



# The Needle

Pinewood Lake Homeowners Association

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February 2010

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### PICK UP LEAVES & BRANCHES

High winds have been blowing leaves and branches around the community.  
**It is your responsibility to clean up your front and back yard.**

## WHEN IT SNOWS:

- **park** cars in your parking pad (*always do this so visitors can use street parking*);
- **do not** park cars across the end of your parking pad;
- on Amblerwood, Fernlake and the squares, snow will be plowed away from the parking pads (*cars on the street may be plowed in*);
- on the courts, snow will be plowed to the end of the court and piled in corners;
- **do not** shovel snow from your parking pad into the street (*this snow may or may not be removed by the contractor*);
- sanding and "salting" (*ice melt*) will be at street corners and intersections as needed;
- Lakepark, Lawrence and Central Park Drive are state roads not plowed by PLHA (call VDOT at 703-383-8368 if these streets have not been plowed);
- **shovel** the sidewalk in front of your house.

Be considerate of your neighbors and support our contractor during snow or ice storms.

### KEEP YOUR CAR LOCKED

In December, a stolen car from Manassas was stripped and burned in Pinewood.

### CALL THE POLICE ABOUT ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

### SECURE TRASH & RECYCLING

There have been high winds recently. **It is your responsibility to be sure your trash and recycling do not blow away.** Use a trash can and lid, tie bags tightly and/or put heavy items on top of lighter objects.

## ACC NEWS

It is never too early to start planning spring projects. This is just a reminder that when you want to make changes to the outside of your house, you must submit a request to the committee explaining the changes you want to make. We have a form you can use that can be obtained at the community office or online at [www.pinewood-lake.com](http://www.pinewood-lake.com). Drawings and paint chips are helpful to include in your request.

If your home received an outstanding home award and you have not received your plaque or certificate, please come to the PLHA office during business hours.

**Diagonal Tongue & Groove and Tongue & Groove look-a-like are the only approved styles for front fences.**

*Do not assume if a homeowner has installed any other style of fence that it was approved by the Association.*

**You must submit an ACC request prior to installing any fence in your yard.**

### PARKING ON STATE STREETS

Central Park Dr, Lake Park Dr & Lawrence St

- only one taxi/limo per household;
- no vehicles over 21 ft. long and 8 ft. high (including bike racks, roof racks, ladders, lights, etc.).

### MARKETING COMMITTEE

John Tillman spoke about a project bounded by Buckman Rd, Janna Lee St., and Richmond Hwy. After a couple of years, the project has new life. A mixed-use (*townhouses, condos, office space, and retail*) development, implemented in three phases, is under design. Actual construction will not begin for a few years. If implemented, this project has all the features needed to increase the value of the surrounding neighborhoods including Pinewood Lake.

## OUR LAKE NEVER FREEZES SOLID

Talk with your children about the danger of our lake when it appears frozen. Moving water underneath the ice always makes walking on it unsafe.



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## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The Watch did not meet in January due to illness but we're back and running. Apparently a car was stolen from outside Pinewood and dumped in our neighborhood and set on fire. The car was reported stolen from Manassas. Police do not have a suspect but they are working it. Young adults are still going out on the lake despite the warnings. Three kids with a dog were trying to get onto the ice but were stopped by an adult that saw them. **Please tell your kids to stay off the ice. It is extremely dangerous.**

I would like to take a moment to ask "what's up with the phone books?" There are phone books still in the driveways/parking pads of some residents. How can this be? They have to pull their cars in and they do and they roll right over the books. Please keep your house looking good. Picking up trash in and around your yard will do wonders. I often wonder who are these people that can walk around and through the trash and just leave it.

Picking up after your dog is another pet peeve of mine. It's your dog. And - now that almost everyone has a cell phone will someone please tell me why people still blow their horns to let someone know they are in front of the house to pick them up? Or they pick up or drop off and then blow the horn as they drive away. It amazes me the total lack of consideration for others these people have but are the first ones to develop an attitude when called on it.

The meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee to be held Feb 9<sup>th</sup> will be for the elections of the new board. Anyone wanting to serve on this committee should come to the meeting and throw your hat in the ring.

