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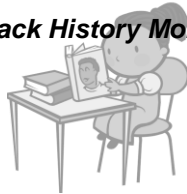
February 2012

Update on Policy Resolution 2010-01

On January 12, 2012, the Board voted to rescind this policy related to the Procedure for Appointment of Interim Board Members in the Event of a Vacancy or Resignation in favor of just following the ByLaws, Article V, Section 3 as written.

February is Black History Month

February 2nd is Groundhog Day



“...Love your neighbor as yourself...”

February 14th is Valentine’s Day

February 20th is President’s Day



February 29th is Leap Day...it’s Leap Year y’all ☺!

Happy Birthday Leap Year babies!!

February is National Children’s Dental Health Month

PLHA Calendar for February

Regular meetings in PLHA office @ 7:30 PM

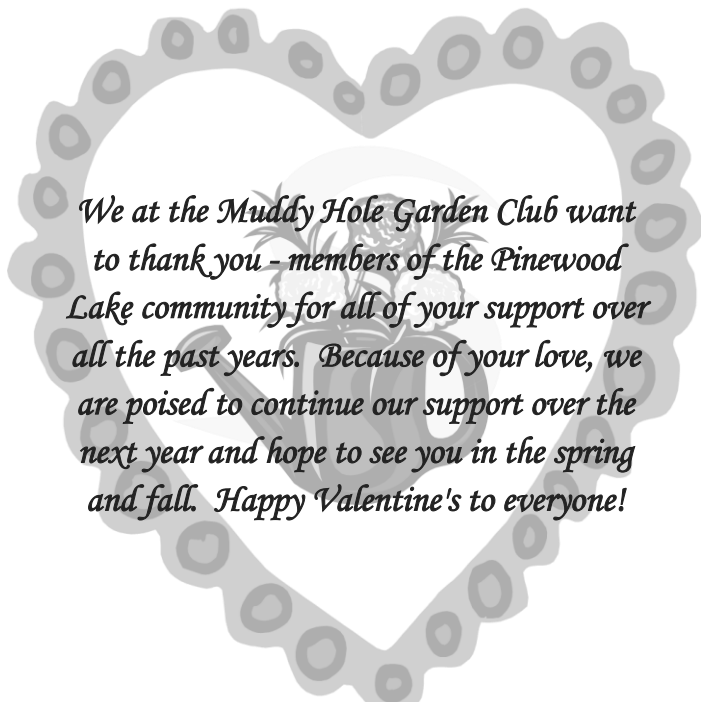
- February 1 Garden Club
- February 7 ACC
- February 9 Board Meeting
- February 13 Neighborhood Watch
- February 15 Pool Meeting
- February 17 Needle Deadline
- February 20 Office Closed for President’s Day.
Normal trash collection.
- February 23 Marketing Committee
- February 28 Maintenance Committee

Mount Vernon’s 25th Annual Town Meeting

Saturday, February 4, 2012

9 a.m. (doors open @ 8am to see exhibits)
Mount Vernon High School “Little Theatre”
By Greg Crider

Hosted by Gerry Hyland, Supervisor, Mount Vernon District. Sharon Bulova, Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors will discuss county priorities and Colonel John Strycula, Commander Fort Belvoir, will update us on the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC). Also, Gerry will take us on his annual virtual bus tour of the latest developments (recently completed or underway, as well as those proposed) along the Route One corridor. At the end of their presentations, there will be a question and answer session. This is a great opportunity for all residents (whether new to the area or a longtime resident) to find out what’s happening in our local area.



We at the Muddy Hole Garden Club want to thank you - members of the Pinewood Lake community for all of your support over all the past years. Because of your love, we are poised to continue our support over the next year and hope to see you in the spring and fall. Happy Valentine's to everyone!

Editor's Side-Chat

How are y'all? I had to throw in a little of my southern ties. Well, the first month has passed and my Christmas tree is still up. Note to self: Take down tree. Hmm...do you think we'll get to experience a true Winter blister-flurrying (is that a word?) day before spring? We'll have to see what the groundhog does on February 2nd I guess...

Since the New Year, quite a bit has occurred along the Route 1 corridor. From the opening of a couple new restaurants *Virginia Barbeque* and *Jersey's Mike's Subs* to scheduled closing of *bottom dollar* at 8750 Richmond Hwy closing on February 15th. Their hours have been modified from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Also, *Bloom* grocery store in the Lorton area will convert to Food Lion.

What's new in the Needle? Two sections have been created to advertise events in the PLHA community and surrounding area plus a section titled "Important Reminder(s)" to highlight policy updates or emphasize hot topics that impact our residents. Be sure to read the write-up regarding our **Towing Policy**. I had to learn the hard way; last year after hosting a fun evening for my friends and family, one of my guests discovered his vehicle was missing. Not a pleasant incident to experience especially in front of the kids ("Dad, your truck is gone!").

