

The Needle

Pinewood Lake Homeowners Association

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ACC THANKS VOLUNTEERS

Special thanks to the following volunteers for helping with the Spring Walk Around Inspection:

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Judy and Sara Plummer
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Jim and Brenda Fairfax
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Edna Burns

The future of Pinewood depends on the quality of our homes and their potential resale value. By participating in the Spring Walk Around, these neighbors and friends have helped insure that quality and value. Therefore, they are to be commended.

Bill Gleason, ACC Chair

TOWING

At its July 13, 2006 meeting, the Board of Directors will decide whether to contract with a towing company to enforce the Association's regulations for parking on public streets. If the Board should make that decision, then it would have to determine what restrictions to place on the towing company.

The Board has discussed this issue at various meetings since the beginning of the year and heard from over 50 community members at a public hearing it conducted June 14, 2006. Several issues surfaced: that there is a parking problem, that the existing regulations need to be enforced fairly and

equitably, and that adequate safeguards need to be in force to protect residents of the community from unwarranted towing.

A towing contractor will not:

- Tow vehicles from your parking pad
- Reduce the number of cars community members own
- Reduce parking on the State streets (Lake Park Drive, Lawrence Street, and Central Park Drive)

Violations of the parking regulations for Pinewood Lake private streets and roads include:

- Vehicles that are not operational (e.g., with flat tire, missing engine, etc.)
- Vehicles without current license plates, inspection stickers, and county decals
- A truck, commercial vehicle, vehicle in excess of eighteen feet in length, school bus, trailer, camper, motor home, or other similar recreational vehicle
- Vehicles undergoing repair for over 24 hours
- Vehicles parked along a curb or sidewalk painted yellow to indicate that no parking is allowed. (This includes vehicles parked on the house side of the street on Gramercy Circle, Longworthe Square, Squiredale Square, Scarborough Square, Arendale Square, and Central Park Circle.)
- Vehicles parked blocking all or part of an entrance to a parking pad or service road
- Vehicles that are double parked
- Unauthorized vehicles parked in a handicap parking space

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

This month has been fairly quiet with the exception of many people coming here to fish that do not live here.

The most common response to my question, "Do you live here?" is, "My cousin/friend does."

The posted signs indicate that a guest must be accompanied by the homeowner.

A homeowner is responsible for the actions of their guest.

Parents are responsible for the guests of their children too.

Have you ever asked someone that you do not recognize as a Pinewood resident if they in fact live here?

Have you ever asked those fishing in our lake if they live here?

Does it ever cross your mind when you see a non-resident arrive at 12 noon and stay until 6 P.M., where exactly do they go to the bathroom?

Pinewood Lake is a private community. Our lake and parks are only available for our residents and their guests.

We have suspended our meetings for the summer and will come back in Sept. Have a great summer and please call the police when needed.

Ginger Krup 703-780-0752

REMINDER

Put trash and recycling out
after sunset.

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MARKETING UPDATE

Are We Overlooking the Obvious?

Sometimes we tend to overlook the obvious! How often do we think of the Richmond Highway area as an historical bonanza? In addition to its growing business, residential, and office activities, the highway area has numerous significant attractions and points of interest that draw international visitors and include:

Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens: Draws over one million visitors a year. This is a one-of-a-kind location and is improving every year. A must see!

George Washington's Grist Mill: This

functioning mill is located just East of Woodlawn Plantation.

Woodlawn Plantation: The home to George Washington's niece, Nelly Custis.

Pope-Leighey House: Designed by the famed architect, Frank Lloyd Wright.

Gunston Hall: Home of George Mason, author of the Virginia Declaration of Rights.

Pohick Church: The house of worship for the Washington, Mason, Fairfax, and Lee families.

Fort Hunt: The fort was designed in the early 1890's as a coastal defense fortification to protect the city of Washington, D.C.

Within the next few years, we will see the construction of the Army Museum on Fort Belvoir. This long-sought museum is projected to attract nearly a million visitors a year. Completion is scheduled for 2010.

Coming back to home plate, the Pinewood Lake Community is very much a part of this rich historic fabric. This community is located on land originally part of the George Washington estate. In fact, one can call the estate at 703-799-8687 and speak to the historian who will provide the papers required for a Pinewood Lake homeowner to display an attractive plaque attesting to the historic significance of their home site.

