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Pinewood Lake Homeowners Association

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June 2006

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

The pool opens May 27 at 11 am. **New this year - residents using the pool need a Pinewood Lake Activity Pass Photo ID.** This applies to everyone one year and older. As always, your assessments must be current to use the pool. **Pictures may be taken on May 27 from 9 am - 8 pm in the office. After May 27, pictures will be taken by appointment during normal office hours.**

Pinewood Bar-B-Q

Saturday, May 27

5:00 – 7:00 PM Pool Deck



Hamburgers, Hot Dogs &
Drinks provided

Bring a dish to share

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SPRING WALK-AROUND

Remember inspections are to help you come into compliance with Association standards, but they are not comprehensive. Some items may be in violation but might have been missed by a volunteer inspector. **It is your responsibility to check PLHA written standards to insure your full compliance.** You may access our full ACC Standards at www.pinewood-lake.com/pages/policies.htm.

SPECIAL HEARING ON TOWING VEHICLES

The Board is considering a change in how it enforces parking regulations on our private streets and service roads. Currently a Board member must observe a violation, write a ticket, and notify the Community Manager if the violation has not been corrected before a towing company is called.

Because the Board is not satisfied with the current compliance level, it is holding a **public hearing Wednesday, June 14, 2006, at 7:30 PM, in the South County Government Center, 8350 Richmond Highway.** At that time the Board will take your comment on a proposal to have a towing company randomly patrol the community 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and immediately tow vehicles that are:

- Parked in fire lanes
- Parked in a No Parking zone
- Have no or expired license plates, county decal, or State inspection
- Blocking a driveway
- Parked on sidewalks
- Parked in handicapped spaces
- Double parked
- Abandoned or junked vehicles
- Trucks
- Parked commercial vehicles
- Undergoing major maintenance
- Parked school bus
- Camper, motor home, or similar recreational vehicle

The proposal would allow a one month grace period for enforcement of the no plate/decal/sticker provision and would allow a 15 minute grace period for vehicle parking.

Plan to attend the hearing. If you are unable to attend, please provide written comments.



FISHING IN OUR LAKE

Are you or your children fishing in our lake? Recently hooks and fishing line have been left near the lake. These can be harmful to children, pets or wildlife.

PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER FISHING!

WHAT SHOULD THE FRONT OF MY HOME LOOK LIKE?

As you look at the front of your home, you should see the following items:

- painted tongue and groove or tongue and groove look-alike (diagonal board) fence panels between your front yard and your neighbors' front yards;
- tongue and groove fence panels, wrought iron fence panels, or approved 3-4.5 foot tall shrubs in between your parking pad and your neighbors' parking pads;
- all front fence posts should be off-white (a common choice is Navajo White);
- black wrought iron that is not peeling or rusting;
- a black wrought iron gate;
- railroad ties that are not rotting;
- one approved major trim color that is not faded or peeling;
- one approved minor trim color that is not faded or peeling;
- shutters (if required on your home model);
- a well-maintained gutter and downspout that are free of debris;
- a well-maintained fascia board and soffit in your minor trim color;
- all brick is in good repair and is not chipping;
- all windows have the appropriate size and style of window grids;
- a white rake board (the board that runs along the roofline at the top of the side of your home);

- a lawn lamp of the correct size and style that is lit from dusk to dawn;
- a well-maintained front yard that has ground cover and is not home to your trash can, recycle bin, children's toys, bicycles, car repair items, etc.;
- a parking pad that is not cracked or weedy, has no large oil stains, and does not contain your trash can, recycle bin, children's toys, bicycles, car repair items, etc.

You may call the office at 703-360-6212 or view the ACC Standards at www.pinewood-lake.com/pages/policies.htm for more information or to inquire about proper designation of major and minor trim.

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AVOIDING COMMON REAR-OF-HOME ACC VIOLATIONS

- Your shed (if you have one, which you are not required to do) should be wood or vinyl and of the original Pinewood Lake shed design (not a barn style, not metal).
- Your shed should be painted the same approved green as your rear fence or should be natural if your rear fence is natural.
- If you are an end unit and your shed is in your side yard, it can be your minor trim color.
- Your shed should not be taller than 8 feet and should not be any larger than 120 square feet.
- You should only have one shed, if any.
- Your rear fences should be in good repair and be painted or stained an approved green or should be left natural.
- Your minor trim around your windows should be in good condition and all of your rear windows (except on Saint Annes Court) should have appropriate window grids.
- Your rear yard should be tidy and well-trimmed.
- Your rear fence should not be a stockade (pointed top), picket, or dog-ear style.
- The only approved rear fence options are tongue and groove, board on board, alternating board, board and batten, boards and slats, Williamsburg scallop, vertical, and wrought iron (in certain locations).
- Rear decks on Saint Annes Court should be an approved green.

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MAINTENANCE LOG

We are planning to have several of our private streets sealed in the coming months. Street sealing is a necessary maintenance item to

keep roads from having to be milled more often.

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!

