



The Needle

Pinewood Lake Homeowners Association

www.pinewood-lake.com

September 2008

BOARD CANDIDATES NEEDED

For nearly 40 years your Pinewood Lake Homeowners Association has been manned by volunteers. Most other developments in our area employ management companies to run their finances and operations. In the vast majority of cases they are disappointed and going financially broke with special assessments. Contrary to this, Pinewood is in excellent financial shape with physically sound upkeep and development. We accomplished this over the years by having many talented homeowners volunteer their services on committees or the Board. In the current environment, the number of volunteer candidates for the Board is very lean. Over time this shortage will be disastrous. We know Pinewood is full of highly qualified people who would be of tremendous value to our community. Volunteering to run for the Board is not pure altruism, rather it is protecting one of your major investments.

Consider running for the Board of Directors. Three members will be elected at the Annual Meeting on December 1.

Everyone is qualified if you live here and care about our community.

Individuals must declare their candidacy by October 8 or be a write-in-candidate.

Please contact the PLHA office or any member of the Nominations Committee with questions or to declare your candidacy.

Bev Card	703-360-2528
Dick Knapp	703-360-1941
Peggy Parsons	703-780-4100
Chris Ream	703-360-1712

Burnette Scarboro, Chair BGOR1976@aol.com



PINEWOOD BAR-B-Q
Celebrate Pool Closing
Saturday, Aug 30th
5-7 PM

Hospitality Committee provides
hamburgers and hot dogs.
Bring side dish or dessert to share.
Come greet your neighbors!

Children must be with an adult

Celebra el cierre de la piscina el
Sabado 30 de Agosto de 5 a 7 de
la tarde.

El Comite de Hospitalidad hara
hamburguesas y perritos calientes.
Trae un plato o postre para compartir y
conoce a tus vecinos!

ACC NEWS

Remember - homeowners need to look outside their rear fences for any trash, debris or anything else that needs to be removed. **The property just outside your rear fence belongs to you and you will receive a violation notice if the area is unkempt**

Please do not put your trash out prior to the morning of collection. Garbage or trash may not be stored in front or side yards.

Starting in September the ACC Committee will meet once a month. If you have any concerns, questions or ideas please feel free to come.

Karen Jones

703-203-4506

NEW FENCE STANDARD PROPOSALS

The ACC is considering several proposals that would introduce low and zero maintenance materials to our community.

The committee believes that the large number of retirees (and those close to retirement age) as well as families where both parents work full-time represent a large portion of our community. These materials would greatly reduce or eliminate a tremendous amount of periodic labor intensive maintenance that we are forced to deal with right now. Since our front yards are the most visible part of our community the ACC decided to evaluate those standards first.

The first proposal would change the wrought iron railing in the community to powder-coated aluminum railing.

The new railing height would be 36 inches which is a standard residential aluminum railing height. The warranties for these products range from 10 years to lifetime guarantees for the finish of the railing (15-20 years is the most common). The cost of the powder-coated aluminum railing runs from \$25-\$50 per linear foot. The cost of wrought iron runs from \$50-\$120 per foot. Material costs would be cut 50% corrosion problems would be virtually eliminated (no more sanding and painting to get rid of unsightly rust). This represents a tremendous value to current home owners as well as perspective home buyers. The second issue at hand is privacy panel fence standard.

The second proposal would change the wood privacy panels with diagonal slats to PVC panels with vertical slats.

The color would be changed from Navajo White to White. The products under consideration have 20-year warranties for their finish and have reinforced horizontal rails to prevent sagging. There are some custom colors available that are fairly close to Navajo White but they would cost 10%-15% more than a standard white panel and their long-term availability is not guaranteed. The only maintenance required for PVC panels is

periodic washing with soap and water. The only other change for the home owner is that the front railings would have to have their own post and not be mounted to the PVC posts.

The ACC believes these proposals would benefit the home owner by greatly reducing the amount of time and money needed to maintain our fences. The overall curb appeal of the neighborhood would be greatly enhanced by eliminating fencing that starts to decay the day it is put in. The ACC is working hard on the details of these proposals. **We need your feedback to the survey that is or will be delivered to your home.** Constructive feedback in any format is always welcome. Your support is greatly appreciated. The ACC is looking forward to your feedback.

