



The Needle

Pinewood Lake Homeowners Association

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March 2008

FENCE STANDARD MEETING

The ACC will review the current fence standard on March 4th at 7:30 PM in the PLHA office. All homeowners are invited to attend. Your ideas and suggestions are welcome. We hope to see you there.

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

New Playground Equipment on Saint Annes Court

The new playground equipment on Saint Annes Court was installed in February. This park replaces the previous park on Saint Annes Court and eventually the park equipment between Squiredale and Arendale Squares. Both of these parks were showing signs of age, so the two parks were consolidated to build a nicer and safer park than if we had two small parks.



Winter Weather

Even though the calendar now says it is March, it is not too late to get at least one or two more winter storms. So if we do get one, please be considerate of your neighbors and try to park your vehicles in your parking pads during inclement weather. For a warm thought, the normal high temperature for March 30 is 61 degrees. Spring is right around the corner.

Looking Ahead

At our March meeting, we hope to finalize plans for additional and upgraded lighting around the Community Center and Pool. We will also be starting the process of determining which, if any, streets will be re-paved this coming summer. And in April, we have our Community Clean Up.

Clocks change on March 9, 2008... Don't forget to change your smoke alarm battery as well.

Please come and help us keep the Community looking great!

Chris Ream

703-360-1712

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 22

1:30 PM

PLHA Office



This event is for children 10 and under accompanied by an adult over 18.

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Paint Study Meeting

The second community meeting concerning the proposed Paint Study was held on February 20. The Board thanks those who attended, but we would have appreciated more comments from owners. ACC and the Board will be considering next steps soon.

Challenges

Our community is not immune to what is happening concerning the economy. Delinquent assessments have nearly tripled since last year. Many homes are for sale and there have been several foreclosures.

Thanks to the efforts of past Boards, we have funds available to keep up with some of the necessary repairs/replacements of the infrastructure and common areas of the community. That being said, this is not the money that we use for the day to day operation of Pinewood Lake. Those funds come from our monthly assessments. These assessments pay for trash collection, road maintenance, parks, lake, common areas, mature trees, staff, legal fees, snow plowing, pool, playgrounds, etc. The PLHA budget is based on everyone paying their monthly assessment. If we fall short, adjustments will be needed and tough decisions will need to be made about budget cuts. Also our legal costs increase when homeowners are delinquent. **If you are having trouble paying your monthly assessment, contact the Community Manager** and work out a payment plan until your finances improve.

Volunteers

On January 17, PLHA volunteers enjoyed dinner at Primo's Family Restaurant. Next year I would love to see the back room of the restaurant full of volunteers. If you have a little time to spare, consider joining one of our committees, delivering the Needle, helping at a community clean-up, etc. There are many things that can be done with just a little time and lots of hands.

The Board

This year the Board will continue to hold our monthly meetings on the second Thursday of the month at the PLHA office, 7:30 pm. At the beginning of the meeting we have time for community comment, but the Board does not address any of the comments at that time. If you have an issue you want the Board to discuss, you need to have it put on the agenda. You can do this by emailing, calling or dropping a note to the Community Manager by the Friday before the meeting. Please try to join us for a meeting.

I'm looking forward to another great year!

Nancy Razzino, President

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ACC NOTES

Homeowners are encouraged not to put their garbage out prior to the morning of collection. Garbage or trash may not be put in front or side yards until after dark the night before collection.

Congratulations to 7972 Central Park Circle and 4425 Scarborough Square. Both homeowners received the 2007 Outstanding Home Award.

Please remember to submit an ACC Request prior to installing a satellite dish. Approval from the ACC is required.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The news from the Watch is very disturbing. During the last part of January we had a resident severely beaten by three or four young men. The incident occurred during daylight at the corner of Lakepark and Birchlake. The resident was transported to the hospital by ambulance and the police were called. If anyone knows anything about this, please call the office and/or the police. You do not have to give your name to either. The office number is 703 360 6212 and the police is 703 691 2131. Let the police know why you are calling and they will get you to the right detective.

These people do not live in Pinewood but they are in this area almost every day with their friends that do live here. So once again I am asking parents to question their children about their friends.

There was also an incident 2/17/2008 whereby the police were called to an incident regarding a drug deal gone bad and there was a fight about it. Unfortunately they live here.

I hope you realize that I can only give information to the community as I am allowed. I am not the police and I am working on getting the Capt of Mt Vernon here to speak to

us about these recent events. I did find something kind of amusing the other day when I asked three big and I mean big teens why they continued to jump the fence even though the fence is posted. Their response was because they didn't want to walk around. So my friends this is the mentality we are dealing with. They don't care if it's right or wrong; they are going to do just what they want to.

The Neighborhood Watch cannot be everywhere and see everything and neither can the police. Which brings me back to the same old thing: where are these parents? Do you not think that it is your responsibility to take charge of your kids and be responsible for their actions? I would like to hear from parents that need help in this area. Fairfax has programs that teens can join to get them off the streets and be productive.

Our CAC meeting has been cancelled and I do not have a replacement date. As soon as I do and if I do, I will let you know.

Sorry this is gloom and doom but that's the way it is. The ball is in our court, so let's see how we can overcome this rage that seems to be about us.

Ginger Krup, NW Chair 703-780-0752



New playground on Saint Annes Court.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Pinewood Lake's representative to the
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

Jeff McKay
Lee District Supervisor

PLHA Office
7:30 PM
April 9, 2008

He will answer our questions on:

- What is the latest in Fairfax County?
- What is the status of our property assessments and taxes?
- What is the impact of the Sub prime Loan Issue?
- What is significant in the neighborhood?
- What is significant on the Route 1 corridor?

A large attendance is important!!!
Everyone is encouraged to attend.
Let him know Pinewood Lake cares!!!

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PLHA Calendar

Regular meetings in PLHA office @ 7:30 PM

Mar 4 ACC
Mar 5 Garden Club
Mar 6 Marketing
Mar 10 Neighborhood Watch
Mar 13 Board
Mar 21 Needle Deadline
Mar 22 Easter Egg Hunt
1:30 PM, PLHA Office
Mar 25 Maintenance
Mar 27 Marketing

TREASURER'S REPORT

	Jan 2008	Jan 2007
In transit	\$ 74,453	\$ 1,500
Operations	171,203	259,320
Reserve	1,273,038	1,176,900
Total	\$ 1,518,694	\$ 1,437,720
Delinquent	\$ 63,616	\$ 22,555

Caution: This month the current delinquent balance increased by \$ 4,311. It is now \$41,061 more than it was just one year ago.

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- repair, or
- update the outside of your house,
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