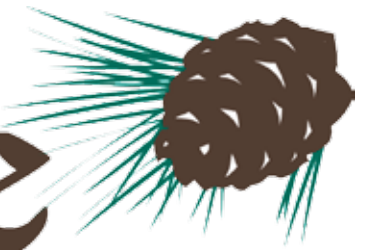
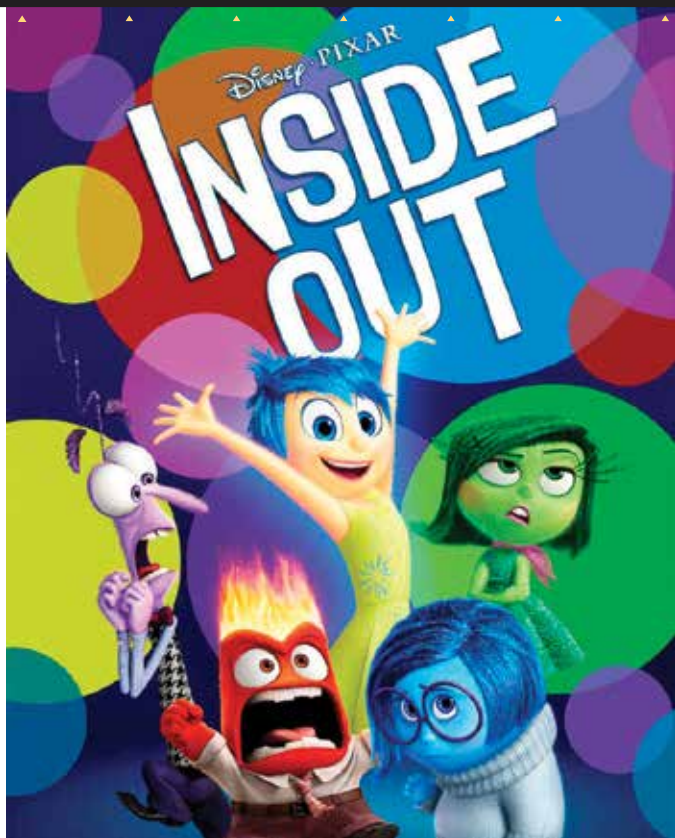


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CINEMA



Movie night: June 25, 8:30pm

Join us for a free movie in the parking lot of the PLHA office. *Inside Out* won both an Oscar and a Golden Globe for best animated feature film. Rated PG, it is about a young girl's emotions, dealing with a move to a new city, house and school.

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PLHA Community Yard Sale: Saturday, June 11, 2016

The community yard sale is Saturday, June 11, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. with a rain date of Sunday, June 12.

Signs are encouraged. However, please remove them by 4 p.m. on the day of the sale.

Residents may use their own yards only. Please remember, the community center and common grounds are NOT authorized sale areas.

Please share this information with your neighbors and if you have any questions, please contact: Karen Mestemaker, cs1@pinwoodlake.net, 703-360-6212.

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PHLA Venta de Garaje: Sábado, 11 de junio 2016

La venta de garaje se llevará a cabo el sábado, 11 de junio de 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. (El domingo, 12 de junio en caso de lluvia.)

Puede poner anuncios pero favor de removerlos después de las 4 p.m. el día de la venta.

Los residentes pueden utilizar solamente sus propios patios. Por favor, recuerde que el centro comunitario y áreas comunes no se deben usar para venta.

Comparta esta información con sus vecinos. Y si usted tiene alguna pregunta, comuníquese con: Karen Mestemaker, cs1@pinwoodlake.net, 703-360-6212.

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Editor's note

Welcome to the new look of *The Needle*!

Since I was given the opportunity to put together this newsletter, I've been making some little changes here and there. This is probably the biggest change you'll see.

The front page still says 'Community Connected,' as it has for many years, and I hope *The Needle* will always help keep the residents of Pinewood Lake connected to each other and our nearby communities.

Remember this is a community newsletter, and everyone in Pinewood Lake is encouraged to contribute. We have a great selection of articles for this issue, both important policies and interesting information. I hope you will feel free to submit your own thoughts and suggestions to me at dcgrrl@gmail.com, or by dropping a note at the office.

Meanwhile, the pool is open, school will be out soon — I'm sure we will be seeing each other around the neighborhood!

Heather Harris Roemer, Editor



PLHA Calendar

Meetings are held at the PLHA office at 7:30 p.m., unless otherwise stated.