Pinewood Lake Homeowners Association

www.pinewood-lake.com

8159 Fernlake Court
Alexandria, VA 22309-1209

Phone: 703-360-6212

FAX: 703-360-6771

email: plha@verizon.net

Office Hours:

12 PM - 3 PM Monday-Friday

9 AM - 12 Noon Saturday

Community Manager: Kirsten Davis

Asst Community Mgr: Karen Mestemaker

Admin Assistant: Karla Duggan

Board of Directors

President: Nancy Razzino

Vice President: Bill Kiehl

Secretary: Dave McAuley

Treasurer: Jack Kaufman

Members at Large: Mark Brewer Delna Clark

Bill Gleason Vicki McLeod

Burnette Scarboro

The Pinewood Lake Needle Staff

Editor: Bev Card

Webmaster: Kirsten Davis

Advertising Manager: Lois Passman

Phone: 703-780-4236 Fax: 703-780-6903

The *Needle* is the official publication of the Pinewood Lake Homeowners Association. Advertising in the *Needle* does not imply approval or sanction of products or services by PLHA. Noncommercial classified ads for goods are free to residents; contact Kirsten Davis. For commercial classifieds contact Lois Passman.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Our National Nite Out was a huge success. The weather cooperated and everyone had a good time talking to both the police officers and the fireman. The highlight of the evening besides the great pizza, was the fireman raising the big ladder about 60 ft in the air over the pool. Everyone enjoyed seeing that.

The police arrested four young men that were tampering with cars in our neighborhood as well as others around us. They were caught near our neighborhood; however, they were from D.C. That tells me they have friends near us or in our area. Keep a watch on strangers driving or walking and be sure to report any thing that does not feel right or look right.

There have been a number of bikes left around our common areas that probably were stolen from somewhere else. Keep your kids bikes secure.

The economy is tough so crime will escalate in stolen property from homes, cars and money.

Street robberies are also up especially older folks in parking lots of shopping centers. Please be alert.

We will be getting a new captain at the Mt Vernon Station. Capt Kline was promoted and will be leaving us Sept 13. The new Captain is David Moyer. Both will be at the CAC meeting Sept 9 It will be a good time to meet him and let him know your concerns

Thank you to Bugsys Rest in old town for donating the pizza and Beacon Hill Giant for our water and sodas at National Nite Out. Remember to support the businesses that support us. When you visit them be sure to say thank for their support.

The Watch will resume Sept 8th and the CAC will start up Sept 9th. Make an effort to attend one of the meetings. Knowledge is power.

Ginger Krup 703-780-0752

WATER LINE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

Over the past several months, there have been a couple of homeowners in Pinewood Lake who have experienced water leak problems between the water meter and their houses. Well, it can be a costly problem to repair.

It has come to the attention of the PLHA office that Virginia Dominion Power has a Water Line Replacement Program that every homeowner can subscribe to! You just need to call 1-866-645-9810 or go online to fixmywaterline.dom.com to enroll in the program. The cost is \$3.25 a month applied to your utility bill. With the age of our houses, I am certainly going to enroll in this program! (Mine was built in 1971.)

The cost of repair for a broken water line can be as much as \$4,000! According to Dominion, their contractors have been carefully screened to provide reliable, on-time service to you!

Although, I haven't checked yet, I understand that Fairfax Water has a similar program for sewer lines. I will report on that in next month's Needle.

Frank Holub 703-799-4788

LAND USE LEE DISTRICT

At our August Land Use meeting we approved a comprehensive 20 year plan for the Springfield section of commercial properties at the Commerce and Backlick Rd. areas. The hotels, residential housing, retail looks like a small village and designed beautifully.

We approved 6 cases that will be looked at in the future and to be located in the Fullerton area after Brac comes into the Backlick area. Pallone Chev. will be torn down and in its place will be 800 BRAC employees

who will do shift work and transported back and forth to Ft. Belvoir via Woodlawn Rd.(already closed to public). Other BRAC personnel will be located at the engineering proofing grounds near Telegraph Rd. and stats show they probably won't be moving to the area and will commute via Telegraph Rd. South Post near Woodlawn will locate about 4,000 employees who will commute via Woodlawn Rd. and the rest of BRAC will locate at the old GSA site on Loisdale Rd. in Springfield. That is the plan. We probably won't be affected at all.

Up-date On Wayfinding Signs

SFDC will begin their projects of erecting Wayfinding Signs on the Route One Corridor. The sign family will mark locations of special interest to travelers and persons interesting in moving to our area. The signs will have (for instance George Washington's picture and location of Mt. Vernon), Woodlawn Plantation, The Hybla Valley Area, Gunston Hall, all historical sites and other points of interest. The signs will be placed from the Gateway at Huntington to Ft. Belvoir. A beautiful addition to an otherwise drab Route One.

