

# The Needle

Pinewood Lake Homeowners Association

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July 2009

## ACC NEWS

Toys, bicycles, lawn mowers, trash cans and bags, or other large items shall not be habitually kept in front or side yards.

**CALLING ON ALL HOMEOWNERS:** When was the last time you looked out your rear window or went outside of your back yard and looked into the alley? I am sure that it was not a great sight. Please take a moment to help clean up the neighborhood. Pick up all trash and branches that are behind your yard as in most cases this is private, not common, property.

When submitting ACC Request forms, please be specific with your request. If you are going to paint, we need to know exactly what color you want to paint. If you want to replace your fence, we need to know what type of fence. When filling out the requests, please refer to the ACC Standards or contact the ACC Administrator. This will help in considering your request.

It is that time again when the grass needs to be cut. Please cut your grass and trim your bushes on a regular basis to help maintain the overall appeal of the community.

### NEED POOL or GUEST PASSES?

Come to the PLHA Office  
Monday-Friday from 12-2 PM  
Saturday from 9:30-10:30 AM

### SWIM TEAM FUNDRAISER

Friday Night Bar-B-Q  
5:30-7 PM Every Friday (*weather permitting*)



at the Pool



## ATTENTION PARENTS

Parents, it's that time of year again. Kids are out of school for the summer and looking for activities during the day. Please reinforce with your children that it is not okay for them to sit on or play on other people's private property nor is it okay to play in the street where they could get hurt and impede traffic. We have plenty of safe places for the kids to play: playgrounds (with updated equipment on Saint Annes Court and Central Park Circle), the hill on Gramercy Circle, and the pool. Additionally, Muddy Hole Park is right outside our community and there is a teen center at the South County building on Buckman Road.

Neighborhood Watch is everyone's responsibility. If you hear loud noise or see inappropriate actions, please notify the police immediately at 703-691-2131. **Everyone** needs to help keep Pinewood safe.

Thank you. PLHA Board of Directors

## FROM THE MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

### Longworthe and Lake Park Paving

On behalf of the Maintenance Committee, I would like to thank the residents of these streets for their cooperation during the paving projects. The rain stalled the project by a day, but the roads were down. Because of your cooperation, no cars were towed and additional delays to the project were avoided. Once again, thank you!

### Mosquitoes

Once again, we experienced a very wet spring. Standing water after a heavy rain provides an excellent breeding ground for mosquitoes.

The best way to minimize mosquitoes is not to

have any standing water. Bird baths, trash cans and flower pots are the best sources of standing water. If you have bird baths, please change the water regularly, and for trash cans, keep the covers on tight and remove the standing water.

Keeping your lawn cut will also help to minimize the number of mosquitoes.

Taking small steps to remove standing water will make a big improvement. For more information on mosquitoes, you can visit Fairfax County's Website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/westnile/wnv/mosq.htm>.

**Fence Around the Lake**

I would like to note that the "Rail" Fence around the lake is several years old and sometimes sections fail. Please do not use the Rail Fence as a bench or walk on it. If a section fails, you could get hurt. Also, the Fence is slippery after rain.

**Looking Ahead**

Over the next couple of months, the Committee will be looking at various community improvement projects. In particular, we will be looking at replacing the recreation equipment near the office and we will be doing tree trimming work. In August, we will be looking at our budget and long term planning for 2010. If you would like to see us consider projects for next year, please feel free to attend one of our meetings on the fourth Tuesday of each Month.

**Chairperson needed**

After careful consideration, I have decided that in January, I will step down as Chairman of the Maintenance Committee. I will, however, remain on the Committee and continue to work on projects that improve the quality of life at Pinewood Lake. Please consider joining the Committee and possibly chairing the Committee. It has been a great learning and personal experience.

Chris Ream 703-360-1712

**PLHA Calendar**

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

- Jul 1 ..... Muddy Hole Garden Club
- Jul 4 .... Home Swim Meet – Pool opens late
- Jul 7 ..... ACC
- Jul 9 ..... Board
- Jul 11 .. Home Swim Meet – Pool opens late
- Jul 13 ..... Neighborhood Watch
- Jul 15 ..... Pool
- Jul 17 ..... Needle Deadline
- Jul 21 ..... ACC
- Jul 23 ..... Marketing
- Jul 25 .. Home Swim Meet – Pool opens late
- Jul 28 ..... Maintenance

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12 PM - 3 PM Monday-Friday

9 AM - 12 Noon Saturday

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## GARDEN CLUB UPDATE

“When Flowers Embrace and Grace”

By the time you have received this Needle issue, many of our Plant Plus customers are enjoying the various spring/summer annuals they purchased at the garden club's yearly sale. Surely they have been lovingly tilled and nurtured in their home flower gardens. As always, your non-profit garden club utilizes the proceeds from this annual sale to continually improve Pinewood's parks and gardens and maintain the Banner program. With this in mind, our Muddy Hole Garden Club and its members extend a most sincere thank you to the various individuals, households, and civic minded residents that made this sale our most successful endeavor to date; and they say we are in an economic tailspin!