June 11..... Community Yard Sale
 June 7 ACC meeting
 June 9 PLHA Board meeting
 June 15 Pool Committee, 7 p.m.
 June 15 *The Needle* deadline
 June 16 Publications Committee
 June 28 Maintenance Committee
 June 23 Marketing Committee
 June 23.....last day of school, students are released two hours early
 June 25..... Movie Night: *Inside Out*, 8:30 p.m.

Your submissions are welcome

The Needle is a community newsletter. Please feel free to submit original articles, ideas, and photographs to us at dcgrrl@gmail.com for publication. Articles are edited for length and grammar. Please keep articles to 200 words or less.

Due to limited space, we are not able to use all articles or photographs submitted to us, but we appreciate every bit of input!

Important yard waste service change

Now must be in paper bags or separate trash can

Fairfax County Solid Waste Management Program has recently changed its requirements for the disposal of yard waste due to changes in the region's composting facilities. They will no longer be accepting yard waste in plastic bags.

As of June 1, they require the use of paper yard waste bags, or setting your yard waste out in a reusable trash can marked for yard waste.

Thirty-gallon paper yard waste bags can be purchased at some of these local stores:

- Home Depot
- K-Mart
- Sears
- Lowes
- Target
- Walmart
- Wegmans



Nightingale Trucking Company, our trash and recycling collection contractor, also suggests collecting yard waste in a rubber trash can marked "Yard Waste" with a permanent marker.

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Leash and curb your dog

Fairfax County has laws about owning a dog.

Dog licenses are mandatory in Fairfax county. A license costs only \$10.

Scoop your poop. Yes, it's a law. Pick up your dog's waste.

Dogs must be on a leash whenever they are outside your home, with the exception of some county-run off-leash dog parks. If found without a leash or collar, your pet could end up in the animal shelter.

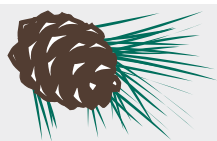
Don't tie them up. Leashes are good as long as you are at the other end. It is illegal to tether a dog for more than one hour.

Violation of Fairfax County dog laws can result in a fine of up to \$250.

For information, visit: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/animals/.

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Ask the CSL

by Karen Mestemaker



Dear Community Support Liaison (CSL):

We use plastic trash bags for garbage and our blue bin for recycling. But we're doing some major yard work — trimming our tree and shrubbery. How do we clean up properly?

Response: Homeowners need to make sure when they are having work done that their contractor removes all the rubbish, tree trunks, limbs, brush, and construction materials as part of their agreement.

As of June 1, all yard waste is to be disposed of in paper yard waste bags or in reusable trash cans marked "Yard Waste." Yard waste will not be accepted in plastic bags. The PLHA trash contractor will remove up to ten bags of yard waste, per unit, placed at the curb.

For more substantial brush — the woody part of yard debris such as tree trimmings or prunings, with a diameter of six inches or less, and logs three inches or less in diameter — be sure it is free of metal or rock, and tie it in bundles less than four feet in length. No more than five bundles will be collected at a time.

No brush or other trash is to be taken to the community compound on Saint Annes Court or placed on any common grounds. If you witness a neighbor dumping in these areas, please contact the office and report the violation. Thanks again to our volunteers who work hard to keep our parks and common grounds picked up and litter free.

Thanks for contacting the CSL with your question!

Ask your question of the Community Support Liaison by email at csl@pinewoodlake.net, or call the office at 703-360-6212.

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New to Pinewood Lake?

Stop by our office to get acquainted with the community and ask any questions you might have.

We are open at 8159 Fernlake Court, noon – 3 p.m.

Monday through Friday, and

9 a.m. – noon on Saturday.

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Board happenings

Board happenings

At its May 12, 2016 meeting, the Board of Directors:

Heard a community comment on the new grass in front of the office.

Answered a homeowner question on whether Board members must be residents (answer: no, according to the governing documents).

Heard there was a theft of a child's wagon from a front yard on Lakepark Dr.

Heard reminders about the Yard Sale on June 11 and the pool opening on May 28.

Heard from a homeowner who is opposed to additional parking spaces being put in place of green space in the cul-de-sac on Saint Annes Court but who would support extra parking for the street inside of the compound at the end of the street.

Heard that Fairfax County has changed its procedures so that the trash company can now only accept yard debris in paper lawn bags (available for purchase online, at home improvement stores, some grocery stores, and discount stores) or reusable trash cans with "Yard Waste" clearly marked on the outside.

Heard that although Vicki McLeod has moved, she will serve out her term on the Board through December 2016 and is willing to be the Association's contact on state street conditions and other similar issues.

Heard reports from the Committee Liaisons: the pool is being prepared for opening on May 28, the ACC is getting three new members, the Maintenance Committee has been working on the grounds contract statement of work and will have a bridge replacement recommendation for the Board next month.

