

# The Needle

Pinewood Lake Homeowners Association

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March 2007

## TOWING BEGINS MARCH 5

Random towing of **illegally parked vehicles** begins **March 5, 2007** on Pinewood Lake private streets and access roads. Visitors must park legally too.

**Avoid being towed – park legally!**

### Vehicles will be towed if they are:

- Parked in Fire Lanes
- Parked in Handicap Space (*w/no tag or plate*)
- Parked in a No Parking zone
- Double Parked
- Abandoned/Junk Vehicles
- No/Expired State Inspection
- Commercial Vehicles
- No/Expired License Plates
- Trucks/Campers/Recreation Equipment
- Blocking Driveway
- Inoperable Vehicles
- Overhanging/Parked on Sidewalk
- Under Major Maintenance (*over 24 hours*)
- School Bus, Vehicles over 18 feet
- Blocking Service Roads

**If you are towed, call Dominion Towing Company at (703) 730-1177.**

Si necesita oír esta información en español, por favor, llame a la oficina al 703-360-6212 y pregunte por Carmen.

## TRASH PICK-UP

Trash days are Monday and Thursday.

Recycling day is Monday.

Place trash outside after dark the night before collection.

Trash must be secured at all times.

Trash cans/recycling bins must be out of sight when not out for collection.

## MORE ABOUT TRASH

- Trash bags placed outside must be securely tied.
- Black trash bags don't attract as much attention from wildlife as white bags do, so try to use black bags.
- On windy days, be careful with light items so they don't blow around.

## FIRE WARNING

There was a small fire in the community (*no one was injured, fairly minimal damage*) due to a malfunctioning, deteriorated original electric panel. If you have an original electric panel, you might want to get an electrician to take a look at it to prevent a future problem.

## WHEN IT SNOWS

**Thank you to the residents who have shoveled the sidewalk in front of their house after each snow storm this year.** Please help keep Pinewood safe. It's a good idea to shovel as soon as possible, before it ices up – as many residents learned on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Many sidewalks were impassable after Valentine's Day due to the subfreezing temperatures, which forced our children and other pedestrians to walk in the street. Shoveling and some sand or ice melt keeps our sidewalks safe in cold weather.

## ACC REMINDER

If you want to paint, repair, or update the outside of your home, you must first submit an ACC request form. Forms are in the office or on our website.

## TRASH AND YARD DEBRIS

**Regular Household Waste as well as all yard debris** is collected on **MONDAY** and **THURSDAY** each week. Trash should be placed out for pickup between sunset on Sunday and Wednesday and 7:00 AM on Monday and Thursday.

**Recyclables** (*aluminum, ferrous metal cans, glass bottles, plastic bottles with a neck, cardboard, newspapers, magazines, and telephone books*) are collected on **MONDAY**. Recycling these items is strongly recommended.

Please cut and bundle all tree trimmings with twine so that the bundles are no longer than 4 feet.

Yard debris does NOT include dirt, stumps, and debris such as rocks, bricks, pots, etc.

In order to cut down on the amount of yard debris generated on your property, consider using a mulching lawn mower and/or a leaf mulcher. Also consider composting on your property.

Recyclenow.org gives the following advice on how to grasscycle: "Simply mow your lawn without catching clippings. Short clippings, less than an inch long, left on the lawn decompose quickly, releasing nutrients into the soil & reducing thatch build-up. Result? A healthier lawn & no disposal problems!"

[www.recyclenow.org](http://www.recyclenow.org) has the following information on composting:

*"Composting is an easy, environmentally beneficial way to turn yard and kitchen wastes into a dark, crumbly, sweet-smelling soil amendment that will build your soil, increase garden production and do wonders for your landscaping.*

This is the easiest way to compost yard wastes as they accumulate:

### Ingredients:

Yard wastes, some water as needed.  
(*Note: When adding grass clippings, mix them with dry brown materials to prevent compaction.*)

### Directions:

In a heap, hoop or bin, layer chopped yard wastes as they accumulate. Water as needed, so compost is kept moist as a wrung out sponge. In 12 to 18 months, the materials at the bottom and center of the pile will be dark, crumbly compost. Sift, and use the uncomposted material to start a new batch."

### Pinewood Lake Homeowners Association

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## JOIN ACC

Are you interested in joining the Architectural Control Committee (ACC)? Here are some of our responsibilities:

- Conduct twice yearly inspections of homes (in Spring and Fall) to ensure homeowners are following requirements.
- Review current ACC standards and requests and make recommendations to the Board of Directors.

We meet the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 in the community center/office (*in summer we also meet the third Tuesday*).