Homes on the selected streets will receive flyers with the exact dates and any instructions or suggestions, like leaving your carkeys with a neighbor if you will be on vacation. 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 before the 24 hours is up will be subject to due process and the possibility of having to pay for 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. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and helps keep our community looking good!

ATENCION! PROXIMO REASFALTADO DE CALLES !!!

En los proximos meses vamos a reasfaltar algunas de las calles privadas de la Comunidad. Este proceso es necesario para el mejor mantenimiento de las carreteras. 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 dia, sera **movido por una grua** y el propietario del vehiculo sera responsable de cualquier costo.

Los vecinos de estas calles (Central Park Circle, Birchlake, Cedarlake, Saint Annes,
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Pinelake) reciban avisos con las fechas exactas y con instrucciones o sugerencias, tales como dejar las llaves de su coche con un vecino si esta planeando irse de vacaciones. Todo esto afectaria a aquellos vehiculos aparcados en la calle. Los vehiculos aparcados en sus plazas privadas de aparcamiento pueden permanecer alli, siempre y cuando no sean movidos en 24 horas.

Cualquier persona que conduzca sobre las calles reasfaltadas antes de las 24 horas, seria llamado ante la Direccion de la Comunidad, y posiblemente tendria que pagar por rehacer el asfalto. Este incidente ocurrio el año pasado, asi 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 apreciada y 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. Estas personas estarian prestando un gran servicio a la Comunidad. Si estas interesado/a, por favor llameme al numero de abajo, o contacta a la oficina. Gracias.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS

The committee did not meet this month due to the tragic event at the Sully Police station. I was asked to help out with the proceedings for the Armel and Garbarino funerals. I would like to personally thank those of you that brought cookies to the police station. I believe the CAC donated about 10,000 cookies. It was greatly appreciated.

In my last newsletter I advised that some individuals who do not live here were causing problems with our wildlife and here unlawfully. Well, I am happy to report that that issue has been resolved. There are still a few more that must be dealt with and I assure you they will be. There have been children fishing here and for the most part they have picked up after themselves; however, there are some that continually leave hooks and fishing line on the banks of the lake. This practice is of great concern to me since that type of liter could mean a slow death to our ducks should they become entangled in the line. Please, parents, instruct your children to pick up after themselves.

Now that warm weather is here and the days are getting longer, there has been evidence that our "woods party people" are back. If you hear activity at night or during the day, please call the police.

There has been a great increase in the number of people that do not live in Pinewood coming through to the teen center, jumping the fence, and/or just hanging around. I pick up trash every morning on my 6AM walk and it just makes me mad to see what others do to our common areas. I live here. This is my home and I clearly resent others leaving their trash all around my home. I would hope that other residents feel the same way. If we do not all work together and stop this type of activity, things will never change.

Once again I will state that the ducks and geese in our lake are protected by Federal Law. Those people that allow their children and their dogs to chase or otherwise interfere with these animals are looking at Federal charges. Enough said.

The police have set up a trust fund for both the Armel and Garbarino families. Donations may be sent in their names : Armel family or Garbarino family c/o Fairfax County Federal Credit Union, 4201 Members Way, Fairfax, Va. 22030.

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Our last meeting for the summer will be June 12, at 7:30pm at the PLHA office. The final CAC meeting is a pot-luck at the police station June 13. We will provide hot dogs and hamburgers. Bring a side dish to feed 4/5 people. Please try to be there. Our officers need our support now more than ever. Hope to see you there.

Remember, this is our home. Let's make it a safe, nice place to live.

Ginger Krup

703-780-0752

MARKETING UPDATE

Rare but Well Done

It's been a long time coming (over 30 years), but the bus stops on Lawrence Street are being upgraded with quality brick work, benches, and trash receptacles. The Community's Lawrence Street "dress-up" project is on time and within budget.

The two bus stops at Oaklake and Lawrence were completed by the talented staff of RCR Services, Inc. and the remaining two stops on Lawrence near Lake Park are next on the schedule. The plan calls for additional pear trees to be planted between Oaklake and Pinelake Court on Lawrence Street and some plantings added to the new entrances on Lawrence Street. The goal for this year is to have this part of the overall project completed by the Fall. Appreciate your support and patience as we proceed. Well done to all those involved!

A Senior Center for Pinewood Lake!

Did you know there's a very active Senior Center in our font yard?

The South County Center, located a few steps from our main entrance on Buckman Road, at 8350 Richmond Highway, is home to a well designed and equipped Senior Center for county residents 55 years of age and growing. **ADMISSION IS FREE!** The Center includes meeting, game, exercise, and music rooms

along with a very well equipped computer lab. The current schedule includes presentations on wellness, financial management, and the wise use of medications. Lunch is available at noon Monday through Friday.

If you are a senior and looking for activity, join our own Jack Kaufman as he leads a seniors only exercise class every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Your own club is just a few steps away and you can't beat the price! Call the club at (703)-704-6216 for more details.

Highway Happenings

Richmond Highway is going through an exercise program of its own. The growth on the highway has been exceptional and that's only the start. The folks at B.F. Saul, the owners of Beacon Mall, have finalized a lease with Famous Dave's who will take the place of the former Shoney's. Chipotle should start construction within the next two months (it's the permit process, folks). Goodyear Tire will also begin construction near the Hancock Fabrics within the next few weeks.

