

The Needle

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ALL PINEWOOD HOMES ARE NOW IN LEE DISTRICT

Excerpt below sent by Vicki McLeod

Supervisor Jeffrey C. McKay presented to the Board of Supervisors Plan 9A4, developed by the Citizen Advisory Committee. The plan was adopted by a 9-0-1 vote with Supervisor Hudgins abstaining.

Lee District, with a very small population increase of just under 1,000, added a small segment of the Woodlawn precinct in Mount Vernon along Frye Road, resolving a precinct split that had formerly divided the Pinewood Lake community between Lee and Mount Vernon Districts.

Woodlawn Precinct is divided along Frye Road. Frye Road would then become the eastern boundary of Woodlawn Precinct. The area east of Frye Road becomes a new precinct called “Pinewood” and is included in the Lee District. The polling place for Pinewood Precinct would be Mount Vernon Woods Elementary School.

HOA Policy Update: The Board rescinded Policy Resolution 2002-05, Driveway Rules and Regulations, at its April 14, 2011, meeting.

PLHA Calendar for May	
<i>Regular meetings in PLHA office @ 7:30 PM</i>	
May 3	ACC
May 4	Muddy Hole Garden Club
May 9	Neighborhood Watch
May 12	Board
May 17	ACC
May 18	Pool Committee
May 20	Needle Deadline
May 24	Maintenance Committee
May 26	Marketing
May 28 .	Pool Opens for Season at 11 AM
May 30	Office Closed for Memorial Day

**Join us for this year’s 1st
“Screen on the Green”
on
Saturday, May 28th @ 8:30 P.M.**

We will be showing a blockbuster!

All Residents & Owners are invited.

**Where: Pool Parking Lot
What to bring: Lawn Chair or Blanket**

Look out for street signs and Facebook updates for movie showing details.

Free Popcorn will be provided!

NOW HIRING!!

Pinewood Lake is looking for an Administrative Assistant for the Saturday (9-12) shift. Inquiries for this position may be directed to the HOA Office at 703-360-6212 or plha@verizon.net by **May 4, 2011.**

ATTENTION: DOG OWNERS

(Yes, we have to run this reminder *again*.)

To all of you who are currently picking up after your dogs in the parks: **THANK YOU!** For those of you who are not: please start cleaning up after your pets. Stepping into dog poop is not cool. It is County law to pick up after your pets and makes for a much more pleasant common space for all residents to enjoy.

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12 PM - 3 PM Monday-Friday
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Clean-Up Day April 2011

By Frank Holub

Well, the day started out with rain and clouds. However, it didn't seem to dampen the spirits of those hearty souls that appeared through the mist and the raindrops to help with the clean up! Eighteen+ neighbors gathered at the community office or the Central Park Circle gazebo to get a bag and scour the parks and byways for trash and other detritus. RCR Services, Inc. (Courtney and crew) picked up a goodly number of bags around the community after all the folks were done with the work. Following a wet morning's work, the "crew" gathered at the community center for pizza (Thanks – Susan and Hospitality) and other "fixin's" for lunch and a wonderful fellowship of neighbors. Please mark your calendars for the next cleanup! It'll be scheduled in October.

Many thanks are offered to the following volunteer neighbors:

Brian Palazzolo
Bill Gleason
Mike Berg
Tricia Gosby
Maria Reyes
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Victoria Silver
Frank Holub
Ione Knapp
Richard Hall
F. E. (Fil) Martinez
Mary Helen Martinez

Happy Mother's Day!
(May 9, 2011)



IMPORTANT TRASH REMINDERS

Below are tidbits for keeping unwanted visitors away and our streets clear:

Recyclables -

- ☞ Utilize the blue recycling bin provided by our trash contractor, Nightingale Trucking Company.
- ☞ Store items in a bag and tie it tightly.
- ☞ Place the heavier recyclables (e.g. glass) on top of lighter items (e.g. paper) so they won't blow away.

Trash -

- ☞ When purchasing a trash can, please look for a can with a tight-fitting lid that stays locked in place. This helps to reduce the chance of wildlife getting into your trash.
- ☞ Try to opt for dark trash bags if you do not own a trash can as they are less likely to attract crows.
- ☞ If there is any trash or debris left behind from your broken trash bags, please clean it up.

Pick-up Schedule:

- ☞ Monday mornings: Recyclables and Trash
- ☞ Thursday mornings: Trash Only

Note about common areas:

Please be considerate of your neighbors. Yes, it is warm out, and you and your children will be eating outside, buying snacks from one of the ice cream trucks or another fast food place. However, please do not drop your food wrappers and cups where you finish eating. They litter the parks, the streets, and other people's yards. You have waste receptacles on your property and there are trash cans in the Pinewood Lake parks. Please keep Pinewood Lake clean and presentable.

Thank you for helping to keep our neighborhood clean!

We're now on Facebook! Let others know that you "Like" us.

FENCE OPENING ON CENTRAL PARK CIRCLE

Please note that the Board is considering closing the opening in the perimeter fence between 7928 and 7926 Central Park Circle. This opening leads to Huntley Meadows but does not have a maintained path. There is a maintained path leading to Muddy Hole Farm Park through the opening between 7954 and 7952 Central Park Circle. The owners living adjacent to the Huntley Meadows' opening have requested that it be closed for various reasons. If you have any opinion regarding the possibility of closing the gap in the perimeter fence between 7928 and 7926 Central Park Circle, please contact the PLHA office at 703-360-6212 or plha@verizon.net by **May 11, 2011**.