**We look forward to seeing you at our next ACC meeting on March 6, 2007.**

## MARKETING UPDATE

SPECIAL EVENT—MARCH 22 @ 7:30 PM

DON'T MISS THIS ONE! Lee District Supervisor Dana Kauffman will join us at 7:30 PM on 22 March 2007 at the Community Center. This is truly a special event since it will be Dana's last scheduled visit to our community as Lee District Supervisor. He has decided not to run again in November but will complete his full term. So, once again, it will be a great opportunity to discuss first-hand any ideas or concerns you might have regarding County activities and support. Over the past 12 years, Dana has been very supportive of our Community and he has always been the "go-to" guy when we just could not make things happen on our own. He was instrumental in obtaining the completed upgrades to Muddy Hole Park, accelerated paving of Central Park Drive, and obtained County assistance with the repair of the water inlets to our lake. We could not have completed the rebuild of our perimeter fence without his direct and timely intervention. You are encouraged to email questions for the Supervisor in advance of the meeting to [plha@verizon.net](mailto:plha@verizon.net). MARK YOUR

## CALENDAR AND BRING A FRIEND!

### NEW AT MOUNT VERNON

In last month's article, we brought attention to the community's unique historical significance of being located on the original George Washington estate. Well, there is something very new at the estate that gives more reasons to visit this one-of-a-kind and nearby historical "hot" spot. On 27 October 2006, there were two new state-of-the-art buildings opened to visitors. These new facilities are packed with multi-sensory experiences depicting the legacy of George Washington's life and accomplishments. Cutting-edge theaters throughout the new Ford Orientation Center feature an 18 minute mini-epic of Washington's life. The new Donald W. Reynolds Museum and Education Center features 23 gallery and theater experiences. At the museum's presidential library, visitors may access computers containing more than 20,000 letters written by Washington and view over 500 treasured artifacts. Don't miss this nearby treasure especially at this time of year when crowds are manageable.

### HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS

Just as the Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens are improving, so is our portion of the Richmond Highway. Here are just some of the most recent happenings:

- FORMER WACHOVIA—Plans have been filed for a new Walgreen's to take the place of the vacant Wachovia building as well as the former O's Restaurant site.
- CHILI'S RESTAURANT—Construction on the Chili's restaurant has been delayed due to moving the electrical lines.
- PROVIDENT BANK—Is now open in front of the new Safeway in Hybla Valley.

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- MOUNT VERNON PLAZA—Construction is underway on the new CHEVY'S restaurant—which will be located in the former PO' folks site.
- HOPKINS HOUSE—construction of this 100 child day care facility is underway!
- DAK'S—The owners of DAK'S restaurant have filed a rezoning request to build a new “green” building that will be located at the corner of Woodlawn Court and Richmond Highway.
- The \$29.99 Shoe Store has been sold!
- The Springfield Suites and Holiday Inn Express motels, which will be located south of the Virginia Lodge and North of Ourisman Ford, have their site plans approved by Fairfax County staff.

Look forward to seeing you on 22 March at 7:30 PM—bring a friend!

Roger Reutershan 703-780-4162

## **MUDDY HOLE GARDEN CLUB**

Certainly, Spring is coming! The snow, ice, sleet and freezing rain of the week of 12-16 February are a memory now, but they seemed horrific when they happened. Especially all the slipping, sliding and the near falls not to mention the almost accidents on the roadways --- would spring ever come??? Well it would and does! By now you are feeling some warmer breezes and looking for some outdoor times and maybe even planning some outdoor work. Does the word “gardening” come to mind along the way? Certainly, you have noticed that the local garden centers are gearing up with plants and trees, equipment, mulch, soil and fertilizers. Take some time – look at your space(s) and take a note pad and scratch down some ideas. Either work in the soil you have, put in some planter boxes or other planter containers. Think plants along the way and certainly think soil and sunlight while you are planning --- and how much of each you have or will have during the

summer. And, don't forget – water and fertilizer. Do your preparations in April, but don't be too over eager, we can get some pretty cool weather and frost. A good rule – “It usually doesn't freeze after Mother's Day!”

Now with preparations well in hand and your plans in the other – remember the Muddy Hole Garden Club will hold its annual Plant Sale on April 28 this year in the usual place on Lawrence St. We will have a wide variety of annual bedding plants as well as a number of prepotted specimen plants and other larger plants. We greatly appreciate the outpouring of community support for this annual event and welcome everyone.

An excellent resource of gardening advice for readers of the Washington Post is the “Green Scene” that is published every Saturday in the first section of the Real Estate pages. It covers a wide variety of topics, answers a lot of questions and even reviews articles in other periodicals from time to time. It is an excellent source of information for any level of gardener. “Check it out!!!”