Edna Burns reported that there is no new information available on the Pinewood Lake school site.

Removed the security article from the Board's agenda.

Tabled the Collections Resolution for discussion when the Association has selected a new collections attorney. The Community Manager will contact attorneys referred by Rich Hall and bring information to the Board in June.

Discussed the possible Saint Annes Court parking solutions. The Board saw only one feasible option of putting 1-2 extra spaces by the driveway into the compound, but it will be a long-term project that can only be addressed once the compound shed project

is completed. Maggie Srivastav will draft a flyer to the residents of Saint Annes Court letting them know the status of their petition for parking solutions.

Approved a proposal from Premium Lawn and Landscape for \$1,950 to clear the area by the lower pool parking lot.

Approved the ACC Request for 8140 Lakepark to install a motion sensor light on the side of the home. The light shall be angled so that it does not shine on any other home or yard.

Appointed Jim Fetzner, Edna Burns, and Taryn Pyle to the ACC.

Reviewed the draft grounds contract statement of work and provided feedback for incorporation into a revised draft for approval at the June meeting.

Approved reimbursing the swim team for the first vending machine fill of the season in an amount not to exceed \$500.

Guaranteed the swim team coaches' salaries in an amount not to exceed \$2,000 if the swim team is unable to raise all of the necessary funds for this summer.

Heard from the MCA that some homeowners have been placing items for trash pickup in front of the compound and directed that the MCA provide a flyer to homeowners about appropriate trash procedures.

Heard that a county Environmental Health Specialist would make a visit to the community to conduct an assessment of common grounds and to advise on mosquito control solutions.

Heard from a homeowner requesting that the Association consider allowing lawn furniture in front yards during the warm months. The ACC will review the proposal.

Heard about the results of a recent County inspection at the compound resulting from a complaint about mosquitoes at the compound.

Wrote off a homeowner's balance due to foreclosure.

At its June 9 meeting, the Board anticipates discussing the grounds contract statement of work, a new collections attorney, and emergency preparedness. If you have any questions about the Board Happenings, please feel free to contact me at 703-360-6212 or plha@verizon.net.

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Pinewood Lake Porpoises

Support the Pinewood Lake Porpoises swim team

Part of the Pinewood Lake Porpoises' success is based on the support they receive from the community. Each year, we look forward to the partnership we have with our neighbors, who contribute donations or support our events. Will you partner with us again this year? Any amount of support will help our operating costs.

Become a friend of the Porpoises

Sponsorships are available for parents, grandparents, and friends who wish to support their swimmers with an ad. Photographs are allowed, and design assistance is available. Sponsorship levels range from \$25 to \$250.

Order custom apparel

We are working with a fundraising website where you can create custom apparel. You can order T-shirts, shorts, caps, bags, backpacks, beach towels, robes, jackets, etc.

The Pinewood Porpoises will earn a commission on each item you purchase.

Visit www.shop.mylocker.net and enter locker number **HZ004**. Save \$10 at checkout using code **fTbQwBK3**.

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Treasurer report

Period ending April 30, 2016, prepared by Nancy Razzino

Below is a chart outlining the total cash balance in the PLHA accounts as of April 30, 2016. The total cash balances for the prior month and for April 2015 are included for comparison.

TOTAL BALANCE	April 30, 2016	March 31, 2016	April 2015
Operations	\$144,831.69	\$181,128.19	\$198,028.65
Reserve	\$2,262,190.90	\$2,228,212.55	\$2,298,640.18
Total	\$2,407,022.59	\$2,409,340.74	\$2,496,668.83
DELINQUENT	April 30, 2016	March 31, 2016	April 2015
Total balance	\$62,841.46	*\$59,879.33	\$64,505.21
90 days or more	\$33,085.22	\$32,049.59	\$36,649.94

*21 accounts over \$1,000, seven of which are over \$1,500.

Delinquent Accounts

The total balance in the delinquent accounts on April 30, 2016, was \$62,841.46. The chart above shows the current balance compared to the prior month and one year ago.

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Cheer on the Porpoises!

This year our home swim meets will be held on the following Saturdays:

- **July 2**
- **July 9**
- **July 23**

All meets begin at 9 a.m.

Concessions are available, with proceeds benefitting the Pinewood Lake Porpoises.

Eat with the Porpoises

You can buy Restaurant.com gift cards from the Porpoises, a \$50 card value for just \$20, to help raise funds for the swim team. To order, contact Donna at 571-237-7738.