PINEWOOD LAKE SWIM TEAM



Applications are available in the office.

Contact:

Donna Lane

202-352-4076

POOL PASS SCHEDULE

Skip the lines; don't wait until the last minute!!!

The office will be open during the following times to process your application for a pool pass.

Date	Time
Wed., May 18 th	6:30 – 7:30 PM
Sat., May 21 st	9 AM – 12 Noon
Wed., May 25 th	6:30 – 8:30 PM
Fri., May 27 th	6:30 – 8:30 PM
Sat., May 28 th	9 AM – 12 Noon

You will need to come during normal office hours (Monday through Friday 12-3 PM or Saturdays 9 AM-12 PM) after May 28 if you are unable to make one of these times.

PINEWOOD LAKE POOL

Think Spring. The pool will open, as usual, Memorial Day weekend. This year that means 11 AM, May 28th. And the pool will be open until 8 PM, Labor Day, September 4th.

Remember that the pool is open 11 AM to 8 PM on weekends and holidays but only 3 PM to 8 PM on weekdays will Fairfax County schools are still in session.

Although the pool rules have not appreciably changed, here are a couple of reminders:

- Admission only with a pool pass or a multi-use guest pass.
- Booklet of 10 guest passes costs \$25.
- No one-use guest passes purchased at the gate.
- Guests are your friends and family members who do not reside in Pinewood Lake.
- You may include only permanent residents on your pool pass.
- Adults must be within arm's reach of non-swimmers.
- Only adults may supervise children in wading pool.
- Family members of residents behind in their Association assessments will be denied entrance to the pool.

GETTING YOUR POOL PASS

Key points

- If you have no changes to last year's pool pass, all you have to do is print your name and your address on the application, print "No Change" at the top of the form, and sign it. You will go to the head of the line.
- If you have changes, you must bring written documentation to prove that your additions are truly permanent residents. You must purchase guest passes for people who do not live there year round.

If you received the laminated card pool pass in one of the three previous seasons,

follow the steps below:

1. Complete the Pool Pass application (enclosed in the April Needle and also available at www.pinewood-lake.com).

2. Bring your cards with you to the Association office on one of the scheduled pool pass days (the earlier the better).

3. Association volunteers will affix a 2011 sticker to your cards. They will also take new pictures for children who have appreciably changed since last year or who fall into a new age category.

4. If you want to add people to your pool pass, you must bring written documentation to prove that your additions are truly permanent residents.

5. If anyone on your pass application has lost his/her card, volunteers will issue a new card but you must pay \$5 per card for reissue.

6. Enjoy the pool starting on May 28, 2011, at 11AM.

If you are new to the community since last pool season or did not apply for a pool pass last year, follow the steps below:

1. Complete the Pool Pass application (enclosed in the April Needle and also available at www.pinewood-lake.com).

2. Come to the Association office on one of the scheduled pool pass days (the earlier the better).

3. Association volunteers will prepare cards for your family and affix a sticker valid for the year 2011.

4. If any member of the family loses his/her card after it is issued, the charge will be \$5 per card for reissue.

5. Enjoy the pool starting on May 28, 2011, at 11AM.

POOL REMINDERS

- Get your pool pass sooner rather than later (see Pool Pass Schedule on page 3)
- Join the Pool Committee; help make the pool a center of community social activities
- Host an after-hours pool party (call 703-360-6212 for details)

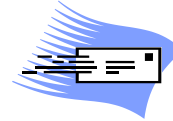
BEWARE OF SOLICITORS

A report was distributed by a local police officer explaining what to do in the event a solicitor stops by your home. To highlight:

- Do not allow them into your home
- Ask for proof of license
- Post a small "No Soliciting" sign, or
- Simply do not answer the door.

To receive the detailed memo, email katyparente@yahoo.com.

PINEWOOD LAKE EMAIL GROUP



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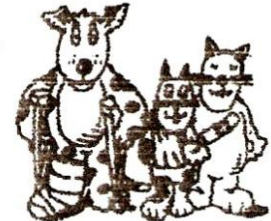
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PINEWOOD LAKE IS NOW HIRING AN ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT!

Major Duties:

- Maintain established Saturday office hours every Saturday from 9 AM to 12 PM;
- Address homeowner, resident, and prospective homeowner inquiries;
- Assist in maintaining homeowner accounts and records;
- Participate in rules enforcement;
- File as needed;
- Develop a working knowledge of Association and other rules and regulations;
- Work at Association meetings when necessary;
- Perform other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

- Good oral and written communication skills.
- Ability to communicate fluently in English.
- Ability to be bonded.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Existing knowledge of Pinewood Lake Homeowners Association Rules and Standards;
- Experience using databases;
- Experience using Microsoft Office;
- Ability to communicate in Spanish.

Application Procedure:

- Submit a resume and cover letter to the PLHA office **by May 4, 2011**.
- Resume may be faxed to 703-360-6771, emailed to plha@verizon.net or delivered to the Association office.

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