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Pinewood Lake Homeowners Association

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September 2006



PINEWOOD BAR-B-Q

Celebrate Pool Closing

Saturday, Sept 3rd

5-7 PM

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Trae un plato o postre para compartir y
conoce a tus vecinos!

STREET SEALING

We will be sealing the asphalt of five of our private streets in September. On Monday, Sept. 18, we will seal Birchlake, Pinelake and the left half (7900-7976) of Central Park Circle and on Tuesday, Sept. 19, we will seal Cedarlake, Saint Annes, and the right half (7901-7979) of Central Park Circle.

This means that all vehicles on those streets will have to be removed by 7:30 AM on sealing day and stay off until at least 5 AM the next morning. Any vehicles remaining after 7:30 AM **WILL BE TOWED** at the homeowner's expense! 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 until at least 5 AM the next morning.

Anyone who drives on the freshly sealed roadway **for any reason** before 5 AM the next morning will be subject to due process and the possibility of having to pay the cost of re-sealing the road and removing any sealer which has stained the sidewalk. The sealer stains concrete and is expensive to remove. For the same reasons, please do not walk across the road or ride a bike on it. This happened here last year and the homeowner had to pay for it so please take this seriously.

Parking will be available in the lower pool parking lot by the lake and there should be places on Lakepark Dr. and Lawrence St., as well as other streets in the community. You can park on any of our streets that are not being sealed, but it's a two day event so check the list above. Don't get towed because you picked the wrong street to park on! Please be considerate and park in a legal spot. Do not block parking pads or sidewalks or park by yellow curbs or lines.

Homes on the selected streets will receive flyers with the dates and times and any instructions or suggestions, like **leaving your car keys with a neighbor** if you will be on vacation. Again, any vehicles left on your street on sealing day **will be towed!** Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and helps keep our community looking good. Nightingale Trash will try to be here before sealing starts on Monday, Sept. 18, so please have your trash and recycle on the curb the night before. If it is still there at the end of the day, please save the trash for Thursday and the recycle for the following Monday.

Volunteers needed! One or two people are not enough to manage this process. We need volunteers to pass out flyers twice, maybe more if we have weather complications. And having people who are able to help onsite on

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the mornings of the actual sealing work is our most important need. If you can help, please call me at the number below or contact the office, 703-360-6212. Thanks.

Vamos a reasfaltar algunas de las calles privadas de la Comunidad en Septiembre. El Lunes 18 de Septiembre reasfaltaremos Birchlake, Pinelake y la mitad izquierda de Central Park Circle (7900-7976). El Martes 19 de Septiembre haremos Cedarlake, Saint Annes y la mitad derecha de Central Park Circle (7901-7979). Este proceso es necesario para el mejor mantenimiento de las carreteras.

Como resultado de este proyecto, los vehiculos de las calles afectadas, deberan abandonar la calle antes de las 7:30 AM del dia del reasfaltado y permanecer fuera de la calle hasta las 5:00 AM de la mañana siguiente. Cualquier vehiculo que este aparcado en la calle despues de las 7:30 de la mañana de ese dia, sera **movido por una grua** y el propietario del vehiculo sera responsable de cualquier costo. Los vehiculos que permanezcan en las plazas privadas de aparcamiento podran hacerlo, **siempre y cuando no sean movidos antes de la 5:00 AM del dia siguiente**. Cualquier persona que conduzca sobre las calles reasfaltadas antes de las 5:00 AM, seria llamado ante la Direccion de la Comunidad, y posiblemente tendria que pagar por rehacer el asfalto. Los productos que utilizan para sellar la calle, manchan el cemento y resulta muy costoso limpiarlo, asi que por favor, no camine o monte en bicicleta sobre la carretera. Este incidente ocurrio el año pasado, y el vecino pago por rehacer la carretera, asi que le pedimos que considere esto seriamente. El parque de estacionamiento que esta al lado de la piscina, estara disponible para coches, y tambien se podra aparcarse en Lakepark y Lawrence y en otras calles de la Comunidad. Se podra aparcarse en cualquiera de las calles que no seran reasfaltadas, pero considere que el proyecto durara dos dias, asi que revise la lista de calles antes de aparcarse. Por

favor, sea considerado y aparque legalmente, no en bordillos amarillos, o bloqueando la acera o plazas de aparcamiento de otras casas.

Los vecinos de estas calles (Central Park Circle, Birchlake, Cedarlake, Saint Annes, Pinelake) recibiran 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 durante esas fechas. Recuerde!! Cualquier vehiculo aparcado en estas calles en estos dias sera llevado por una grua. La compañía de basura Nightingale tratara de recoger la basura y reciclados antes del inicio del proyecto el Lunes 18 de Septiembre. Ponga su basura y reciclados afuera la noche

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anterior, y si para el final del día no han sido recogidos, por favor retire la basura y saquela para la recogida del Jueves, y los reciclados para el siguiente Lunes.