Marketing Alert

These have been busy times for the Marketing Group members. The Group is working with the Community Manager and the four bus stop bench sponsors to complete their personalized bench plaques to be displayed on the new benches on Lawrence Street—photo ops to follow!

Several statements of work are in the coordination process. One document will address a feasibility study to include cost and time factors to renovate the community center and pool areas to satisfy some growing

resident and management needs. The Group is also working with the ACC to prepare a statement of work to hire a professional "historical" architect to provide guidance on community color schemes that will be consistent with our Federalist style and the current marketplace. These are important tasks that can truly enhance the appeal and value of the community and the quality of life of all of its residents.

We will keep you posted!

Roger Reutershan

703-780-4162

MAINTENANCE LOG

We are planning to have five of our private streets sealed in the coming months, including Birchlake, Cedarlake, Saint Annes, and Pinelake Courts and Central Park Circle. Street sealing is a necessary maintenance item to keep roads from having to be milled more often. Milling costs a **lot** more than sealing.

This means that all vehicles on those streets will have to be removed by 7 AM on sealing day and stay off for 24 hours. Any vehicles remaining after 7 AM **WILL BE TOWED** at the homeowner's expense! This pertains only to vehicles on the asphalt portions of the street. Vehicles on concrete parking pads may only remain there if they will not be moved for 24 hours. Anyone who drives on the freshly sealed roadway **for any reason** before the 24 hours is up will be subject to due process and the possibility of having to pay the cost of re-sealing. This happened here last year so please take this seriously because the volunteers who help make this happen only have so much time to dedicate to each project.

Parking will be available in the lower pool parking lot by the lake and there should be places on Lakepark Dr. and Lawrence St., as

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well as other streets in the community. You can park on any of our streets that are not being sealed, but it's a three day event so check the list above. Don't get towed because you picked the wrong street to park on! Please be considerate and park in a legal spot. Do not block parking pads or sidewalks or park by yellow curbs or lines.

Homes on the selected streets will receive flyers with the exact dates, probably in late September or early October, and any instructions or suggestions, like leaving your car keys with a neighbor if you will be on vacation. Again, any vehicles left on your street on sealing day will be towed! Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and helps keep our community looking good.

Volunteers needed! One or two people are not enough to manage this process. We need volunteers to pass out flyers once or twice, maybe more if we have weather complications. And having people who are able to help onsite on the mornings of the actual sealing work is our top priority. If you can help, please call me at the number below or contact the office, 703-360-6212. Thanks.

En los proximos meses, cinco de las calles de la Comunidad van a ser selladas y reasfaltadas. Estas calles son Birchlake, Cedarlake, Saint Annes, Pinelake Court and Central Park Circle. Este proyecto es necesario para el mejor mantenimiento de nuestras calles.

Como resultado de este proyecto, los vehiculos de las calles afectadas, no podran estar aparcados alli despues de las 7 AM del dia del reasfaltado y hasta 24 horas despues del final del proyecto. Cualquier vehiculo que este aparcado en la calle despues de las 7 de la mañana de ese día, sera **movido por una grua** y el propietario del vehiculo sera responsable de cualquier costo. Todo esto afectaria a aquellos vehiculos aparcados en la calle. Los vehiculos aparcados en sus plazas privadas de aparcamiento podran permanecer

alli, siempre y cuando no sean movidos en 24 horas. Cualquier persona que conduzca sobre las calles reasfaltadas **por cualquier motivo** antes de las 24 horas despues del final del proyecto, seria llamado ante la Direccion de la Comunidad, y posiblemente tendria que pagar por rehacer el asfalto. Este incidente ocurrio el año pasado, así que le pedimos que considere esto seriamente, ya que la gente que ayuda con estos proyectos son voluntarios y no podemos malgastar su tiempo y esfuerzo. Tu cooperacion sera enormemente agradecida y ayudara a mantener la buena apariencia de nuestra Comunidad.

Podras encontrar sitio para aparcar al lado de la piscina, y en Lakepark Dr. y Lawrence St. Puedes aparcar en otras calles de la Comunidad que no estan en el proyecto, pero compruebe las calles, ya que al ser un evento de tres dias, su vehiculo podria ser llevado si aparca en la calle equivocada. Por favor sea considerado y no aparque bloqueando a otros, en las aceras o en bordillos amarillos.