Step outside your home and remember you are standing on the former Muddy Hole Farm. This was one of George Washington 5 farms where he kept his farm animals and rode his horse up and down where our streets are now . He traveled Route One from Old Towne to Ft. Belvoir to see his friend Lord Fairfax. Wayfinding Signs will bring travelers back to those times.

Until Next Time
Vicki McLeod
Rep Land Use

DID YOU KNOW?

The police will patrol your street when you call and say you are on vacation.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To The Residents Pinewood Lake,

Trash is starting to become an issue around the community. I've noticed that while out walking my dogs the morning of trash pick up days several residents' trash bags have been ripped open by some animal and left all over the sidewalk. I like most residents put my trash out the night before trash day once the sun goes down. But what we have to remember is that there are all kinds of hungry animals running around in the evening looking for food. If you put your trash bags out on the curb without being in a trash can try to use black trash bags. The black bags don't attract animals as much as the white ones do. The **BEST** thing to do is to put your trash bags into a trash container with a lid and then place that at the curb. This will help to keep animals out of your bags and trash off the streets of our community.

Delna Clark
Board Member at Large
& Concerned Resident of Pinelake Court

PLHA Calendar

Regular meetings in PLHA office @ 7:30 PM

Aug 30	Labor Day Bar-B-Q 5-7 PM, Pool
Sep 2	ACC
Sep 3	Garden Club
Sep 8	Neighborhood Watch
Sep 11	Board
Sep 19	Needle Deadline
Sep 23	Maintenance
Sep 25	Marketing

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

I'M JILL DURANTE
A Former Pinewood Lake Resident

**I'd like to help you
 sell your house
 or
 buy that smaller or bigger home
 you're looking for!**

Give me a call and let's talk!



**For every purchase or sale in/from Pinewood, I will
 make a donation to the Garden Club in your name.**



Jill Durante

Cell: 703.862.3029

Direct: 703.780.8025

Toll free: 800.244.7253

jilldurante@mris.com

RE/MAX
Allegiance



Support our advertisers.

Tell them you saw their ad in the Needle

"Mess Free or No Fee"

Kramer & Sons provides the only guaranteed
 mess-free service in the Northern Virginia area!
 We will leave our work area as clean as it was
 when we got there, or you don't pay!

**Mention this Ad for
 \$20 off your service
 call!**

Not valid on dispatch
 fee-only calls. Not valid
 with any other offer.

- Water Heater Repair/Replacement
- Sewer and Drain Cleaning
- TV/Video Pipe Inspections
- Toilets, Sinks, Faucets, Disposals
- Sump Pumps, Sewage Ejector Pumps



KRAMER
& SONS
 PLUMBING

703-360-6400
Family Owned and Operated
www.kramerandsonsplumbing.com

Terry A. Hughes
**Home Improvement
 &**

Remodeling
703-628-1466

30 years experience & qualified in:

- Unfinished Basements & Bathrooms**
- Painting - Interior & Exterior**
- Drywall - New & Old**
- Plumbing & Electrical**
- Replacement Windows & Doors**
- Carpentry - Decks, Fences, Framing,
 Trim & Crown Molding**
- Roof & Gutter Repair & Replacement**
- Power Washing - Decks, Fences & Houses**
- Vinyl Siding & Metal Clad**



Licensed, Bonded & Insured

Fairfax Realty, Inc.

3407-F Richmond Highway
Alexandria, VA 22309

Office: (703) 780-0700
Fax: (703) 780-7343

Now there are great opportunities to buy a home.



If you are looking to buy or sell a home, call your neighborhood Realtor®, **Dany Abebe**, the agent who can get results.

Mobile: (703) 989-0893

Home office: (703) 799-0562

Email: DanyAbebe@Gmail.com



Your satisfaction will always be my top priority



☺ *I appreciate your referrals* ☺

The Original Italian Pie

Pizza, Pasta, Calzones, Salads,
Sandwiches, Lunch Specials

7475 Richmond Highway (Safeway
Center at Mt. Vernon Square)

Dine In or Carry Out 703-765-7650

FREE FREE FREE

Paving bricks are available to Pinewood Lake residents. There are 300 pavers in the compound yard available to anyone who wants to come and pick them up. Please contact the Pinewood Lake Office, Courtney Dunn or Frank Holub. As few or as many as you want! Available until October 15!!!

OVER 65 YEARS OF FAST DEPENDABLE SERVICE



**Griffin
Plumbing and Heating, Inc.**

8601 RICHMOND HWY.
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22309
780-5400

MATT MATHES

STEVE'S WINDOW CLEANING

Residential Specialist
Over 20 Years Experience



STEPHEN LEWIS

(703) 799-2507