

The Needle

Pinewood Lake Homeowners Association

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June

POOL OPENS

Saturday, May 24 at 11:00 AM

- Validate your 2007 pool pass or obtain a new pool pass; lost cards cost \$5;
- No money will be collected at the gate; guest passes must be purchased in advance from office staff at \$25 for 10;
- Special times to get your pool pass:
 - May 23 from 6:30-8:30 PM
 - May 24 from 9 AM-12 PM
- After May 24, pool passes may be obtained during PLHA office hours:
 - Monday-Friday 12-3 PM
 - Saturday from 9 AM-12 PM
- Pool will be open 11AM-8 PM on weekends and 3-8PM on weekdays until school is out

Mike Shigley, Pool Chair 703-360-7237

Pinewood Bar-B-Q

Saturday, May 24

5:00 - 7:00 PM Pool Deck



Hamburgers, Hot Dogs & Drinks provided

Bring a dish to share

Children must be with an adult

Sponsored by the Hospitality Committee

ACC NEWS

On May 8, 2008 the Board of Directors revised the new Paint Standard regarding side and rear fencing. **All side and rear fencing must be painted to match Benjamin Moore Louisburg Green (HC-113) or left natural.** The rear fence color was a contentious issue at the April Board meeting and was a close

vote. After further review, the Board determined that the side and rear fence color should be Benjamin Moore Louisburg Green (HC-113) or should be left natural rather than being painted Benjamin Moore Navajo White. As before, rear sheds should be painted to match an approved rear fence or rear elevation color. If the ACC granted you permission in the last month to paint your rear fence or shed Benjamin Moore Navajo White, you should be receiving a letter with details on how this revision may affect your approval. A sample of Louisburg Green is on display along with other approved colors in the PLHA office.

Also, on May 8, 2008 the Board of Directors passed a new standard allowing homeowners **ONLY** on Saint Annes Court to install chain link fences under their rear deck. Please refer to the new standard for complete details.

CALLING ON ALL HOMEOWNERS: When was the last time you looked out your rear window or went outside of your back yard and looked into the alley? Please take a moment to help clean up the neighborhood. Pick up all trash and branches that are behind your yard.

When submitting ACC Request forms, please be specific with your request. If you are going to paint, we need to know exactly what color you want to paint. If you want to replace your fence, we need to know what type of fence you want to install. When filling out the requests, please refer to the ACC Standards or contact the ACC Administrator. This will help in considering your request.

It is that time again when the grass needs to be cut. **Please cut your grass on a regular basis to help maintain the overall appeal of the community.**

Karen Jones

703-203-4506

FROM THE MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE...

May showers bring June Mosquitoes... May has been an extremely wet month with almost over 10 inches of rain reported at National Airport, which provides an excellent breeding environment for mosquitoes.

The best way to minimize mosquitoes is to not have any standing water. Bird baths, trash cans and flower pots are the best sources of standing water. If you have bird baths, please change the water regularly; for trash cans keep the covers on tight and remove the standing water.

Keeping your lawn cut will also help to minimize the number of mosquitoes.

Taking small steps to remove standing water will make a big improvement. For more information on mosquitoes, you can visit Fairfax County's Website at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/westnile/wnv_mosq.htm.

As some of you may have noticed, our parks have standing water after heavy rain. The community will be looking at fixing the worst offenders; however, this will take a few years.

Chris Ream 703-360-1712

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

I am sure you have read the papers and know about the increase of crime in and around Pinewood. Some of the people involved in the burglaries are PLHA residents. I might mention that two of the robberies involved a weapon, which is armed robbery, a felony. The persons involved were caught. Most of the crimes were committed around us, but two home invasions were in Pinewood.

These events further confirm the need for residents to call the police the minute they see something wrong. Also, I have noticed more and more people here who do not live in the community. They are fishing and leaving hooks and trash all over. Also there are

inappropriate displays of public affection around the lake. What else can we do? Call the police, have the PLHA office write letters that bar offenders and just be persistent. The non-emergency police number is 703-691-2131.

