



# The Needle

**“Community Connected”**

Official Publication of the Pinewood Lake Homeowners Association (PLHA)

## Editor’s Side-Chat

*Back to business...*

September always brings a sense of the return to routine and order-well, for me at least. Whether it’s the preparation of returning to school, shift of focus from play to work, etc. For others, it may mean football season’s here (“*Hail to the Redskins!*”) or the anticipation of leaves changing colors. Whatever it means to you, make the best of it!

To close out the summer pool season, join PLHA on **Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>** for our Pool Party Bar B Que!!

All PLHA members: please mark your calendars for October 3<sup>rd</sup> to participate in a very special forum. Read cover article for more details.

Due to low participation, the **Jr. Annual Writing Feature** will be included in the October edition. For those entries received by the original deadline, they will be posted on the front page! See page 3 for rules.

*Happy Feelin’!*  
*S.J.*

## Announcement of Special Community Meeting for October 3<sup>rd</sup>

By Bill Gleason, President  
PLHA Board of Directors

For the better part of this year, the PLHA Board has focused on revising out Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (DCCR). Monthly meetings -- all open to the community and publicized in advance -- have produced a new DCCR. Along the way, the Board has consulted with our lawyer and with any and all PLHA members who wish to have input or simply to observe the general discussion. It has been a challenging and stimulating task and the Board thanks all of you for your attention and contribution. Now the moment has come for a general community meeting on the DCCR. To that end, we have scheduled a community forum for Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The meeting will be held at 7:30 PM in room 221C of the South County Government Center. Every member of PLHA is welcome. We look forward to seeing one and all on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### Cinema Nights at Pinewood Lake Featuring “TRUE GRIT”

Presented by the Cinema Committee

**DATE: New Date – Sunday, September 4, 2011**

**TIME: 8:30 P.M.**

**PLACE: Pool Parking Lot**

**Free Admission and Popcorn!**

TRUE GRIT – PG-13 is one the best films of 2010. It was nominated for 10 Oscars and another 22 wins & 74 nominations. The film stars Jeff Bridges, Matt Damon and Hailee Steinfeld. In the film, a tough U.S. Marshall helps a stubborn young woman track down her father’s murderer. Great Movie!!

**The PWL swim team will be selling hot dogs, drinks and candy at the showing. Please support the team.**

**\*\*MOVIE SHOWING on 9/17/11 – TBD. Look out for updates via email, flyers, and signs throughout the neighborhood.\*\***

## Pinewood Lake 2011 Pool Review

By Mike Shigley

The Pool Committee always uses its last meeting of the year to review the past season. The Committee considers what went well and what needs improvement. At this time, the Committee also starts thinking whether either the Pool Rules or the Private Pool Party rules need revision.

This year's meeting, **September 21, 2011, 7:30 PM**, will be particularly important, *because two pool parties this summer required active police action* to disperse unruly attendees. Please join us, whether or not you intend to be a future member, for this important discussion.

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## ACC LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

Interested persons should come out to the upcoming meetings on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> or call the HOA office for information.

## Neighborhood Watch

By Tricia Gosby

The website [StopBullyingnow.hrsa.gov](http://StopBullyingnow.hrsa.gov) offers tips on identifying bullying, how to recognize the warning signs and how to get help. The website offers tips for kids, teens, young adults, parents, and educators.

Are you being bullied? Nobody likes to be picked on.

- What can you do? Speak up against bullying. Say something like, "stop it."
- Walk away. Act like you do not care, even if you really do.
- Tell an adult you trust. They may have ideas about what you can do.
- Stick together. Staying with a group might help.

From

[http://stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov/kids/being\\_bullied/index.html](http://stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov/kids/being_bullied/index.html).

Things to remember:

- You are not alone.
- It is not your fault. Nobody should be bullied!
- Talk to someone you trust.
- Do not hurt yourself.
- Do not bully back. Do not bully anyone else.
- Do not let the bully win. Keep doing what you love to do.

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- Join us via email and/or **Facebook!**

To join the **Pinewood Lake Email Group**, send a request to [katyparente@yahoo.com](mailto:katyparente@yahoo.com).

## National Night Out

By Tricia Gosby

Pinewood Lake's National Night Out was a huge success, enjoyed by many in the community. The weather could not have been better and everyone had a good time. Many enjoyed talking with our local Fairfax County Police Officers and Auxiliary Police who stopped by. Thank you to Richard Hall, who designed and produced the posters announcing this year's National Night Out and to Sieglinde Lesher who helped hand out pizza. This year pizza was ordered from the local Vocelli's Pizza. Thank you to Safeway and Robert Ford for the drinks for our event. Thank you as well to Anna Koch and Lauren Brown from Maid Brigade, who joined our festivities, generously supplying snow cones for everyone to enjoy.



### PLHA Calendar for September

*Regular meetings in PLHA office @ 7:30 PM*

September 5 .. Office Closed for Labor Day  
September 6 .....ACC  
September 7 ..... Garden Club  
September 8 ..... Board Meeting  
September 12 ..... Neighborhood Watch  
September 13 ..... Maintenance Committee  
September 16 ..... Needle Deadline  
September 20 .....ACC  
September 21 ..... Pool Committee  
September 22 ..... Marketing Committee

## Garden Club Updates

By Frank Holub

A slight change of course for the month of September in the usual tenor of writing of a garden club article – this month we present a poem by Stephen Papanicolas.

“Sow and It Will Come”

“The time is upon us – so eminently clear  
Tis the season of harvest to which gardeners,  
farmers and tillers of the earth hold  
envisioned so dear.  
Let all who celebrate and with the fall equinox  
drawing so near.  
Recognize emblazoned on the horizon – crops  
to be bountiful, hardy and without peer.  
And so is it with gardeners who enjoyed beyond  
review;  
a new season of trimming, mulching and planting  
for the new  
spring preparations to ensue.

Remember Mother Earth and she will intrinsically reward you!”

Watch for the October article to see our list of activities for the rest of the year, Halloween, wreath making, the wreath sale, etc. The rest of the year gets busy.

As always, we invite you to come join us at the Frank Holub Community Center on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM.

### Entry Guidelines for PLHA's Jr. Writing Feature Theme: “Back to School Time”

Students from K-6<sup>th</sup> grade may submit poetry, short article (50 words or less), or drawing depicting back to school experiences. Please get permission from your parent or legal guardian. Entries will be reviewed by the Publications committee prior to printing. Contact the HOA office with any questions.

**Please note:** Only the child's first name and grade will be referenced in newsletter.

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