

# **Pine Lakes Residential Community Newsletter**

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Pine Lakes Website: www.pine-lakes.org

#### **Activities:**

The annual Easter Egg Hunt was held on Saturday, March 30, 2013 and was a great success. The weather was great and we had over 80 children and parents attend. There was face painting and coloring papers to help pass the time as the different age groups went outside to collect their eggs. The Easter Bunny was there to have its picture taken and give out eggs to the children too young to collect them their selves. Beverages were supplied by the Homeowner's Association and cookies and other donated treats were supplied by the parents of the children attending the event.

**The annual Garage Sale** held May 16<sup>th</sup> and Friday May 17<sup>th</sup> did not have as many participants as in previous years. Hopefully next year more residents will take an interest. If we do not have more residents interested in having a Development Garage Sale, we will eliminate it from our activity list.

Fourth of July Parade will again be held with the help of Beth and Mike Degiralamo. The parade will start at 10:00 a.m. at the intersection of Pine Lakes Drive and Forestview Drive and will end at 14498 Willow Circle. Refreshments will be served and the Fire Department will have one of their vehicles on Willow Circle for inspection. Have your bikes decorated and be at the corner of Forestview Drive and Pine Lakes Drive by 9:45 a.m. so they can be lined up for the parade. As the city has not as yet repaired the

pavement, please remind your children to be extra careful to avoid the deep crevices in the pavement. Hopefully some road repair will be done before the parade.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

I want to thank all the residents for their understanding of the increase in dues and the prompt payment. We have 3 properties that are either for sale or are bank owned and will be put up for sale.

## **Special Projects:**

The bridge by the large pond is completed. It will be painted this summer and the landscaping around the two sides will be repaired. This was a large project and took a lot of research and planning to meet City requirements. The other bridge located further down the path also needs replacing but is not scheduled for this year. We need to build up our reserve account and are only intending to do what is absolutely necessary this year.

## **Maintenance and Repair 2013:**

The Trustees will continue to schedule workdays to help reduce the cost of minor repairs needed to be made around the Development. We are always in need of help and the expertise of homeowners. If you are interested in helping in this area, please contact Bill Kostka at 440-238-9962 for more information.

## **Home Sales:**

So far this year we have recorded 12 sales of homes in the development. Unfortunately no new homes have been built by either Joe Lipovits or Kensington Homes. Joe Lipovits does intend to build a new model in the Pine Lakes Crossing II section of the development. Hopefully this will attract new homeowners. There has been some interest in the Cluster Home section, but no actual buyers.

Whether you are selling your home or not, keeping your yard well maintained will help the value of all homes in the Development. Grass cutter blades should be sharpened at the beginning of the grass cutting season. During the hot summer months, the grass cutter blades should be at their highest. Edging the grass by the sidewalk and the driveway helps keep your lawn looking good even if you are not able to fertilize. Weeding the flower beds helps keep the weeds from spreading to the lawn area. Most shrubbery can be trimmed back if it is overgrown during the early spring. You can always get more information from your local garden centers. First impressions are lasting so make the first impression people see of your home, a good one.

#### **Clubhouse:**

The cost of renting the Clubhouse is \$125.00. The cleaning service remains at \$100.00. To rent the Clubhouse, residents have to be in good standing, which means they must be

current with their Dues. The Trustees reserve the right to refuse rental of the Clubhouse to anyone who is delinquent in payment of their Annual Dues or have abused the Clubhouse during their previous rental. Available rental dates, map to the Clubhouse and other information can be obtained on the Pine Lakes Website.

#### Website:

Please remember to check out our website at <a href="www.pine-lakes.org">www.pine-lakes.org</a>. Information concerning our development is available on the website. The Bylaws and Deed Restrictions can be copied off the website if you need them. We encourage all homeowners to sign up and receive notification of the Newsletter on line to lower cost of printing and mailing. Our quarterly Newsletter is posted on the Website and is available to all homeowners. If you do not own a computer, you can access the Website at the Strongsville library, as the Newsletter will not be mailed. Your e-mail address is kept confidential and is only used by the Trustees concerning Development news or information we feel is important for you to know such as break-ins or vandalism.

## **Codified Ordinances:**

Many of the complaints received by the Trustees involve city ordinances, which are not in our jurisdiction to resolve. The Animal Warden who can be reached at 580-3180 handles complaints concerning barking dogs. Complaints concerning Post Lamps and un-kept yards please call 580-3105. You can also check the City of Strongsville's website at <a href="https://www.strongsville.org">www.strongsville.org</a> for more information.

Open burning is the subject of the Strongsville Codified Ordinance, Chapter 1614. Residents of Pine Lakes Residential Community should be aware of these requirements when burning in our neighborhoods. Although cooking is allowed, burning rubbish is prohibited and bonfires require permits from the City. Please consider your neighbors when burning. Obnoxious smoke can ruin an otherwise pleasant summer evening.

### **Ponds**

Please remember to remind everyone that **No Fishing without Parental supervision** at any of our lakes or ponds is permitted at any time for safety reasons. The stones around the pillars of the small pavilions are meant to keep the pillars in place as they are in the water. By removing and throwing, the stones in the lake will cause the pavilions to eventually topple and fall into the lake.

#### Fire Hydrants

Parking should be limited to the side opposite fire hydrants only. Please convey this information to individuals when they visit. In case of an emergency, any time saved will go a long way toward a positive outcome.

#### ADVERTISING FOR PINE LAKES RESIDENT TEENS

<b>Babysitting</b>		Pet Sitting	
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Kayla Ayyash	846-6473	Melissa Schemer	268-9767
Megan Barendt	238-1390	Hanna Zwolenik	238-5196
Melissa Schemer	268-9767	<b>Lawn Maintenance</b>	
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