What scares me is that summer is not here yet and we have a lot of problems already. Parents: remember that strangers are here so it's best to have your children supervised when outside, especially around the lake.

The Watch will meet June 9 and the CAC meeting will be a pot luck June 10. Please come talk with the officers in a social setting.

See you in June.

Ginger Krup

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LEE DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

In March, Joe Mondoro, assistant director of the County's office of Management and Budget, presented the advertised 2009 Fairfax County Proposed Budget. The Governor of Virginia has proposed a 5.4% reduction in aid to localities. Fairfax will lose \$6.2 million from estimates in FY 09 proposed budget. The Federal Reserves action in January resulted in a loss of more than \$26 million in revenue from what is included in the proposed budget. We are affected by what State and Federal government take away from our budget.

We have a budget of \$3.3 billion, which is a 1.59% decrease from the FY 2008 revised budget. The County has a rainy day fund of \$100 million but at this time has chosen not to use it because of what it might do to our standings on Wall Street in our AAA bond rating. Also on the table is a proposal to increase the real estate tax assessment from 89 cents per \$100 to 92 cents, an increase of 3 cents to meet additional needs not addressed in the budget. One of those needs was addressed by Jeff McKay at the meeting. He would like to see an increase in the new Strike Force Team that has been established to lower zoning problems of maintenance and overcrowding in homes in the county. This force is doing an excellent job but they are few and far between. Supervisor McKay addresses this issue again and again at meetings throughout the District.

An interesting fact brought up at the meeting on housing issues was that in 2005 there were only 198 homes in foreclosure. In 2007 there were 4,527. Many housing problems were brought up in the budget with no real answers.

The County budget has no new frills and no new programs with the largest percentage going to the school budget. The county budget will not fill positions that become vacant except for school positions. There is a copy of the budget in the PLHA office. Thank you.

Until next time
Vicki McLeod

703-780-6245

REINVENTING YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

As people are aging, many are opting to stay in their homes by developing a community organization that can help them meet their senior needs. By simply dialing one phone number, they can access information or recommendations for a broad range of needs - from nurses to plumbers to rides to doctor's appointments and more. These groups are designed by each community to meet their needs, so they can be as simple or complicated as residents care to make them.

Fairfax County and a long list of sponsors, including AARP, recently held a "Reinventing Your Neighborhood" seminar at the County Government Center in Fairfax, which several PLHA residents attended. Seven panelists spoke. Some were from distant places like Boston's Beacon Hill Village (*one of the prototypes*) and some were from communities in this area like Mount Vernon at Home, the TIPS program in Clifton, VA and Capital Hill Village in the District (*more recent creations*).

The enthusiasm of these panelists was contagious and the neat thing about it was that although many were career professionals, none of them were professionals in the topics discussed, at least not when they started their community programs. They were simply senior homeowners determined to stay in their homes without sacrificing the benefits possible in an organized senior community.

One program has volunteers drive others, and in return, get credit toward a future time when they may need help. Another is a co-housing community, which enables disabled residents to live in their own houses, but in a community of the disabled, so that caring, like-minded people are always nearby.

Information is available in the PLHA office. It will be presented at the next Marketing Committee meeting and a future board meeting to see if there is community interest.

Brian Palazzolo

703-780-1863

PLHA Calendar

Regular meetings in PLHA office @ 7:30 PM

May 24PLHA Pool Opens and Bar-B-Q
Pool Hours are 11 AM – 8 PM
Community Bar-B-Q from 5-7 PM

Jun 3 ACC

Jun 9 Neighborhood Watch

Jun 12 Board

Jun 17 ACC

Jun 18 Pool

Jun 20 Needle Deadline

Jun 24 Maintenance

Jun 26 Marketing

TREASURER'S REPORT

	Apr 2008	Apr 2007
In transit	\$ 36,917	\$ 1,500
Operations	208,427	178,509
Reserve	1,346,304	1,276,879
Total	\$ 1,591,648	\$1,456,888
Delinquent	\$ 69,547	\$ 27,718

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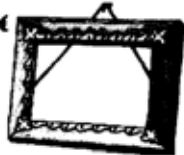
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