Finally, I'd like to thank Vicki McLeod for stepping up as Board liaison to the Publications Committee which is still in need of members...hint, hint.

S.F.

Coming soon...*President's Brief* and PLHA's Q Spotlight

Starting in March, we'll introduce a new bi-monthly section starring our neighborhood's President, Bill Gleason. This format will be an opportunity to connect with our leader as he provides his thoughts on current matters. Also, at the end of every quarter, we'll provide a snapshot of a PLHA resident doing some interesting things.

Board Happenings

The results of the election for the five seats on the Board of Directors were as follows: Richard Hall 114 votes, Warren Wesley 104 votes, Vicki McLeod 101 votes, Gary Woodlin 80 votes, Evan Krauss 75 votes, David Mugan 29 votes, Tom McCuin 2 votes, Johnnie Jackson 1 vote, Lone Knapp 1 vote, and Bev Card 1 vote.

Rich, Warren, and Vicki were elected for three year terms, Gary was elected to fill the remaining two years of David McAuley's three year term, and Evan was elected to fill the remaining year of Tom McCuin's three year term. Congratulations to the new Board members.

At its January 12 meeting, the Board took the following actions:

- 1) Elected officers: Bill Gleason is President, Nancy Razzino is Vice President, Rich Hall is Secretary, and Jack Kaufman is Treasurer.
- 2) Established Board liaisons to committees and Board representatives for each street in Pinewood. These can be found on the web site under "PLHA" and then Board Members. Homeowners may contact their Board street representative if they have anything they would like to discuss with a Board member.
- 3) Appointed a new ACC member, Delna Clark, and a new ACC Chair, Kim McGavitt.
- 4) Set a meeting for January 30 at 7 PM in the Pinewood Lake office for the Ad Hoc Committee on the DCCR Revision to discuss and plan the next steps that the Board believes it should take.
- 5) Rescinded Policy Resolution 2010-01, Related to the Procedure for Appointment of Interim Board Members in the Event of a Vacancy or Resignation in favor of just following the ByLaws, Article V, Section 3 as written.
- 6) Discussed setting up a future meeting focused on the impending deadline (May 2013) for the new paint colors.

Ways to receive instant community updates:

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

To join the **Pinewood Lake Email Group**, send a request to katyparente@yahoo.com.

This Month's and Future Community Events and Announcements

Feb. 1st – 29th – Black History at Mount Vernon Estate, Museum & Gardens from 9-4 p.m. daily.

Saturday, Feb. 4th – Mount Vernon's Annual Town Meeting – Review agenda on page 7.

Saturday, Feb. 11th – Be My Valentine – **FREE** event for all ages. It begins at 10:30 a.m. Location: John Marshall Community Library 6209 Rose Hill Dr, Alexandria, VA 22310. Registration is required.

Monday, Feb. 13th – Virginia Barbeque's hosting Family Night from 5-10 p.m. **Kid meals are 25% off!** Coloring Contest for the kids. It's located by Engleside Safeway. www.virginiabarbeque.com

Feb. 18th – 20th – George Washington Birthday Celebration in Old Town Alexandria. **FREE** event. Pet-friendly. Visit www.washingtonbirthday.net.

Saturday, April 14th - Spring cleanup day will be from 9-12. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

The Maintenance Committee is having concrete work done in the community this spring. **National Paving** is doing the work and will offer discounts to residents who wish to replace their parking pads. Residents should call **National Paving** at (703)335-6882 to get an estimate.

Pool Committee Meets this Month!

The Pool Committee reminds everyone that our first meeting will be on February 15 as we draft the final version of the pool and pool party rules. Please join us then and for two hours one evening or a weekend in May or June when we are issuing pool passes.

We meet the third Wednesdays of every month from February through September (except there is no meeting in March). See you February 15.

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Important Reminder

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- Expired inspection stickers and license plates
- Inoperable vehicle
- Commercial vehicles except to temporarily conduct business

If person fails to follow policy, the vehicle will be towed at owner's expense. A tow truck randomly patrols the area 24 hours a day – do not take a chance. More details explained in your handbook section PLHA Policy Resolution 2011-01.

Important Note: Vehicles will not be towed from parking pads unless overhanging the sidewalk. **Please also note that Dominion Towing is increasing their towing charges in accordance with a recent Board of Supervisors vote. See details on page 6.**

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**PLHA TREASURER'S REPORT
PREPARED FOR THE JANUARY 12, 2012 BOARD MEETING
BY JACK KAUFMAN**

The following information was derived from the data included in the PLHA general ledger accounts and related accounting records and reports.

DECEMBER 2011

The total cash balance at the end of the month was \$2,215,260. An analysis of this balance and comparisons with prior periods follows.