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 días de reasfaltado. Si deseas ayudar, por favor llame al número de abajo, o contacta a la oficina. Gracias.

Brian Palazzolo

703-780-1863

TOWING

At its August 10, 2006, meeting **the Board agreed to contract with a towing company to enforce the Association's regulations for parking on public streets.** The new policy will take effect no earlier than November 8, 2006. The Board still has to seek bids from reputable towing companies.

For details, please read the new policy resolution, enclosed elsewhere in this issue, and post it to your Rules and Standards book.

What is a violation has not changed. What has changed is that the policies will be more vigorously enforced. Residents need to pay particular attention that they are not parking in whole or part on sidewalks, that they are not double-parked or parked so as to block road or parking pad access, and that they are not parking next to a yellow line.

CHANGES TO YOUR HOUSE

Please remember that you may not make any changes to the exterior of your property, to include painting, without completing an Architectural Control Committee (ACC) request form and receiving written ACC approval for the changes. A copy is enclosed in your Rules and Standards book, and you can also find them at the Association office and on the Association web site (www.pinewood-lake.com).

Do not assume that replacement in kind is all right, because what you currently have may be a violation of ACC standards.

Failure to wait until you have written ACC approval may subject you to a due process hearing and monetary charges. Proceeding without approval may mean that you are violating standards. In that case, you will have to redo the work to the standards. At its August 10, 2006, meeting, the Board reiterated that a homeowner will have to fix an incorrectly constructed wall on the Gramercy model. The residents' hasty actions may cost them several thousands of dollars.

PARK BENCHES

Park benches are one the pleasant amenities in Pinewood Lake. For them to remain (and some people would like some or all removed), residents and their guests must treat them with care. **Park bench seats are for sitting – not for resting your feet.** Please take your trash to the nearby trash can; do not just drop it around the bench. Please do not scratch, deface, or otherwise mar or damage benches.

It costs money to repair them. Finally, **please do not talk loudly and make loud noises after hours.** Respect the peace of your neighbors.

BOARD CANDIDATES

Who: Volunteers ... you!

What: Run for the Board of Directors

Three-year term

Why: You care about Pinewood Lake

When: By October 9, 2006

How: Contact Nominations Committee:

Dave McAuley 703-360-1712

Frank Holub 703-799-4788

Dick Knapp 703-360-1941

Peggy Parsons 703-780-4100

Bev Card 703-360-2528

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Our National Night Out was a big success. Our law enforcement officers attended as well as about 100 residents. We had a surprise visit from both of our Supervisors, Kauffman and Hyland. Gerry Connelly, the Chairman of the supervisors, and Fairfax County Police Chief Roher also came. The firefighters tried three times to get here but were called out. That was too bad because the kids really like the fire trucks and the firefighters.

Summer is winding down and I would like to bring to your attention that we have a good number of "latch key" kids in Pinewood. Parents should remind the kids that they and their parents will be held responsible for their guests' behavior.

I also notice a good deal of trash around our common areas. Littering is against the law and really there is no excuse for it. We have ample trash containers throughout the neighborhood. Please refrain from throwing trash down our storm drains as all that trash ends up in our lake. If something doesn't feel right, look right, it probably isn't right....call the police.

I would like to thank: Sieglinde Leshner, Jutta Caudill, Heidi Bopp and Tricia Gosby as well as Tommy and Kathy Owen for all their help. The Mt Vernon Safeway and Bugsys Pizza for the sodas, water and pizzas. Remember to support those that support us.

The next Neighborhood Watch meeting is the first Monday in Sept, at 7:30pm at the office and the CAC meeting is the second Tuesday at 7:30 at the police station. Please try to attend at least one of these meetings.

Look forward to seeing you there.
Ginger Krup 703-780-0752

MARKETING UPDATE

Project Progress

Marketing Group personnel are actively involved in three pace-setting community projects: the Lawrence Street "dress-up," the restoration of the office/pool complex, and the

obtaining of a consultant to provide a professional review and update of the community paint standards.

On Lawrence Street, the four bus stops have been upgraded with brick and top quality iron benches and matching trash receptacles. The cost for each of the four benches has been handled by a sponsor and as of this writing we are about to install plaques on the benches identifying the sponsors. Special appreciation is extended to Keith Whited and Jill Durante, both with Re/Max Allegiance, the Muddy Hole Garden Club, and the Owen Family for helping us with this project: well done!

Within the next 60 days, you will see several trees planted roadside between Oaklake and Pinelake Courts and the establishment of plantings adjacent to the four brick entry pads. With the completion of these activities, Phase I of the "Dress-Up" will be completed.

Phase II for CY '07 will include the construction of a first class lighted masonry identification sign to be located on Lawrence Street near the intersection with Lake Park Drive. Novitske Architects of Old Towne Alexandria have been contracted to provide the required construction plans that will be used in the bidding process, in obtaining the required building permit and for construction itself. The final product is expected within 60 days. The concept drawings for the entire "Dress-Up" project are on display in the community office for your viewing.

