



The Needle

Pinewood Lake Homeowners Association

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PINEWOOD VOLUNTEERS

Edward and Sieglinde Leshner were left off of the list of Needle Distributors in our "thank you" list last month. Thanks for faithfully giving the Needle to our street distributors.

SATURDAY --- APRIL THE 23RD

It was Earth Day. It was also Cleanup Day in Pinewood Lake! A day when neighbors got together to help clean up our entire community. We checked our parks, back alleys, street sides, around the lake and our pool area. We picked up trash, cleared debris around the lake, cleaned out storerooms and the shed at the pool and even put down a new patio for the pool season. Workers were served lunch. The following neighbors volunteered:

Brian and Jane Palazzolo
Mike Berg
Leonard and Donna Singletary
Sidney Jenkins
Sieglinde Leshner
Tommy and Kathy Owen
Frank Holub
Courtney Dunn and crew
Susan Hosek
Jim Brown

But it was disappointing to see so few neighbors for this annual spring event. And where were the young people who need school credit for this kind of community service? Mark your calendars now for **October 15 for the Fall Clean-Up**. Many thanks to neighbors who were busy working on their home exterior to "spruce-up" for spring.

Frank Holub

703-799-4788

DOG WALKERS

Keep your dog off garden areas
to save the mulch.

Keep your dog leash off plants
to save the leaves.

CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG

Remember: it is County law that you pick up after your dogs on our common area property. Violation of this law can result in both a county fine and a PLHA Due Process Hearing where monetary charges may be assessed. Not cleaning up after your dog results in unsanitary and unpleasant conditions in our common areas. **Thank you for taking responsibility for your pets and their care.**

PINEWOOD is a HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

The **outside** of your home is governed by the Architectural Control Committee.

Be sure to complete the ACC Request Form in this issue **before**:

- painting house or fences;
- making major repairs to outside;
- replacing fence panels;
- installing replacement windows;
- rebuilding the shed;
- other outside changes.

Call the Association Office at 703-360-6212 if you have any questions.

Pinewood Lake Swim Team

Is your child a swimmer? Perhaps you'd like them to learn how to swim? Have them join the swim team! Visit www.pinewoodporpoises.net or contact Donna Singletary at 703-799-8381 for more information! Swim season begins right after Memorial Day.

MARKETING UPDATE

With the Spring real estate season upon us, buyers and sellers are facing a dynamic market particularly for homes priced under \$500,000. Pinewood Lake houses continue to sell rapidly, drawing multiple offers, and at record prices. Even with mortgage money remaining historically "cheap," buyers are still "value" driven. If your house looks rough and is in need of maintenance, or if flawed in any way—you will sell it BUT for a reduced gain!

The story goes that the real estate industry has long held the idea that every house has three buyers. The goal is to have all three competing over it, which will in turn bump up the price. When you improve the outside of the house, giving it a good shot of "curb appeal," you give the perspective buyers a good first impression that will help them to look inside.

According to statistics compiled by the National Association of Realtors, 40-50% of all home sales are decided at the curb.

Remember, buyers have to feel comfortable in the house before they will buy it. So if you are selling, fix it up, get yourself a good realtor, and know your market. Today, a good house in Pinewood Lake can bring about \$400,000.

For those of us who are not selling, the advice is the same. Step back and take a good look at your house—front and back. Don't be the "junk yard" of the neighborhood. Someday it could be your turn to sell!

Ready to tackle a hard one! The County's Board of Supervisors is concerned about the homes that were built for one family being

converted into boarding houses producing numerous complaints from neighbors about noise and parking problems as well as health hazards facing occupants because of crowding. The County staff will be reviewing existing laws and ways to strengthen them. They will also recommend better enforcement methods. This is a serious problem with many ramifications. We'll keep you posted.