Come join us in the Muddy Hole Garden Club! We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at the Frank Holub Community Center at 7:30 PM. Our membership is aging and dwindling, we need fresh new faces, come play with us! Our banner program needs help too and your \$23 donation is tax deductible!

Frank Holub 703-788-4788

## **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**

Things have been pretty busy in Pinewood in January and sorry to say a lot of the things have been bad. We've had youths fighting and robbing others and vandalism against property and just general noisy out of control youths.

I say the same thing month after month and I am sure you are getting sick of hearing it but  
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***(Neighborhood Watch continued from page 4)***

not as much as I am sick of writing it....Parents, where are you????? You the parents are responsible for your children and their actions. It's pretty sad when the police come to arrest a 12 year old. I would also like to mention again that if your children have friends that come to Pinewood to visit, they are considered your guests and therefore you are ultimately responsible for their actions as well. So the answer would be make sure your kids tell you when they have friends over after school and before you come home from work and who the visitors are. I had the chance to spot one of our residents with their friends at the pool and one of their friends jumped over the pool fence. When they were spoken to about it they became very angry and used very foul language. They left before the police arrived. However, the resident was very non committal regarding the incident and really was afraid to turn her friends in. Well, the parents of the resident would have been liable if anything happened with the guest that hopped the fence.

This spring there will be some big changes regarding our security and the way things will be handled. If residents are caught doing things wrong and that goes for their friends they will be answering to the police department. Unless someone can come up with a better avenue to stop this totally unacceptable behavior, that's the way it will be.

If you are really interested in what is going on, come to the CAC meeting the second Tuesday of March at 7:30 at the police station. See if your children would like to attend. I think it would be of great benefit to all if the kids were educated in law enforcement and the programs that are available to our young people. Call me if you have any questions, thoughts and/or ideas.

Ginger Krup 703-780-0752

<b>TREASURER' REPORT</b>		
	Jan 2007	Jan 2006
In transit	\$ 1,500	\$ 177
Operations	259,320	233,611
Reserve	1,176,900	959,896
Total	\$ 1,437,720	\$1,193,684
Delinquent	\$ 22,555	\$ 20,193

<b>PLHA Calendar</b>	
<i>Regular meetings in PLHA office @ 7:30 PM</i>	
Mar 6 .....	ACC
Mar 7 .....	Garden Club
Mar 8 .....	Board
Mar 12 .....	Neighborhood Watch
Ma16 .....	Needle Deadline
Mar 22 .....	Marketing with Dana Kauffman
Mar 27 .....	Maintenance

<b>CURB APPEAL</b>
Home in good condition
Home and fences painted
Yard trimmed and mowed
Shrubs trimmed
Nothing stored in the front yard
Nothing stored on the parking pad
Sidewalk and driveway swept

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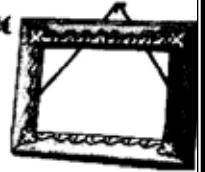
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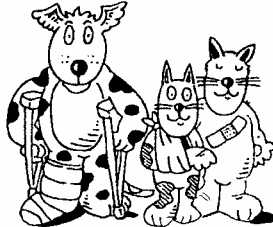
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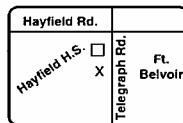
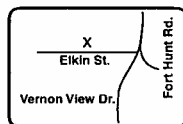
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**Guest Speaker!**

***Lee District Supervisor Dana Kauffman***

**Thursday, 22 March, 2007**

**7:30 PM**

**at the PLHA Community Center**

**You need this timely information first hand!**

**Come, and bring a friend!**

**Sponsored by the PLHA Marketing Committee**

**SOUTH COUNTY YOUTH NETWORK HOLDS COMMUNITY-WIDE MEETING**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 2007**

**SOUTH COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER**

**7:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

South County Youth Network (SCYN) is the coalition for Mt. Vernon and West Potomac School-Community pyramids. The mission of this organization is to offer educational programs to adults and youth in addition to spreading the substance use and violence prevention message throughout our community.

This year's community-wide meeting will focus on the following topics:

- \* Underage Drinking
- \* Bullying
- \* Gang Prevention
- \* Over-the-Counter (OTC) Drugs

**NEW - TOWING IN PINWOOD LAKE**

**Starts March 5, 2007**

Vehicles parked illegally on any private Pinewood Lake street or service road could be towed.

Be sure your visitors follow the rules too.

If you are towed, call Dominion Towing Company at 703-730-1177.

**GRUAS EN PINWOOD LAKE**

**Comenzando el 5 de Marzo del 2007**

Vehiculos aparcados ilegalmente en las calles privadas o de servicio de Pinewood Lake podrian ser llevados por una grua.

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