



# The Needle

Pinewood Lake Homeowners Association

[www.pinewood-lake.com](http://www.pinewood-lake.com)

July 2008

## UPDATES TO NEW PAINT STANDARD

At its June 12 meeting, the Board of Directors removed natural as a rear fence color option and clarified what sections of side fencing may be painted Navajo White versus Louisburg Green. If you have an interior unit, the wooden sections of your front fences (see enclosed diagram sections A, B, C, D, and E) should be Navajo White and your rear fences (sections F and G) should be Louisburg Green. If you have an end unit with a side fence, your front and side fences (sections A, B, C, D, and E up to and including the rear corner fence post between E and G) should be Navajo White and your rear fences (sections F, G, and H) should be Louisburg Green. If you have an end unit without a side fence, your front fences (sections A, B, C, D, and E) should be Navajo White and your rear fences (sections F, G, and H) should be Louisburg Green. **Please note that natural fences are no longer an option for any homeowner fence in Pinewood Lake.**

In addition, the Board of Directors voted to allow sidelights for front doors to be painted either your approved woodwork trim color or to be left the same wood stain as your wooden front door if the door and sidelights were sold as a single unit.

## MORE ACC NEWS

Have you received a violation notice lately? We want you to know that we are aware that finances for many homeowners are extremely tight at this point in time. However, it is the duty of the homeowners association to make sure properties are maintained. We will work with homeowners who are in contact with us to create reasonable deadlines for the completion of the necessary work but work

does still need to be completed in order to maintain property values throughout the neighborhood.

Is your house currently on the market? You may want to consider taking advantage of the pre-disclosure inspection option offered by the association. Obtaining a pre-disclosure inspection will help reduce stress as you approach your closing date by giving you advance notice of any ACC violations on your property of which you may not have been aware. The cost for this inspection is \$25. Please contact the Association office at 703-360-6212 or [plha@verizon.net](mailto:plha@verizon.net) for details or to request a pre-disclosure inspection.

Karen Jones

703-203-4506

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## FROM THE MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE...

**Stormy weather and your roof** - June has been a stormy month with numerous strong thunderstorms. You should inspect your roof to make sure you have not lost any shingles.

**Pinelake Court Bench** – Recently, a Pinelake Court resident asked about the missing bench at the end of the court. This bench was

removed a couple of years ago for safety reasons. It was wobbly and in danger of collapsing. After being repaired, it was loosened again. The concrete beneath the bench was damaged. It was removed until a better method of securing it is found or until we are able to purchase a new one similar to those on Lawrence Street. This will take time since the benches are expensive.

It is believed that the damage to the bench was caused by individuals sitting on the back rest of the bench instead of on the seat. Therefore, the Committee respectfully requests that all community members properly sit on the benches around the Community to prevent damage to other benches.

**Planting Beds** – A couple of months back, I wrote about some improvements that were scheduled to improve the appearance of some of our planting beds. I am pleased to report that the improvements to planting beds on Central Park Drive have been completed and the beds look great.

**Paving and Concrete Work** – In July, we hope to present to the Board proposals to have numerous areas of concrete sidewalk and driveway aprons repaired or replaced throughout the Community. If your sidewalk or driveway apron is being repaired or replaced, you will receive a flyer providing you with greater details. We are also considering redoing two of the service roads (Central Park Drive and Lawrence Street). We look forward to receiving your cooperation during the work.

Chris Ream 703-360-1712

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

At the June Watch meeting there were reports of increased numbers of youths just hanging around. Someone asked about the armed robbery report. The crimes weren't in Pinewood: however, they were committed by teens who live here.

The last CAC meeting was a potluck. Everyone enjoyed having time to just talk.

**National Nite Out is August 5. Please come. This night is for families to get together and meet your neighbors.** It's fun and we usually have pizza. Stay Tuned....

The only negative this month is a lot of trash, hooks, fishing line and other fishing equipment left around the lake. I took an injured duck to the vet with a fishing line wrapped around its leg that had to be removed surgically. Trash must be picked up. Parents, please reinforce this at home.

There is no Watch meeting in July or August.

**See you at National Nite Out!**

Ginger Krup 703-780-0752

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## PLHA Calendar

Regular meetings in PLHA office @ 7:30 PM

Jul 1	.....	ACC
Jul 2	.....	Garden Club
Jul 10	.....	Board
Jul 15	.....	ACC
Jul 16	.....	Needle Deadline
Jul 22	.....	Maintenance
Jul 23	.....	Pool
Jul 24	.....	Marketing



Common Grounds Updated

## TREASURER'S REPORT

	May 2008	May 2007
In transit	\$ 139,227	\$ 1,500
Operations	129,766	163,438
Reserve	1,335,954	1,280,555
Total	\$ 1,604,947	\$1,445,493

Delinquent \$ 67,882 \$ 29,973

Caution: The delinquent balance is \$37,909 more than it was just one year ago.

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## NEW PAINT STANDARD FOR SIDE AND REAR FENCES

The Board revised the new Paint Standard regarding side and rear fencing on June 12. Go to [www.pinewood-lake.com](http://www.pinewood-lake.com) to see the approved standard and paint appendix. If you would like to see the paint samples, please come to the office between Noon and 3 PM Monday through Friday or 9 AM and Noon on Saturday.

### ACC APPROVAL NEEDED BEFORE DOING OUTSIDE WORK

Before painting outside (*house, fence, shed, or other structures*),

Submit an ACC Request Form

Available in the PLHA office or at [www.pinewood-lake.com](http://www.pinewood-lake.com).

The ACC meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month in the PLHA office.

Even if you are painting the same color(s), approval is needed - **some colors may no longer be approved.**

## PLHA TOWING POLICY

Our towing policy went into effect on March 1, 2007. Go to [www.pinewood-lake.com](http://www.pinewood-lake.com) to read the resolution or a brief pamphlet on the towing policy. Make sure you are parking in accordance with our policy to avoid being towed.

## SPECIAL TRASH PICKUPS

Mattresses, couches, and appliances may be placed at the curb on Mondays or Thursdays without a phone call.

Other special pickup items must be scheduled ahead of time by calling 703-360-6634.

## OPEN LETTER TO THE BOARD

Dear PLHA Board of Directors,

Thank you for standardizing Pinewood paint colors. There were too many colors and shades. Front yards can now be distinguished by door color. Back yards also need some diversity. When the perimeter fence was replaced, the color was changed from green to natural. **Natural should be a back yard option too.**

The Board has reviewed the paint standard for side and rear fences 3 times in 3 months:

- On April 10 it was decided all rear fences and sheds should be painted Navajo White. According to the Needle, "The rear fence color was a contentious issue at the April Board meeting and was a close vote." Many homeowners spoke to Board members.
- On May 8, the Board decided that rear fences should be painted Louisburg Green or left natural. Board members and homeowners seemed to be satisfied with this decision.
- Then on June 12, the Board changed their mind again and removed natural as a choice.

Every month there is another vote. The Board is making too many dramatic changes without informing the community in advance.

Four points to consider:

- Natural is still allowed for decks on Saint Annes Court. Other back yards are not much larger than a Saint Annes deck.
- The perimeter fences are natural.
- Natural has been chosen by many Pinewood Lake homeowners.
- Natural wasn't widely used when our community was built. Today it is used in many communities throughout the area.

**Please postpone enforcing this change until a public meeting can be held.**

Homeowners, contact Board members or the PLHA office by July 10 **if you support natural as a rear fence color.**

Sincerely,  
Bev Card