Roger C. Reutershan

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SPRING WALK-AROUND STARTS

Seventeen of our neighbors are currently conducting the 2005 Spring Walk-Around. Their function is to determine if community standards are being met. Volunteers were given a training class, street assignment, and the report from the last walk-around. They also received drawings of the front elevation for each house style. The volunteer uses the drawings to determine if the major and minor trim is painted properly and items like shutters and window grinds are in place.

Volunteers began the walk-around in mid-April. We expect to complete the spring walk-around by May 31st. You should receive your report no later than June 30th. Can't wait that long for you summer projects list? Do your own evaluation by using this checklist:

1. Is the gutter missing, detached, full of debris, dirty, or growing plants?
2. Is the fascia board above the third floor windows dirty, damaged, rotten, missing, or painted a color other than white or beige?
3. Are window grids missing, wrong pattern, or broken?
4. Is there peeling paint on the fascia board, rake board that runs from the edge of the roof-gutter to the peak of the roof, window trim, door trim, or vertical board on the rear of the house?
5. Are the shutters damaged, missing, too narrow, too short, not painted the same color as the approved major trim?
6. Are the bricks damaged, missing or needing to be cleaned?
7. Is the lawn lamp missing completely, missing panes of glass, mantles, and bulbs, has broken glass, dirty glass, peeling paint, not painted black, rusty, or not working or not turned on at night?
8. Does the wrought iron fence have rust, peeling paint, a missing gate, detached sections, or rotten wood?
9. Do wood fences lean to one side, have rotten or broken boards, missing boards, peeling paint, posts that have peeling paint or lean, painted an unapproved color, unpainted or stained, or unapproved style of construct for their location?
10. Does the wood shed have rotten wood, peeling paint, painted/stained a color other than the approved rear fence green?
11. Is the front, side or rear yard messy or cluttered, are the lawn, shrubs, or trees overgrown, are there lawn ornaments?
12. Is the parking pad cracked, deteriorated, used to store junk, trash cans, tires, lawnmowers, lawn tools, appliances or commercial equipment?
13. Is the mailbox mounted on a post, missing or a rural delivery style?
14. Are house numbers missing or hidden from view?
15. Is the parking pad fence missing and the open area is not planted with approved shrubs?
16. Is the arbor damaged, painted an unapproved color, have rotten or missing parts, leaning or fallen over?
17. Is the satellite dish mounted on the front roof, bay window, side of the house, on a pole or fence, or installed without the ACC Request Form?

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- 18. Do you have an air conditioner or fan mounted in a window?
- 19. Are there vines growing on the shed, house, or fences, do trees or shrubs block the sidewalk or driver's view at an intersection?
- 20. Is you house painted on the outside with gloss or shiny paint?

"Yes" answers require corrective action. Be sure to complete the ACC Request Form before you replace fences or fence panels, do major repairs to balcony or bay window, repaint or change paint colors, install replacement windows, siding at rear of home or rebuild the shed. Call the Association Office at 703-360-6212 if you have any questions.

Barbara Palincsar 703-799-3112

**2005 - FIRST QUARTER
PINEWOOD LAKE
REAL ESTATE UPDATE**

Pinewood Lake Homeowners,

Please accept my apologies.

Time constraints have prevented me from compiling and submitting my 1st Quarter Update by the deadline for this issue of the Needle.

Please look for my article in next month's issue. If anyone has a pressing need for the information (or if you're just curious) feel free to call me*.

Keith Whited

** Since this is a contributed community interest article and NOT paid advertising I do not feel it proper to include my phone number, however, most of you will know how to contact me*

MAINTENANCE LOG

Much has been happening and will continue to happen throughout the summer.

At the pool --- the fence is being repainted and repaired. Gate locks, missing rods, broken gates and other items are being repaired and the entire fence will sport a new shiny coat of paint before the pool opens this summer. Due to county regulations, we will revert to using the entrance door at the front of the pool directing all pool patrons through the shower rooms. Therefore, we are installing a new patio with gazebo at the front of the building.