In mid July '06, a statement of work addressing how best to renovate our current office/pool areas was forwarded to eight (8) local architects. Some of the options could include but are not limited to the expanding/updating of the current facility, constructing a stand-alone "bath house" or office/meeting facility, or a combination of all the above. The architects were requested to reply by 15 September '06.

The paint scheme project is different but equally challenging. The goal of this project is
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to bring on board some professional assistance to aid in establishing a color-coordinated scheme for the entire community that is consistent with our heritage, the Federalist style of our homes, and least disruptive in implementation. The Marketing Group working with the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) has constructed a statement-of-work and is in the process of forwarding it to four (4) interested and qualified vendors. This unique project has required considerable research to include contacting the Virginia and Fairfax County historical preservation folks and architectural color consulting firms from as far away as Denver, Colorado. We have requested they reply by 27 September '06.

All of these projects are efforts to increase the value of our community, keep us competitive in a very competitive market place, and enhance the quality of life of our community members. If any of these projects particularly interest you, please contact us at 703-360-6212 or please join us at the Marketing Group meeting held on the 4th Thursday of each month in the Community Center at 7:30 PM. We firmly believe that the more community interest, the stronger the effort.

Community Market Place

The loud screeching sounds you may have heard are that of the real state market coming to an abrupt stop! It's not unique to Pinewood Lake: it is county wide. Currently there are 15 community homes for sale with two of them under contract. The homes on the market range in price from a low \$385,900 to \$429,900 and just about all of these include a give back from \$10,000 to \$14,000. A review of the home inventory numbers countywide indicates that there are really no more houses entering the market than previous years but, and it is a big but, there are NO buyers out there consuming the inventory. The projections based on history indicate pricing will become very aggressive this Fall and it will only be after the growing inventory is exhausted that we'll see some upward

movement. The next 12-18 months will be telling. Those of you with interest only or adjustable rate mortgages need to keep on top of your numbers- some good folks can get hurt in this environment.

Roger Reutershan 703-780-4162


WARNING

Fairfax County Code Motor Vehicles
and Traffic Section 82-5-1
Parking Prohibited in Specified Places

“No person shall park a vehicle, except when necessary to avoid a conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the direction of a police officer or traffic-control device within thirty (30) feet upon the approach of any flashing beacon, stop sign or traffic-control signal located at the side of the roadway.”

If your vehicle is found ignoring the code, Fairfax County police will ticket your car and afterwards if still ignored the vehicle will be towed at the owners' expense.

POOL COMMITTEE CHAIR NEEDED



Oversee pool operation.
Coordinate with swim team.

Contact the PLHA office at 703-360-6212.

PLHA Calendar

Regular meetings in PLHA office @ 7:30 PM

Sep 5	.....	ACC
Sep 6	.....	Garden Club
Sep 11	.....	Neighborhood Watch
Sep 14	.....	Board
Sep 15	.....	Needle Deadline
Sep 18	.....	Due Process
Sep 19	.....	ACC
Sep 20	.....	Pool
Sep 26	.....	Maintenance
Sep 28	.....	Marketing

Important Notice - Please Read Notice to Residents



Total Asphalt, Inc. will be sealcoating Birchlake, Pinelake and the left half (7900-7976) of Central Park Circle on Monday, Sept. 18th and Cedarlake, Saint Annes, and the right half (7901-7979) of Central Park Circle on Tuesday, Sept. 19th.

During the work and until **no earlier than 5AM** the next morning, no traffic will be permitted on these streets. **Street parking will not be allowed on the streets on the scheduled work day nor until after 5 AM the next day following the sealcoating.**

During street work, **traffic in and out will be closed off from 7:30 AM on Monday, September 18, 2006 until no earlier than 5 AM on Tuesday, September 19, 2006 on Birchlake, Pinelake and the left side of Central Park Circle, and again from 7:30 AM on Tuesday, September 19 until no earlier than 5 AM on Wednesday, September 20, 2006 on Cedarlake, Saint Annes and the right half of Central Park Circle.** NO street parking will be allowed and you **will not have** vehicular access to your parking pad during this period. Please plan accordingly. Do not cross or drive around

the barriers. **If you are seen driving on these streets during these times, you may be called in for a due process hearing where monetary charges could be assessed to your account.** Do not walk across or bike across the newly sealed surface. Parking will be available on streets that are not being worked on and in the lower pool parking lot. Vehicles left on concrete parking pads must remain there until at least 5 AM the next day.

Any vehicle parked on these streets during roadwork will be towed at the owners' expense. If you are towed, please call 703-691-2131.

On Monday, Sept. 18th, our trash and recycle company will try to pick up the affected streets first, hopefully by 7:30 AM. If it is still there at the end of the day, please save the trash for Thursday and the recycle for the following Monday. Please call 703-360-6212 with any questions and see the article in the September Needle for details.

Si necesita oír esta información en español, por favor llame a la oficina y pregunte por Carmen.

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