



# The Needle

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## 2012: WHAT'S IN IT FOR US?

Folks, we did not reach a quorum at our Continuation Annual Meeting...Part 2.

What does that mean you might ask? At the time of printing, we still have yet to fill the open seats on the Board. If you haven't voted, please cast your ballot by 3 PM on Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at the office or bring it to the meeting in the evening at 6 PM at the South County Building in Room 221 C.

Please consider what part **You** can play in helping our community to thrive. There are plenty of ways to get involved. If you're unable to serve as an active member, please inquire if you have some interest in participating in a small way; every little

bit counts. Visit our website at

<http://pinewood-lake.com/pages/plhacommittees.htm> for

a brief overview on each committee.

Neighborhood Watch

Muddy Hole  
Garden Club

Community Cinema

Community Cinema

Swimming Pool



## Editor's Side-Chat

After the celebration ended (unless you decided to stay in and sleep through midnight), did you stop for a moment to think (and be grateful) of what *didn't* happen last year. Hmm...some may say it's a tall order; however, I encourage you to give it a try.

I was so anxious to get this year over with in anticipation of new things to come then was so quickly reminded of saying the *same* thing around the *same* time a year ago. And, let me tell ya, 2011 definitely brought about new things-tests and trials I should say...so be careful what you ask for ;- ). Though I must admit; the challenges only made me stronger-seriously. I'm very grateful for the experiences.

If there's any time to take an exhaustive assessment of our lives, the time is now. Write a list of things to do, improve, and/or discontinue. For each category, rate them in order by importance. Then focus on the top 3 to accomplish (in each category) by year end. Ready, set, go! Why procrastinate? Make sure to check your progress periodically throughout the year and keep it simple! ☺

Hope you all have a prosperous New Year!



## PLHA Calendar for January

*Regular meetings in PLHA office @ 7:30 PM*

January 2 ..... Office Closed for New Year's.  
Regular Trash Pick-up.  
January 3 ..... ACC  
January 4 ..... Continuation of Annual Meeting  
at 6:00 PM in Room 221 C of the South County Center.  
January 9 ..... Neighborhood Watch  
January 12 ..... Board Meeting  
January 20 ..... Needle Deadline  
January 24 ..... Maintenance Committee  
January 26 ..... Marketing Committee

**FIRST:.....**

## THE MEMBERS OF THE MUDDY HOLE GARDEN CLUB,

Steve Papanicolas, Frank Holub, Lone Knapp, Sieglinde Leshner, Roger Reutershan, Joyce Ramsey, Barbara Berg, Mary Helen Martinez, Brian Palazzolo and Courtney Dunn and his crew would like to express their sincere best wishes to all the members of the Pinewood Lake community for a wonderful holiday season and 2012!!

2011 was a great year for the club with a great plant sale in the spring and a wonderful wreath sale in the fall. We wish to thank all of our residents and others for participating with us in our success. It is always a lot of fun. Our large flower pots at the pool also added a lot to the success of the pool season, thanks in no small part to the guards.

We look forward to the New Year – 2012. We will not have a meeting in January, but will meet on the first Wednesday in February at the Frank Holub Community Center (office) at 7:30 PM. Whether you have a green thumb or not – come join us!

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE POOL COMMITTEE

The Pool Committee wishes everyone a joyous and bountiful new year full of love. We also have a couple of resolutions that we hope that you will add to your list.

First and foremost is that we hope you will join the committee this year. We need fresh, new, young blood as we work through our main issues for the year: tightening up the rules for private pool parties, making the issue of pool passes more efficient and convenient, and improving our stellar standards for operation (in conjunction with our pool management company).

Even if feel you do not have the time to be a full-time member, please join us for special projects: on February 15, for our first meeting of the year as we draft the final version of the pool and pool party rules; 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 on February 15 and have a joyful and blessed year!

## Highway Happenings from the Beltway to Belvoir

By Dick Knapp, Marketing Committee

There are a lot of things happening on Route 1 or Richmond Highway from I-495/95 to Fort Belvoir. As members of PLHA, many of these events have a direct impact on us.