Around the community, we have programmed for about \$25,000 of road repairs. We also will be doing concrete repairs to sidewalks and other areas.

Around the lake, we will be replacing soil along the paths and repairing areas of the rail fences along the paths. We will also be doing more path work in the community as well as soil work in the community around the paths. Also around the lake, we will restore rip-rap along the shore in the area where we dredged the lake a couple of years ago. Other plans are working to improve our community – watch this column for more news.

Again, folks, we ask you to look at your schedule and see if you have some time to come and work with our committee. This is your "village", therefore, we need its neighbors to help to improve it and make it somewhere really special. The Maintenance Committee meets at the Frank Holub Community Center on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:30 PM. However, if you can't attend and have an idea or notice a problem that needs work, please call the Community Manager at 703-360-6212 and leave a message. We thank you for your concern and help.

Frank Holub 703-799-4788

CHILDREN NEED TO PLAY IN OUR PARKS

Parents remind your children:

Playing in the street- especially biking and skateboarding – is dangerous for both the children and drivers.

BOARD HAPPENINGS

At the March 10 Board Meeting Community Comment included:

- the issue of 2 males jumping the fence by the PLHA office. An owner said Dominion Power told her that HOAs can put fences around transformers in their community so long as there is access. This would promote safety and prevent outsiders from using it to climb over the fence. She also recommended an eight foot tall fence in the parking area by the old leaf bin to prevent climbing by outsiders.
- the large number of vehicles parked on Central Park Drive for extended periods of time. An owner asked the Board to take action.

Under Old Business the Board established a special committee on public street parking rules and adopted a PLHA personnel manual.

Under New Business the Board adopted charters for the Maintenance and Pool Committees, Policy Resolution 2005-01, Pool Rules, and Policy Resolution 2005-02, Private Pool Parties.

The Board discussed the issue of lawn lamps in the community. The Board decided to send a letter to the homeowners identified with lights off to ensure they are notified about the upcoming enforcement for lawn lamps being turned on. The letter will include a statement informing homeowners that a monetary charge up to \$900 could be assessed for

failure to comply with ACC Standards.

The feasibility of conducting a community census of children was explored. Vicki McLeod will report back in April on her capability to get the data from the schools census.

The final issue was a policy on showing appreciation for community volunteers. A written policy will be presented in May.

The Board referred the electric transformer fence issue to the Maintenance Committee and asked them to explore all issues related to stopping people from climbing the fences.

Under Announcements Bill Kiehl brought up squirrels nesting in his Jeep and chewing through his cylinder. This is a growing problem on Gramercy Circle.

Due Process Hearing on March 21, 2005

ACC Violations:

- 4313 Birchlake Court: the owner was present and given until 30 April 2005 to correct the remaining violations or a monetary charge of \$3.00 a day for the first thirty days, \$5.00 a day for the next thirty days, and then \$10.00 a day will be assessed.
- 8121 Lakepark Drive: The owner is attempting to correct the violation with the satellite company. The Board granted the owner until 30 April 2005 to correct the violation or a monetary charge of \$3.00 a day for the first thirty days, \$5.00 a day for the next thirty days, and then \$10.00 a day will be assessed.
- 4307 Birchlake Court: The Board gave the owner until 15 June 2005 to correct the remaining violations or a monetary charge of \$3.00 a day for the first thirty days, \$5.00 a day for the next thirty days, and then \$10.00 a day will be assessed.
- 7925 Central Park Circle: The owner sent a letter. The Board granted the owner