Los vecinos de estas calles (Central Park Circle, Birchlake, Cedarlake, Saint Annes, Pinelake) recibiran avisos con las fechas exactas (probablemente a finales de Septiembre, o principios de Octubre) y con instrucciones o sugerencias, tales como dejar las llaves de su coche con un vecino si esta planeando irse de vacaciones. Recuerde que cualquier vehiculo aparcado en estas calles durante los dias de reasfaltado sera movido por una grua. Tu cooperacion es indispensable, y nos ayudara a mantener la buena apariencia de nuestra Comunidad.

Necesitamos voluntarios! Una o dos personas no son suficientes para llevar a cabo este proceso. Necesitamos voluntarios que ayuden a distribuir avisos o panfletos, y gente que pueda estar en las calles los dias de reasfaltado. Si deseas ayudar, por favor llame a la oficina al 703-360-6212. Gracias.

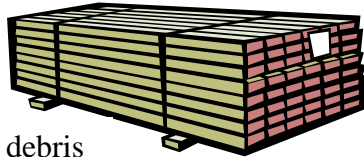
Brian Palazzolo

703-780-1863

RAT(S) REPORTED IN PINWOOD



To cut down on rodents, store trash in a can with a tight lid.



Also, do not store debris or building materials more than a week.

BOARD HAPPENINGS

June 8, 2006 – Regular Meeting

Community Comment:

1. A resident asked about the Haunted Lake board still on the island in the lake.
2. A homeowner reported inappropriate nighttime activities, vandalism, and bad behavior by kids on Central Park Circle and asked if we could get our police to increase their presence on the street. Ginger Krup informed the meeting that she has passed the information on to the police. He also mentioned concerns about the house on St. Anne's Court that had a fire. There needs to be a clean-up in the back.
3. A homeowner informed the Board that there appeared to be a pit bull at the Coleman's house.

Old Business:

Wildlife Committee Report: Chris Ream presented a letter from the Wildlife Committee to the board summarizing the two options from their 2005 report on managing the duck and goose populations around the lake – vegetation and fencing. Both options have considerable drawbacks. The committee recommended that no action be taken on the lake to manage these populations. However, the committee also recommended that the

Board consider allowing homeowners who border the lake to use identified barriers to keep the geese off their property. The committee also suggested that if the Board does want to experiment, it could try planting some of the barrier vegetation on a section of the lake for a year and see how it does. The Board voted to dissolve the Wildlife Committee.

New Business:

Street Patching: The Board accepted the Maintenance Committee's recommendation to hire National Paving and Repair Company to repair Central Park Circle, St. Annes Court, Pinelake Court, Cedarlake Court, Birchlake Court, and the Pool lot as indicated in their proposal at a cost not to exceed \$20,000.

Pool Committee Report: Bev Card announced that all repairs are completed and the pool passed its inspection on the first time. Bev Card also reported on the extensive amount of time it took to do the photo pool passes. The committee will get a sign to put out informing people the parking lot is closed at night and people cannot leave their cars parked there after 8:00 PM.

Nominations Committee Charter: The review of the charter is tabled until the Nominations Committee has a chance to meet and review it for presentation to the Board.

Office Remodeling: The Board received and considered the report from the Ad Hoc Committee for the PLHA Office Remodeling, addressing needs and options for renovating the office and pool areas. The Board commended the committee for the effort. The Board directed the Ad Hoc committee to write an RFP and solicit Architectural Engineer services on the feasibility and cost for remodeling/expanding/replacing the Community Center.

4529 Squiredale Square: The Board decided to allow the home to go to sale as is, following correcting a few maintenance items. The

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Board also decided that the new owner should be informed about the remaining ACC discrepancies, which will have to be brought into compliance with the current standards at such time that the new owner sells the home in the future or repairs/replaces the items.

8110 Lakepark Drive: The Board considered the appearance of the new brick on the front stairs of this Gramercy house that does not match the color of the brick on the house. The owner painted the steps a brick-like color. The Board decided that the current color of the brick is unacceptable and the owner should make corrections to bring the house into compliance with ACC standards. The owner's two options for compliance are either sand blasting the paint off the brick and replacing the damaged bricks or that all of the brick on the house should be painted the same approved color.

4303 Gramercy Circle: The Board decided that the new owner be informed that at such time of sale of the home or replacement/repair of the shed that the shed must be brought into compliance with current ACC standards.

Kirsten Davis brought to the Board's attention a homeowner's complaint about a neighbor at 4518 Arendale Square who is keeping homing pigeons in their shed. Kirsten Davis will explore options with the County and with the understanding that the Board is concerned about health issues and potential nuisance to other homeowners.