First of all, many of you know that a new road (Mulligan Road) is being constructed between Route 1 and Telegraph Road. This will run from Woodlawn Plantation and Roy Rogers north across Pole Road and then through Fort Belvoir to Telegraph Road. It will intersect Telegraph Road near the Hill Top Golf Course. Many of us who use Pole Road have seen the preparatory work already completed north of Pole Road. It could have been completed by now. However, there have been two protests by prospective contractors on the award of the contract to accomplish the work. So as soon as the protests have been resolved, we should see work continuing. This will be a help in alleviating some traffic because it will give a much-needed avenue north from Route 1 between Lockheed Boulevard and Fairfax County Parkway.

A VDOT study has been completed to widen Route 1 to eight lanes between Telegraph Road and Mulligan Road (or Old Mill Road or George Washington Parkway). The Department of Defense has awarded Fairfax County with \$180 million to alleviate the traffic congestion cause by the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Act. Don't look for anything to happen soon...

Fort Belvoir Hospital opened on August 31, 2011. It is six stories, has 120 in-patient beds and employs 3,100 people. A new Wounded Warrior Transition Unit and Family Center is being built south of the hospital which will care for 276 warriors.

Accotink Village is the name of a new redevelopment in the area across from Fort Belvoir's Tulley Gate (Burger King and Hess Gas Station). The plan calls for multi-family and retail units on this 27 acre land.

The IMP building has just gotten permission to build two hotels (Marriott's Staybridge and Extended Stay) on their land. While across Route 1 a Candlewood Suites is being constructed on the former \$29.99 Shoe Store site. A new Forest Laundromat is being constructed at the old Moran's Garage at Forest Place and Route 1.

Those of us who travel Buckman Road will have noticed the renovation of the Stony Brook Apartments near the intersection of Buckman and Route 1. This \$33 million project has completely refurbished all the affordable housing units. You may have noticed the solar panels on the roofs and the new thermo-pane windows. The 17 Acre property across Buckman Road is the proposed site of a 450 townhouse and multi-family unit development.

Mount Vernon Inova Hospital is spending \$43.6 million to expand the patient capacity, operating rooms, infrastructure upgrades. Costco is coming to the Multiplex Cinema at the intersection of Ladsen Lane and Route 1. Sometime in the summer of 2012 you should be able to shop there! North Hill Park is located at Dart Drive across from Lockheed Blvd and is the home of a large trailer park. It is owned by the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority. Plans are to place 67 more units of manufactured housing on a portion of the 33 acre parcel.

You should have noticed construction just south of Beacon Hill on Memorial Street. (It is the old Groveton Elementary School site). It is called The Beacon at Groveton and will have 290 luxury apartments and some retail. Across Route 1 and a little south at the old Dairy Queen site, a new restaurant and retail project is underway.

The current Fairview Hotel will be replaced with a three story Fairfield Inn and Suites providing 108 rooms. Arthur Treacher's Fish and Chips is now Rosita's Restaurant. There is a special study group looking at the future use of the area at Penn Daw (intersection of Route 1 and North and South Kings Highway). It may recommend a new street grid and a mix of retail and multi-family units. The Huntington Metro area is continuing to grow with new townhomes and apartments. You may have noticed the high density complexes both on the high side (south) and the low side (north) which is bringing in families who want to be near the Metro. This should cause higher scale retail to follow.

As you can see, many events are happening on Richmond Highway. We need to be aware of these events and get active if we feel they may an impact PLHA and our property values.

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](mailto:katyparente@yahoo.com).

**PLHA TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**PREPARED FOR THE PERIOD ENDED ON NOVEMBER 30, 2011**  
 BY JACK KAUFMAN

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

**NOVEMBER 2011**

The total cash balance at the end of the month was \$2,183,511. An analysis of this balance and comparisons with prior periods follows.