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- until 15 June 2005 to correct the violations or a monetary charge of \$3.00 a day for the first thirty days, \$5.00 a day for the next thirty days, and then \$10.00 a day will be assessed.
- 4431 Scarborough Square: The Board gave the owner until 30 May 2005 to correct the violations or a monetary charge of \$3.00 a day for the first thirty days, \$5.00 a day for the next thirty days, and then \$10.00 a day will be assessed.
- 4319 Lawrence Street: The homeowner called the office and offered to correct the violations within 30 days. The Board granted the owner until 30 April 2005 to correct the violations or a monetary charge of \$3.00 a day for the first thirty days, \$5.00 a day for the next thirty days, and then \$10.00 a day will be assessed.
- 8127 Pinelake Court: The owner was not properly informed about the violation in their disclosure package when they bought the house. The owner was told that when they sell the house, the buyer will be informed about this issue and that it will need to be corrected at that time. The owner stated they will correct the violation. The Board dismissed the case.

Covenants Violations:

- 7929 Central Park Circle: The homeowner sent a letter requesting until 31 March 2005 to fix the violation. The Board assessed the owner an administrative charge of \$15.00 if the violation is corrected for the notice provided about the offense and gave the owner until 31 March 2005 to correct the violation or a monetary charge of \$3.00 a day for the first thirty days, \$5.00 a day for the next thirty days, and then \$10.00 a day will be assessed.
- 8060 Central Park Drive: The Board assessed the owner an administrative charge of \$15.00 if the violation is corrected for the notice provided about the offense and gave the owner 30 days to correct the violation or a monetary charge of \$3.00 a day for the first thirty days, \$5.00 a day for the next thirty days, and

then \$10.00 a day will be assessed.

- 8104 Lake Park Drive: The owner was present and assessed a monetary charge of \$50.00 for the offense.
- 8113 Pinelake Court, the owner was present and assessed an administrative charge of \$15.00 for the notice provided about the offense.
- 7931 Central Park Circle; The owners were present. They made a commitment to the Board that they do not have anymore dogs and will not be getting anymore dogs of a vicious type such as a Pit Bull. They were assessed an administrative charge of \$15.00 for the notice provided about the offense.
- 8042 Central Park Drive: The owner was present. The tenant was storing landscaping equipment in the driveway. The owner was assessed an administrative charge of \$15.00 if the violation is corrected for the notice provided about the offense and was given 10 days to correct the violation or a monetary charge of \$3.00 a day for the first thirty days, \$5.00 a day for the next thirty days, and then \$10.00 a day will be assessed.
- 7935 Central Park Circle, 4303 Gramercy Circle, 4327 Birchlake Court, and 4317 Gramercy Circle: The cases were dismissed and the owners were assessed an administrative charge of \$15.00 for the notice provided about the offense.
- 8139 Lakepark Drive: The owner was assessed an administrative charge of \$15.00 if the violation is corrected for the notice provided about the offense and that was given 14 days to correct the violation or a monetary charge of \$3.00 a day for the first thirty days, \$5.00 a day for the next thirty days, and then \$10.00 a day will be assessed.

April 14 – Board Meeting

Community Comment included:

- 1) A homeowner asked if it is mandatory to have a black mailbox. *The ACC Chair*

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- 2) *stated that the mailbox color is not stipulated.*
- 3) Another homeowner asked about Saint Annes parking situation and stated that she lives next to an island crowded by two vehicles parking and she has no visibility when backing out of her parking space. *The Board will address parking situations in July.*
- 4) A homeowner asked about the letter he received concerning a lawn lamp violation. He lives near a street lamp and there is a security light on his house which provides more security than a working lawn lamp.
- 5) A homeowner asked if the community had ever considered hosting a Vendor Fair for PLHA to assist with home repairs and upgrades with the ultimate goal of providing group prices.
- 6) Bev Card reported that a homeowner asked about the new chain-link fence at the dam stating that it might violate the PLHA site plan.

Under Old Business the Board received information related to a Community Census of Children. The report stated the number of PLHA students enrolled in Fairfax County Public Schools was 405 in February 2005.

Under New Business the Board adopted the Publications Committee Charter.

The Maintenance Committee is preparing reports for the Board on spraying for insects and signage in the community.

