and fence, remove the plastic chairs, recycling bin, and chain-link fence or a monetary charge of \$3.00 a day for thirty days, \$5.00 a day for the next thirty days, and then \$10.00 a day until all violations have been corrected and remove the 3rd floor air conditioner or a monetary charge of \$50.00 will be assessed each time it is installed.

Rules Violation: 7977 Central Park Circle - if major car maintenance continues, a monetary charge of \$10.00 a day will begin November 20.

Bev Card

703-360-2528

MESSAGE FROM LEE DISTRICT

SUPERVISOR DANA KAUFFMAN

Election Day has come and gone and the County Board of Supervisors is about to begin work on the 2004 legislative package it will present to the General Assembly. (In Virginia-a Dillon Rule rather than a Home Rule state such as Maryland - counties must rely on the state legislature for enabling legislation that will allow them to enact laws and ordinances.)

I will be working closely with the new Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Gerry Connolly, and the rest of my Board colleagues to craft a common sense proposal that requests legislation to expand local government's ability to better manage the impacts of new residential development where the public facilities necessary to serve the

development are not available. Based on guidance from our County Attorney's office, any such legislation must incorporate the following to have any chance of passing muster with the state.

! It should allow us to identify which public facilities would be addressed in the ordinance (i.e. schools, roads, or some other facility);

! It should allow us to establish the level of service standards for each type of facility.

! It should allow us to deny or defer approval of a subdivision plat or site plan submission where the identified public facilities have been determined to be inadequate to serve the proposed development;

! It should provide us with the option of approving a subdivision plat or site plan subject to a condition pertaining to timing or phasing where the public facilities are currently inadequate to serve the development, but are anticipated to be provided;

! It should provide us with the option of allowing the property owner to elect to make a contribution towards providing the inadequate public facilities in exchange for obtaining plat or plan approval; and lastly, but of the utmost importance;

! It should not create or impose a requirement on the locality to have to construct or otherwise make adequate any inadequate public facility. In plain English, the General Assembly should not require us to 'make the developer whole.'

Our state legislatures and our Northern Virginia legislative delegation have two historical opportunities this year. They can make our antiquated tax system fairer and loose the restraints that prevent localities from managing growth. These are more than feel-good slogans. Not only our quality of life, but our economic vitality ride on these decisions.

Happy Holidays!

May your holiday season be filled with the warmth of family and friends.