Announcements:

1. The Board commended Chris Ream for his work on the Wildlife Committee.
2. The Board appointed Mildred Corbin to continue serving as PLHA representative to the Homeowner's Federation.
3. Ginger Krup announced the appreciation of the police for people who brought food and things for the memorial of the deceased officers. Ginger Krup also asked for a script in Spanish to inform kids

who do not live in the community that the lake area is not a public park.

4. Brian Palazzolo invited members of the Wildlife Committee to join the Maintenance Committee. He also provided an update on a possible lead for a maintenance man.
5. Vicki McLeod announced that the Janna Lee apartments have been sold and the new owner will renovate them. They will not be Section 8.

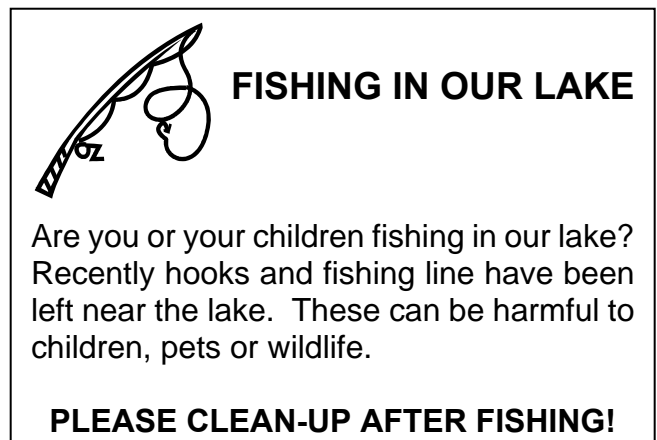
Community Managers Report:

1. The Police Department sent the Association a thank you for dessert donations for the memorial service.
2. We now have sponsors for all of the park benches on Lawrence Street.
3. There will be a community hearing on Wednesday, 14 June 2006 at the South County Government Center concerning the adoption of a towing policy.
4. The office staff is looking at getting a new air conditioner now so they have one that works better and is less noisy.

Following an Executive Session, the Board directed the Community Manager to screen the applicants for the ACC Administrator position and forward those that are most qualified to the previous committee that conducted the last interviews. This committee will include Vicki McLeod, Jim Brown, and Bill Gleason.

Dave McAuley

703-360-1712



Lee District Land Use Meeting

Cases discussed at the June meeting were:

1. The Hilltop gravel site. The builder's intention is to build over three hundred units of over 55 plus housing. Traffic is still an issue because of the additional trips on Telegraph Rd., however the Land Use Committee voted for the project. The driving range which was there will be removed but the 9 hole golf course will remain.
 2. Sharon Chapel Rd. project. Builder wanted 7 houses to be built and the Land Use committee turned down the application because of the closest to a set of power lines.
 3. Piney Run one-half of the Hilltop project. Again approved for 55plus housing. A shuttle bus will run to Metro to bring down the traffic problem.
- The committee will meet in July and then have August off

Lee District Civic Organization of Associations;

The last two meetings for the Lee District Council have been about the pests who appear each summer. Our Mosquitoes and plants that cause problems in your yard or common ground. There are packages in the office to speak to each. The new theory about mosquitoes and their breeding areas are not necessarily an open water pond or water area but the downspouts to your homes. The Fairfax County Health Dept. recommends that you place Mosquito Dunks in these areas and they are good for about 30 days. Also despite

what you have read the Health Dept. recommends Deet as the best preventive against mosquitoes. Please go on line at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fightthebite for more information about fighting our mosquito population. Or simply call 703-246-2300. June meeting at the Council will be about what Fairfax County is doing to be prepared if and when the Bird Flu hits the United States.

Until next time I am
Vicki McLeod
PLHA rep to Lee District Land Use and Transportation
PLHA rep to the LDOCA

PLHA Calendar	
<i>Regular meetings in PLHA office @ 7:30 PM</i>	
July 5	Garden Club
July 6	ACC
July 13	Board
July 14	Needle Deadline
July 18	ACC
July 19	Pool
July 27	Maintenance
July 22	Marketing

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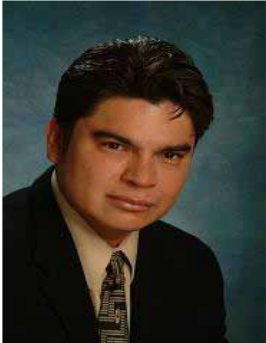
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