Facility Engineering Associates, P.C. responded to the 17 questions PLHA asked about the draft Reserve Study dated January 25, 2005. Additional questions were asked and will be forwarded to FEA.

In a discussion about the performance of our trash contractor it was noted that in the past AAA failed to adhere to the contract hours, empty community trash cans, follow street signs, and stay off the sidewalks.

The Board ratified a contract with J & C Welding Co. to prepare and paint the wrought iron fence surrounding the pool area for \$3,500.

The Board awarded a contract to National Paving and Repair Co. to repair asphalt on sixteen sections of seven streets (Birchlake, Oaklake, Gramercy, Longworthe, Arendale, Scarborough, and Central Park Circle) for \$25,000. The Maintenance Company stated this company has performed well for PLHA in the past compared to the previous contractors.

The Board accepted a recommendation from the Maintenance Committee to award a contract to RCR Services to repair the path around the lake and repair the rip-rap near Oaklake Court for \$10,900.

The Board approved the purchase of an all-weather phone for \$700 to satisfy the county requirement at the pool.

The Board accepted a recommendation from the Pool Committee to award a contract to Jazzie Pools to rebuild the large motor, repair/paint guard chairs, and repair/replace some coping stones for up to \$4,700.

The Board also approved a request from the Swim Team to close the pool at 4:30 PM on July 7 for the First Annual Family Fun Relay Carnival fundraiser. This will be a community event.

The Board disapproved a homeowner's request for reimbursement for a sign placed on common property without prior approval. The Board also requested that no sign be placed on community property without authorization from the Maintenance Committee.

April 18 – Due Process ACC Violations:

- 8110 Pinelake Court: The homeowner was

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present. The Board gave the homeowner until June 30, 2005 to correct the violations or a monetary charge of \$3.00 a day for the first thirty days, \$5.00 a day for the next thirty days, and \$10.00 a day for the next 30 days will be assessed.

- 8100 Pinelake Court: The homeowners were present. The Board granted a variance for the satellite dish location until such time as the satellite service changes or the house is sold and gave the homeowner until 30 June 2005 to finish correcting violation 4 or a monetary charge of \$3.00 a day for the first thirty days, \$5.00 a day for the next thirty days, and \$10.00 a day for the next 30 days will be assessed.
- 8102 Pinelake Court: The owners were present. The Board decided to put a note in their record stating that the apparent unapproved shed design is actually an approved shed design and that the concrete railroad ties in the front are ACC-approved. The Board granted the homeowner until 30 June 2005 to correct violations 2, 3 5, 6, and 7 and paint the concrete railroad ties brown or a monetary charge of \$3.00 a day for the first thirty days, \$5.00 a day for the next thirty days, and \$10.00 a day for the next 30 days will be assessed.
- 8106 Pinelake Court: The owners were present. The Board granted the homeowner until 30 June 2005 to correct violations 1 and 3 through the approved ACC process or a monetary charge of \$3.00 a day for the first thirty days, \$5.00 a day for the next thirty days, and \$10.00 a day for the next 30 days will be assessed.
- 8104 Pinelake Court, The homeowners were present. The Board gave the homeowner until 30 June 2005 to correct the violations or a monetary charge of \$3.00 a day for the first thirty days, \$5.00 a day for the next thirty days, and \$10.00 a day for the next 30 days will be assessed.

- 8108 Pinelake Court, the owner sent a letter. The Board gave the homeowner until 30 June 2005 to correct the violations or a monetary charge of \$3.00 a day for the first thirty days, \$5.00 a day for the next thirty days, and \$10.00 a day for the next 30 days will be assessed.

Dave McAuley

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MUDDY HOLE GARDEN CLUB

Upon your daily jaunts along the paths, parks, and byways of Pinewood Lake; spring is being heralded with peaks of color amongst daffodils, crocus and primrose. What a pleasant assurance that warmer climes are soon to follow and the past dappling of snow and ice are in the annals of 2005. One thing is certain, when a community strives to maintain and cultivate its resources relating to its physical grounds and homeowner gardening perspectives, its shows in a colorful and well groomed place called --- HOME!