The owner of DAK's Grill is currently working with the real estate representatives from Walgreen's to find another location on the highway.

The Engleside Shopping Center (Safeway) as well as its smaller counterpart on the opposite side of the highway, Lukens Lane Shopping Center, are currently for sale. We will keep you posted!

Roger Reutershan

703-780-4162



SWIM TEAM

Ages 5-18

Beginner to Advanced

Practice begins May 30

Contact Susan Hosek @ 703-360-8743

BOARD HAPPENINGS

On May 11, the Board:

- directed the Marketing Committee to prepare an RFP for a consultant to address the color combinations in Pinewood to enhance the Federalist style.
- set the pool pass amount for a non-resident family with a current member on the Pinewood Lake swim team be \$225 for one swimmer, \$250 for two swimmers, and \$280 for three or more swimmers.
- adopted the Marketing Committee charter.
- authorized the Maintenance Committee \$4,000 to complete the remaining two bus stops

Ginger Krup reported that five unlocked cars on Pinelake Court have been vandalized in the past week. **Be sure to lock your cars!**

The Community Manager reported that some homeowners have been surprised by violations listed in disclosure inspections that were not previously listed on walk-around inspections. The Board asked the ACC Committee to present a proposal on how to provide more professional walk-around inspections by the September Board meeting

On May 15, the Board

- assessed a monetary charge against the owner of 8046 Central Park Drive for a violation of Article X of the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (not controlling a dangerous dog).
- granted the owner of 4506 Arendale Square until October 1, 2006, to make corrections to come in compliance with Architectural Control standards or face a monetary charge.
- assessed a monetary charge against the owner of 8178 Fernlake Court for improper storage of a trash can.
- assessed a monetary charge against the owner of 8162 Fernlake Court for improper storage of a recycling bin.
- assessed a monetary charge against the owner of 8162 Fernlake Court for the administrative costs associated with

bringing the due process case associated with improper storage of a vehicle.

- authorized the negotiation of a contract for the sealing of Birchlake Court, Cedarlake Court, Central Park Circle, Saint Annes Court, and Pinelake Court, with the condition that the Maintenance Committee ensure that any necessary milling and other repairs required on any of these streets be completed prior to the sealing work. The Board commended Mr. Brian Palazzolo, the Maintenance Committee Chair, for his work to date on the project.

TREASURER' REPORT

	April 2006	April 2005
In transit	\$ 11,339	\$ 6,334
Operations	183,247	173,502
Reserve	1,073,658	850,875
Total	\$ 1,268,244	\$1,030,711
Delinquent	\$ 22,758	\$ 25,256

PLHA Calendar

Regular meetings in PLHA office @ 7:30 PM

May 27	.....	Pool Opens @ 11 AM
May 27	.....	Community Bar-B-Q 5 PM at the Pool; bring a dish
June 6	.....	ACC
June 7	.....	Garden Club
June 8	.....	Board
June 12	.....	Neighborhood Watch
June 14	.....	Towing Policy Hearing South County Gov't Center @ 7:30 PM
June 16	.....	Needle Deadline
June 19	Due Process
June 20	ACC
June 21	Pool
June 22	Marketing
June 27	Maintenance

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ACC Administrator Performs the Following Duties:

- Update and maintain homeowner ACC records and check for accuracy;
- Prepare and send ACC correspondence to homeowners;
- Address homeowner, resident, and prospective owner inquiries;
- Ensure security of the ACC records;
- Conduct exterior inspections of homes;
- Participate in and supervise walk-around inspections;
- Train volunteers for walk-around inspections;
- Identify homes needing a due process hearing;
- Prepare materials for and attend due process hearings;
- Prepare the ACC meeting agendas with the ACC Chairperson;
- Attend ACC meetings;
- Record ACC meeting minutes;
- Work with the ACC to develop and update the paint book;
- Develop a working knowledge of Association and ACC Standards;
- Perform other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

- Experience using word processing, spreadsheet, data base, email, and Internet software;
- Good oral and written communication skills in English;

Application Procedure:

- Submit a detailed resume to the PLHA office **by Wednesday, May 31, 2006.**
- Resume may be faxed to 703-360-6771, e-mailed to plha@verizon.net, or delivered to the Association office.

The **General Maintenance Worker** performs maintenance work in the common areas of the community.

Maintenance Worker Performs the Following Duties on PLHA common areas and in PLHA-owned buildings:

- Painting, minor electrical & plumbing, light carpentry maintenance and repair;
- Repair small damaged cement/asphalt areas;
- Perform other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

- Able to speak and write English; Possession of a valid driver's license recognized by the state of Virginia; Possession of a work vehicle; Must be eligible to work in the United States. Employee must be able to be alert, to walk, stand, climb, kneel, bend, and stoop. Employee must be able to carry supplies, tools, and parts. Employee must be able to lift or move items weighing 50 lbs. or more. Employee must be willing to work outdoors.

Application Procedure: Contact the PLHA office at 703-360-6212.