	Dec 2011	Nov 2011	Dec 2010
In transit	\$4,744	\$4,744	\$2,435
Operations	\$184,095	\$169,903	\$189,891
Reserve	\$2,026,421	\$2,008,864	\$1,898,869
Total	\$2,215,260	\$2,183,511	\$2,091,195

DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS

The balance for the delinquent accounts on December 31, 2011 was \$100,285 (\$94,616 for dues). The current balance and comparisons with prior periods follows.

	Dec 2011	Nov 2011	Dec 2010
Balance	\$100,285	\$96,989	\$107,405
90 days or more	\$82,301	\$79,627	\$82,779
# of accounts over \$1,000 in 90 day or older category	23	23	23

Please Note: If you would like to access the complete version of this report, please request a copy from the PLHA office.



St. James' Episcopal Church

5614 Old Mill Road, Mt. Vernon, VA

Sunday Services

8 AM Holy Eucharist – no music
10 AM Children's Activities & Nursery
10:15 AM Holy Eucharist – music
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<http://www.stjamesmv.org>

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- Free personal ads from Pinewood residents and absentee owners that offer "one-time" sale of goods or requests for goods/services;
- Paid commercial ads from businesses

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Get Financially Fit this Year!

Our Daily Bread is hosting a **FREE Thrifty Thursday Financial Fitness Program** to low and moderate income families at South County Government Center. For more information on this organization, visit their website: www.odbfairfax.org.

Date: Thursday, February 16, 2012

Time: 7:15 – 9:00 p.m.

Location: South County Government Center, Room 220, 8350 Richmond Highway, Alexandria, VA 22309

RSVP: Marcelle Miles at financialliteracy@ODBfairfax.org OR 703-273-8829. Invite friends, family, and neighbors.

NEW TOWING RATES

On January 24, 2012 the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved changes to the 82-5-32 code which regulates trespass towing vehicles, operators, storage lots and rates. The new rates for towing are as follows and apply to the entire County, including vehicles towed from Pinewood Lake by Dominion Towing:

Towing charge of \$125 for vehicles up to 7500lbs GVWR (Gross vehicle weight), \$250 for vehicles with 7501lbs GVWR-10000lbs GVWR, and \$500 for vehicles with GVWR 10001lbs or greater. In addition, towing companies can add \$25 if the vehicle was towed between 7pm and 8am, \$25 if towed on Saturday or Sunday, and \$25 if towed on a holiday, though only 2 of the additional 3 charges may be applied to any one tow. Storage rates apply after 24 hours at \$50 per 24 hour period or any portion thereof.

****The Pinewood Lake Board intends to discuss the Pinewood Lake towing policy at its February 9 meeting.****

Networking Reception with Mt. Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce

Bring plenty of your business cards to this FREE event! Plus, you get to make your own signature burger.

Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2012

Time: 6 - 8 p.m.

Place: Glory Days Grill, 9459 Lorton Market Street, Lorton, VA 22079

Register online at <http://web.mtvernon-leechamber.org/events?oe=true>

Call Mt. Vernon-Lee CoC office with any questions: 703-360-6925

Side-note: Glory Days Grill is a neat place for dining I should add. Their food is very good! *S.J.*

Updates from Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation

Wednesday, Feb. 15th – SFDC's Hospitality Seminar Staying Power: The Future of Lodging and Hospitality on the Richmond Highway Corridor 8:00 - 10:30 a.m.

SpringHill Suites Alexandria

6065 Richmond Highway, 22303

Register online at www.sfdc.org/main_page.html.

Employment Opportunity: Marketing & Communications Director
Job details available online.

Mount Vernon's 25th Annual Town Meeting Agenda

Saturday, February 4, 2012

7:45 AM-1:00 PM

Mount Vernon High School "Little Theatre"
8515 Old Mount Vernon Road

7:45 - 9:15 Coffee, Donuts and Exhibits

9:15 - 9:45 Welcome, Introductions & Presentations

9:45 - 9:55 County Priorities
Sharon Bulova, Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

9:55 - 10:05 Retrospective and Prospective View of Fairfax County
Tony Griffin, Fairfax County Executive

10:05 - 11:30 Virtual Bus Tour & Visioning Task Force Implementation
Gerry Hyland, Supervisor, Mount Vernon District
Base Realignment and Closure Update
Colonel John J. Strycula, Garrison Commander, Fort Belvoir
School Priorities for 2012
Dan Storck, Mount Vernon Representative, School Board

11:30 – 1:00 Final Q/A & Conclusion

FREE TAX ASSISTANCE!

AARP volunteers will be available throughout February at Sherwood Hall Library in the Sherwood Hall Conference Room 4. This month's schedule is below. Please note they're not providing assistance on Sundays and President's Day.

Monday: 1-4 p.m. and 5-8 p.m. except Feb. 20th

Tuesday: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. and 5-8 p.m.

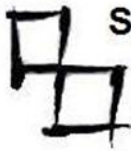
Wednesday: 1-4 p.m. and 5-8 p.m.

Thursday-Saturday: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. only

(Schedule referenced from Sherwood Library's website.)

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