Congrats to the new board members. Remember to support your community anyway you can.  
Ginger Krup, NW Chair 703-780-0752

## PARKING ON STATE STREETS

The Board of Supervisors approved changes to the County Code that prohibits parking of commercial vehicles in residential districts. The code changes are intended to better define commercial vehicles in the County code in order to improve parking enforcement and respond to complaints about large/commercial vehicles parking on residential streets. **These changes apply to the state roads that go through our community: Lake Park Drive, Lawrence Street and Central Park Drive. All other streets in Pinewood Lake are already covered by our own regulations.**

The following are some of the changes:

- For taxicabs and limousines: one resident of each single family home may park one vehicle licensed and registered in Virginia as a taxicab or limousine.
- Expands definition of commercial vehicle restricted from parking in a residential area to include:
  - Any vehicle licensed as a common or contract carrier (except as above.)
  - Vehicles that exceed size and weight limits: more than 21 feet long, more than 8 feet high including appurtenances, width of 102 inches or more, or gross vehicle weight of 12,000 or more pounds.
  - Vehicle carrying commercial freight in plain view
  - Trailer or semi-trailer
  - Any vehicle with 3 or more axles
- **Boats and motor homes are not allowed to park in areas that are Community Parking Districts.**

The restrictions do not apply to commercial vehicles when temporarily parked while performing work or service.

The effective date of these changes is February 1, 2010 followed by 30 day warning period.

Questions, contact Mount Vernon Police Station, 703-360-8400, MPO Robert Clift.

## 2011 Fairfax County Budget

We are approaching the 2011 budget for Fairfax County. It is a painful process as everyone wants their interest protected. Schools take up a large portion of the budget and no one wants to see cuts in that system. There will be several opportunities for residents to have input into the budget. On March 24, The Lee District Association of Civic Organizations will have a presenter from the County about the budget.

On February 25<sup>th</sup>, the Fairfax County Advertized Budget Plan for FY2011 is presented to the Board of Supervisors. It will be televised on public access channel 16. Then it will be published on the county web site, [www.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov). Public testimony will be April 6, 7, and 8.

On Thursday, March 25 at 7:00 pm, the Route One Task Force for Human Services will meet at the So. County Center, 8350 Richmond Hwy., Suite 527. Deputy County Executive for Human Service Pat Harrison will present the FY 2011 Advertised Budget Plan as it impacts human services (including housing policies). This involves Recreation and Community Services that operate student and senior programs. Please attend if you are interested.

Until Next Time.

Vicki McLeod, PLHA Rep 703-780-6245



“Voters Fighting for Fairfax” were at the state budget hearings. Pinewood Lake homeowner, Greg Crider, is holding the sign he brought to the rally.

## Schools to Lose \$61 million of State Funds

In December, Gov. Kaine submitted a budget to the Virginia General Assembly proposing to “freeze” the formula for its share of funding to local schools. Every 2 years, the formula called the Local Composite Index (LCI) is adjusted to distribute funds to those who are in most need. For years, we’ve had the smallest share of the state’s school funds. Now the formula is finally adjusted in our favor, due to lower real estate values. A freeze will result in Fairfax Schools receiving \$61 million less than they deserve.

“Voters Fighting for Fairfax”, have been speaking at public hearings. On February 1, the group will be in Richmond to lobby legislators for our fair share of school funds.

What does the freeze mean to you? It would add about \$75 to each Pinewood Lake homeowner’s tax bill. For 542 homes that equals \$40,650 – a tidy sum.

What can you do? Contact Governor Bob McDonnell to fight for our fair share. He grew up in the neighborhood across from Mount Vernon High School.

Also join us as a friend on Facebook page “Voters Fighting for Fairfax.”

Greg Crider

703-780-0469

## PINEWOOD LAKE POOL

Think Spring! The pool will open at 11 AM, May 29 (Memorial Day Weekend) and close at 8 PM, Labor Day, September 6.

To prepare for the coming season, the Pool Committee will meet on February 17 in the office to make plans for the season and consider any necessary changes to pool rules and procedures. Please join us and become a member: We meet at 7:30 PM every third Wednesday through September.

Mike Shigley, Pool Chair

703-360-7237

## PLHA Calendar

Regular meetings in PLHA office @ 7:30 PM

Feb 2 .....	ACC
Feb 8 .....	Neighborhood Watch
Feb 11 .....	Board
Feb 17 .....	Pool
Feb 19 .....	Needle deadline
Feb 23 .....	Maintenance
Feb 25 .....	Marketing

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## PARKING DURING SNOW

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