	<b>Nov 2011</b>	<b>Oct 2011</b>	<b>Nov 2010</b>
In transit	\$4,744	\$3,923	\$1,377
Operations	\$169,903	\$160,901	\$176,501
Reserve	\$2,008,864	\$2,000,279	\$1,874,331
Total	\$2,183,511	\$2,165,103	\$2,052,209

**DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS**

The balance for the delinquent accounts on November 30, 2011 was \$96,989 (\$91,626 for dues). The current balance and comparisons with prior periods follows.

	<b>Nov 2011</b>	<b>Oct 2011</b>	<b>Nov 2010</b>
Balance	\$96,989	\$100,288	\$108,208
90 days or more	\$79,627	\$83,214	\$84,795
# of accounts over \$1,000 in 90 day or older category	23	25	24

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

## UPCOMING VOLUNTEER AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

In celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the Volunteer Fairfax organization is hosting their third annual **"Give Together: A Family Volunteer Day"** (presented by UnitedHealthcare) on Monday, January 16, 2012 at three locations: Gum Springs Community Center (closest to Pinewood Lake), George Mason University, and the Herndon Senior Center. The purpose is to show particularly elementary-aged children the importance of volunteering. Families are invited to participate alongside with their children on projects submitted by participating vendors at this event. There will also be ways for others who would like to serve but not participate in the activities. For more information, visit

<http://www.volunteerfairfax.org/index>. Below are details on Gum Springs copied from their website.

### Gum Springs Community Center - Alexandria

Participating Agencies: Fairfax 4-H, Hispanics Against Child Abuse and Neglect (HACAN) and Troop Treats

Participants (families) interested in registering for Give Together must choose one shift. The event is broken down into two shifts to maximize the amount of time each participant receives at each service project.

Participant Shift 1: 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Participant Shift 2: 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Event Helpers needed to assist staff in a variety of roles throughout the day including set-up, take down, registration, agency ambassadors, and greeters. *These volunteers do not actually participate in the service projects* but instead help Volunteer Fairfax with the logistics of the event. If you are interested in being an Event Helper, please sign-up for one or two shifts below.

Event Helper Shift 1: 9:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Event Helper Shift 2: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

For more information regarding Give Together: A Family Volunteer Day, please contact Elaine Lydick, Events Associate, at 703-246-3533 or [elydick@volunteerfairfax.org](mailto:elydick@volunteerfairfax.org).

**Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts:** announcing National Park Service and Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts employment and volunteer opportunities for people of all ages for the 2012 summer performance season. Wolf Trap National Park will host the remaining three employment/volunteer fairs in the Filene Center. The job fair dates are January 10, 3:30pm to 7:30pm; January 28, 1pm to 5pm and March 11, 1:00pm to 5:00pm. For directions to the Filene Center and additional employment information, please check our web site [www.nps.gov/wotr](http://www.nps.gov/wotr) or call 703-255-1823. For volunteer opportunities, visit [www.nps.gov/wotr/parkmgmt/jobs.htm](http://www.nps.gov/wotr/parkmgmt/jobs.htm) or call 703-255-1823 for an application or additional information. Join us "Where the Stars Come Out to Play".

### Sunrise at Mount Vernon is Hiring!

Position for Part-Time Concierge/Receptionist is available. If you enjoy working with the elderly and want to make a positive impact, consider joining their team! The days and hours will vary week to week from either 8 AM to 3 PM or 3 PM to 8 PM shift. Apply online at <http://sunrise-careers.com/careers>. On Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM, they are accepting walk-in informational interviews. Make sure to submit application online prior to showing up. Questions: 703-780-9800.

*Valentine's coming soon...*

*Share your love with that special someone in next month's edition. We'll accept dedications in the form of poems, shout-outs, mini-messages and/or drawings.*

*All ages are welcome to submit entries. Children can post a dedication to a parent or grandparent. Email [plha@verizon.net](mailto:plha@verizon.net) or drop off at PLHA office during normal business hours.*

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10:15 AM Holy Eucharist – music

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<http://www.stjamesmv.org>

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