Want to become more actively included in service to your community? Here are two options to consider: 1, come join us to see what a community active garden club is all about --- meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM at the Frank Holub Community Center, unless specified differently. Remember your community is only as vital and challenged as its proponents, which are each and every resident... so please make a difference and share a minimum of time and a wealth of perspective. 2. Also, think of becoming a Gardening Angel in our Adopt-A-Flowerbed program. The community has a number of common area flower beds which desperately need individual support to flourish. Your shared time, direction and creativity coupled with materials provided by the community can translate into one more colorful and flourishing flower bed along the paths and by-

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ways of Pinewood Lake. For more insight,
contact Steve Papanicolas at 703-799-7423 or
Frank Holub at 703-799-4788. Again,
consider 2005 as your year to make a
difference!

The new summer banners will soon be flying
on Lawrence Street. Won't you consider a
donation of \$23.00 to help to defray the cost
of the banner program? This program is
supported solely by the garden club without
community funding. It is our attempt to make
our community a memorable place. Are you a
business in the area that would like to support
this program? We ask that you contact Roger
Reutershan at 703-780-4162 for details. We
thank everyone who donates to this
beautification program and hope that
everyone enjoys the banners.

Steve Papanicolas 703-799-7423

LAND USE REPORT

I mentioned in my last article in the Needle
that a transportation summit was held in
February 2005. Dana Kauffmann gave an up-
date on March 25th to residents of Pinewood
Lake at a marketing committee meeting. As
an update a News Release from the US
House of Representatives came forward to
announce that the Army Corps of Engineers is
working to build the extension to help reduce
congestion going south and through Ft.
Belvoir to reach Telegraph Rd. Also in
relation to my article I said that the Rapid
Transit Project along Richmond Highway and
Virginia Railway Express needs a study and
funds were not there. Well guess what
Congress voted 417-9 to fund the study.

We should give many thanks to Jim Moran
and Tom Davis for moving along the much
needed projects for Route One improvements.
Smart Growth is coming to us in the form of
Townhouses, Condos and much improved
Commercial Property and all of this requires
changes in our traffic congestion. The county

is working on the timing of traffic lights on
weekends and intersection improvements.
"Build it and they will come."

At this month's Land Use meeting we were
presented with the following applications:
Groveton Heights' townhouses, condos and
retail. Located on Memorial St. across from
Beacon Mall. In **Beacon Mall** shopping
center, Goodyear is moving to another site
within the Mall and a **Chevy Chase bank** will
be built in its place. The bank's ATM will be
removed. A new restaurant will be built in the
center of the mall and a new commercial
property yet to be determined will be in lieu of
Chi Chi's. Traffic around the mall will be
changed to make less congestion in and out
and Memorial Dr. will be improved.

The present location of Value Inns on Route
One near Beacon Mall will be replaced by a
Chili's restaurant and a Commerce Bank. We
are being considered the best area since
"sliced bread" to be living in and Route One
will have a new look for the first time in over
30 years. Please bear with the construction
especially the Mt. Vernon Plaza which by the
way is to have some new stores opened as
soon as this summer. Until next time.

Vicki McLeod 703-780-6245
PLHA Land Use and Transportation Rep

HAROLD THE HOUSEOWNER SEZ:

Spring is here; soon to be followed by
summer. There are several jobs to do now or
very soon!

First, have you done all your pruning? It is too
late to prune your flowering crabs and such
trees, but you can still do some of the
evergreen shrubs such as boxwood.
However, you will have to wait till after they
bloom, e.g. azaleas, rhododendrons and such.

Your next window of opportunity to
prune will be mid summer.

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It is too late to apply pre-emergent fertilizers and it is almost too late to overseed your lawn.