Look for our new summer/fall banners to grace Lawrence Street in the upcoming month. Again, remember your \$23.00 donation for this program helps to defray our cost and keeps the banners flying – greeting one to Pinewood Lake. Thanks as always to Frank Holub for his tireless effort in maintaining and selecting the myriad of beautiful banners from season to season.

Of special interest is the upcoming dedication of a memorial flower garden to honor and express appreciation for our fellow member and beloved friend, the late Jutta Caudill. In spite of a very damp May and June, it is expected that the new bed should be completed in the cul-de-sac area on Saint Annes Ct by the end of June – weather permitting. As it stands now, a memorial and bed dedication is anticipated for the Aug/Sep timeframe. Please check future issues of the Needle for further details. All residents, friends and family are most cordially invited. Remember that all Pinewood Lake committees and groups seek new members and your support is urgently requested. The garden club meets on the first Wed of each month at the Frank Holub Community Center at 7:30. Come! Join us!

Stephen Papanicolas                      703-799-4328

### Mr. Brad Center

Lee District School Board Representative  
Makes First Visit to Pinewood Lake  
PLHA Community Center

**August 20, 2009**

**7:30 PM**



#### Topics:

- Where will the PLHA children attend school?
- What are the school boundaries?
- How does the feeder system work?
- What are the budget issues?
- What was the outcome of the recent Youth Study?
- How safe are our children in the local schools?
- How do the test scores of our children compare?
- And many more school related issues.

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### Lee District Association of Civic Organizations

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The meeting topic was: What is the county doing to help homelessness in Fairfax? The speaker was Telly C. Whitfield, Ph.D., the South County Regional Director for the Fairfax County Department of Systems Management for Human Services. Mr. Whitfield gave a presentation that included an update on an Agency for the County Dept. Systems Management. There are 4 Regions across the County including the one in the South County

Govt. building on Route One. When I worked for the Dept., there were 12 of us answering phones and giving referrals for food, clothing, utilities and housing. Now there are 29 service workers and instead of about 300 calls a day there were at the peak of the financial collapse about 900 calls a day. The agency is helping 74% of the callers meet their need but sometimes it is only temporary assistance. Residents are calling who have lost their jobs and are losing their homes and their needs are greater than ever before.

The new way of thinking for Human Services toward homelessness is not shelters but housing. Shelters are a temporary fix and not the way out except maybe for singles that need shelter only. If you or someone you know needs assistance, please call the Department of System Management for Human Services at **703-222-0880**. Also, the County relies heavily on the non-profits in the area as they receive a portion of their funds from the County and raise the rest of their funds through gifts and fund raising events. They supply temporary sources of food, clothing, utility and rental assistance.

LDACO is not meeting through the summer but will begin again in September with its 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month meetings at the Franconia Govt. Center.

Until next time,  
Vicki McLeod 703-780-6245

### PLHA TOWING POLICY

Our towing policy went into effect on March 1, 2007. Go to [www.pinewood-lake.com](http://www.pinewood-lake.com) to read the resolution or a brief pamphlet on the towing policy. Make sure you are parking in accordance with our policy to avoid being towed.

### SPECIAL TRASH PICKUPS

Mattresses, couches, and appliances may be placed at the curb on Mondays or Thursdays without a phone call.

Other special pickup items must be scheduled ahead of time by calling 703-360-6634.

## ACC APPROVAL NEEDED BEFORE DOING OUTSIDE WORK

Before painting outside (*house, fence, shed, or other structures*),

submit an ACC Request Form

available in the PLHA office or at [www.pinewood-lake.com](http://www.pinewood-lake.com).

ACC meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month in the PLHA office.

Even if you're painting the same color(s), approval is needed - **some colors may no longer be approved.**

## DO YOU NEED COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS?

Community Service Hours! Are you a student in need of community service hours for school or an extracurricular activity? Consider joining one of the many Pinewood Lake committees to complete your service hours over the summer. Contact the Pinewood Lake office at 703-360-6212 or [plha@verizon.net](mailto:plha@verizon.net) for details.

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**NEED HELP OUTSIDE YOUR  
 HOME?**

Are you able to provide the necessary materials but unable to do the labor to maintain your yard or the exterior of your home? If so, we have volunteers who may be able to help you. Please contact the Pinewood Lake office at 703-360-6212 or [plha@verizon.net](mailto:plha@verizon.net) to tell us about your situation and we'll see if we have any volunteers able to assist you.

**ATTENTION DOG WALKERS**

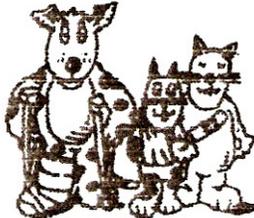
Please remember:

- pick up after your dog;
- dogs must be on a leash when out of your yard;
- dogs may not run loose on common ground;
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