Friday BBQ at the pool

Fridays from June 10 – July 29, 6 – 8 p.m. Proceeds benefit the Porpoises.

Pizza night

Tuesdays, June 28 – July 26
Pick up a slice of cheese or meat pizza, \$2 per slice or \$3.50 for a platter that includes chips and a drink. Proceeds benefit the Porpoises.



For more information about our team, visit www.pinewoodporpoises.org

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Pinewood Lake Porpoises



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You are invited — stop by any time!

Most every PLHA committee has a monthly meeting open to all residents. You are welcome at any and all of these meetings, even if you are just stopping by to listen. All committees are eager to hear your feedback. Make your voice heard and help improve Pinewood Lake.

Our committees include: Architectural Control Committee, Cinema, Hospitality, Maintenance, Marketing, Neighborhood Watch, Pool, and Publications.

Most committee meetings take place at the office, 8159 Fernlake Court. See the calendar on page 2 for dates.

If you have questions, call the office at 703-360-6212, or send an email to plha@verizon.net.

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Dog Walking/Pet Care \$10 per half hour



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yahles1711@yahoo.com



Important volunteer opportunity

We need you! The Board has formed an Ad Hoc Committee to discuss revising the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (DCCR, one of the major governing documents of the community) and is looking for any interested homeowners.

Please contact the office at
703-360-6212 or plha@verizon.net
to join the committee.

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Minutes from Fort Belvoir



Community voices

The Handyman's Tip

by Jose Castro

This month let's discuss your air conditioner. We all know that our heating and air conditioning is a major system, essential for our comfort after a hard day at work. We know that we need to make two changes each year from hot air to cold air. Here are a couple of basic tips for a more efficient HVAC system:

1. Check and change your air filter every 45 days to be sure you are getting healthy air.
2. Check all duct covers and if you notice that the metal has any rust or mold, change them immediately.

With these two simple tips, your air conditioner will have a long life, and you will rest better. Let's do it!

Mr. Castro is a professional contractor with more than 20 years of experience and is a resident of Pinewood Lake.

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Pinewood Lake is home to Lady Fairfax

According to the May 25 Mount Vernon Voice, Lee Supervisor Jeff McKay named Burnette Scarboro, a Pinewood Lake resident, as Lady Fairfax for the Lee District.

Each year, 20 people from Fairfax County, two from each magisterial district, are recognized for their community service and leadership with this honor.



We are proud to be home to such a respected member of our community. Congratulations!

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In and Around Pinewood

by Delna Clark

Embark Richmond Highway

What's in the future of Richmond Highway? Embark Richmond Highway is a multi-year project that will culminate in a rapid transit system that will allow busses to travel down dedicated lanes on Richmond Highway. This project will include stations from the Huntington Metro Station to Fort Belvoir. County executives are hoping this will lead to the future extension of the Metrorail yellow line to Hybla Valley. The goal of this project is to create an active, walkable community with easy access to transit.



Artist's rendering of the dedicated bus lanes.

To keep up with this project, visit the county website: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/embarkrichmondhwy/

Zinburger Wine and Burger Bar

Zinburger Wine and Burger Bar opened May 3 on "restaurant row" at the front entrance of Springfield Town Center. The restaurant will have a full bar with cocktails, 21 wines by the glass and 17 localized beer sections, eight of which are on tap. This is the second Zinburger location in Virginia.

See the full menu online: www.zinburgereast.com



Stroller Strong Moms

Stroller Strong Moms DC/NOVA is opening a branch in Alexandria/Ft. Belvoir. The owner, Kelli Berger, and her company were recently voted Best Boot Camp in Northern Virginia Magazine's "Best Of" survey. This is a child-friendly stroller fitness boot camp type class that takes place at Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. The class — for both moms and dads — will incorporate strength training, cardio and yoga. Stroller Strong Moms also offers monthly field trips for parents and children, Mom's Night Out events, weekly play groups and nutritional information.



For more information, visit their Facebook page: www.facebook.com/strollerstrongmomsDCarea

Pinewood pool open May 28–Sept. 5

Pool hours 11 a.m.–8 p.m.

May 31–June 23 3–8 p.m.
(weekdays until school ends)

Pool pass required

Get your pool pass during Pinewood office hours.
Guest passes are for sale in the office, ten for \$25.

Around our community



Pinewood Pack

Consider joining the Pinewood Pack of dog lovers to stay in the know and help out with future Pinewood events!

You do not have to own a dog — all neighbors are welcome, and it's a fun group!

Email katyparente@yahoo.com to join the Pinewood Pack listserv and/or to join the main Pinewood Lake listserv!

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Photos by Gina Toro