If you are using a stage type of a fertilizer program, it is time to do Stage One. And certainly, you should have cut your grass a couple of times. Folks who have Zoysia grass in their lawn need to give those brown spots a stiff raking with a sweep rake to get rid of last year's growth and aerate the lawn.

And now!!! Your air conditioner needs to be checked. If you have a contract – call your company and set up an appointment. You need to clean around your outside unit to give it room to “breathe” and function properly. Take your hose and wash the fins of your outside unit to get rid of dirt, leaves and etc. It will make it work a whole lot better. In the end, it will cost less to run your AC!

I hope many of you attended the Clean-Up Day on the 23rd of April. If you did, thanks for your help. Have you done the same thing around your house? Especially, check your back yard; get rid of all the leaves and other stuff that attracts critters. It is spring and our wild friends will be looking to make a nest and raise their families. If you don't want more neighbors, cleaning up your yard may discourage them

All in all folks, have a great spring and summer! Oh yes! The Muddy Hole Garden Club and the Hospitality Committee will be sponsoring the Annual Plant Plus sale on the 7th of May from 9 AM to 3 PM. The Swim Team will host a food court. Come out, shop the yard sales, buy some plants for your yard and have a bite to eat – all in our own community.



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What outdoor projects have you planned for the spring? Do any of them involve digging or demolishing? If they do, please, take a moment to consider that underground utility lines may be located in your project area. The underground utility lines (pipes, cables, etc.) provide service such as electricity, gas, water, sewer, telephone and cable television to your community. Damaging an underground utility line can result in far-reaching consequences, from serious injury, property and environmental damage to loss of vital services that you and your community depend upon everyday. Additionally, persons responsible for damage to these lines may be further burdened with liability claims, punitive fines and civil penalties.

Damage prevention is a serious matter and a responsibility shared by all of us. Fortunately for the citizens of Virginia, a nationally recognized damage prevention program has been at work for more than 10 years. Through a partnership between underground utility operators, professional excavators, local municipalities, Miss Utility of Virginia, and the State Corporation Commission a statewide education and outreach program has been designed to encourage safe digging practices all across our Commonwealth. Additionally, educational literature, and trained professionals are available to answer you questions. You can even arrange for a damage prevention seminar or courtesy visit to your community or home. These services are free. For more information on Virginia's damage prevention program contact the Virginia State Corporation Commission, Division of Utility and Railroad Safety at 804-371-9983 or

vadamageprevention@scc.virginia.com.

**Please remember:
Dig with C.A.R.E.
Keep Virginia Safe!**

PLHA Calendar

Regular meetings in PLHA office @ 7:30 PM

May 3	ACC
May 4	Garden Club
May 9	Neighborhood Watch
May 11	Pool
May 12	Board
May 16	Due Process
May 17	ACC
May 19	Hospitality
May 20	Needle Deadline
May 23	Wildlife
May 24	Maintenance
May 26	Marketing
May 28 @ 11:00 AM	Pool Opening
May 28 @ 5-7 PM	Pool Bar-B-Q

The Needle Advertising Policy:

- Free personal ads from Pinewood residents and absentee owners that offer "one-time" sale of goods or requests for goods/services;
- Paid commercial ads from businesses

NEW ACC STANDARD

LAWN LAMPS MUST BE LIT From sunset to sunrise

Reminder: last summer the Board revised Architectural Control Committee (ACC) Code of Standards, Section 4, Gas/Electric Lanterns. **You are now required to ensure that the lawn lamp by your front gate is lit during the hours of darkness.**

If your lawn lamp does not currently work, please make the necessary repairs as soon as possible. You can call the office at 703-360-6212 for a list of contractors who repair lawn lamps.

The Board will start enforcing the standard July 1, 2005.

PINEWOOD LAKE COOKING CLUB?



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A Pinewood Lake Cooking Club?

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