

# June 2010



## Pine Lakes Residential Community Newsletter

### Introduction

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### Pat Schuette

#### **Are you a good neighbor?**

Perhaps one of the most important things you can do as a good neighbor is to keep your property neat, clean, and in good repair. People tend to take pride in the appearance of their street and take steps to keep everything fresh and inviting. By choosing to keep the exterior of your home in great shape, handling the [landscaping](#) and yard work, and not allowing your yard to become cluttered, you will help to enhance the look and feel of the area. Your neighbors will very much appreciate this quality.

Second, take the overall appearance of the neighborhood seriously. When going for a walk, should you come across candy wrappers or other debris that someone has obviously thrown out of a passing car, pick it up. This small act of civic responsibility will let your neighbors know that you care about the area and want to do your part to keep it up. You may even set an example for others.

If you have a dog, it is important to make sure they do not roam freely through the neighborhood. On those occasions when you take your dog for a walk, take along a scooper and a small sack. Good neighbors do not allow their dogs or cats to leave [calling cards](#) on

the lawns of the other residents in the community. With summer on its way, your pet will want to be outdoors. Leaving your pet out for extended periods is O.K. as long as it is not barking or disturbing your neighbors.

A good neighbor is also one who likes to help out in small ways. If a neighbor is going to be out of town, offer to collect mail, newspapers and in general keep an eye on their property while they are gone. If a neighbor suffers an illness, offer to run errands or do the grocery shopping during his or her convalescence. Demonstrate that you are there to help in any way that is acceptable, while still respecting the privacy of your neighbor. This will go a long way in helping to establish a good rapport with others in the neighborhood.

Being a good neighbor is more or less about considerate behavior. By following the basic rules of respecting others, taking care of what belongs to you, and taking pride in the appearance of the neighborhood in general, you will quickly establish yourself as the good neighbor that everyone appreciates.

### **Encroaching on Common Property**

Please ensure that you are not using association common property as an extension of your own property. We are aware of several residents that have swing sets, sheds, lawn furniture, and landscape features, on association common property. If you are using common property as an extension of your property please correct the situation as soon as possible this includes dumping yard waste, grass clippings, shrubs, leaves etc. We will be noting all violators and those residents will be receiving a letter to remove their personal property from common areas.

### **Clubhouse**

Please consider using our Homeowners Association Clubhouse for your next social event or party. The Clubhouse rental schedule is available on our website. Remember to book early as weekend dates fill up quickly. A \$150.00 security deposit is required on the day of rental. The security deposit is returned upon checkout provided that nothing is damaged and the cleaning requirements are completed. Checkout time is no later than midnight on the day of rental. All the details regarding Clubhouse rentals are available on our website.

### **Clubhouse Cleaning Service**

A cleaning service is now available for the Clubhouse. You will still be asked to clean any extraordinary sloppy conditions upon checkout. You are still required to respect the property and will be held responsible for all damage.

The charge for the cleaning service is \$100.00 in addition to the normal rental and deposit. Payment is due on the day of rental in the form of a separate check or cash.

### **Pine Lakes Website – Joe Kluha**

The 2010 Easter Egg Hunt pictures are now posted on the Pine Lakes website. These can be viewed by going to the Pine Lakes home page [www.pine-lakes.org](http://www.pine-lakes.org) and clicking the link [Easter Egg Hunt 2010](#) on the left hand side of the home page.

We also have posted a map of the Pine Lakes area on the website. This is a handy map that shows detail of the walking trails, tennis court, picnic pavilion, and clubhouse. In addition, there is an additional map showing location of the clubhouse. This map can be viewed, downloaded, or printed. Renters of the clubhouse can include that map with their party invitations.

A majority of the Pine Lakes residents have signed up to receive e-mail and the quarterly newsletter. This saves the association money in copy and mailing costs. We respect everyone's privacy. We do not give out or share e-mail addresses with anyone. To get on the list, call or contact any trustee or send e-mail to [webmaster@pine-lakes.org](mailto:webmaster@pine-lakes.org)

### **Treasurer's Report – Louise Ullrich**

As the new housing market is still slow and no new homes have been built in the Development, it is important that everyone pays their dues as no new money is coming in. If you had a problem getting the money together for this year's dues, it is advisable to start putting away a little each month so you will not have a problem when they come due next year. With costs going up each year, it is important that the dues are paid on time to avoid the cost of re-billing and sending collection letters.

### **Pine Lakes Landscaping- Jim Spuhler**

2010 hasn't been the best of years for Landscaping and Grass cutting with all the rain. It has and continues to delay grass cutting because of wet grounds. Our landscaper cannot take the heavy lawn cutting equipment into most of our retention basins without doing severe damage to those areas. It seems that when the basins are almost to the point when they are dry enough to be properly cut it rains again and were back to square one. Weed growth is another area. All weeds have been sprayed multiple times but with all the rain it is continually washed off before it can do its job. They will continue to make every effort to stay after all areas to maintain them for the association.

On another point with all the rain it has helped to accelerate Anthracnose Fungus that is attacking all of the Ash trees. The fungus spores attack the leaves causing leaf drop. The tree grows new leafs and the cycle repeats. This is causing some areas of the development to look a little unsightly but until the weather dries and the fungus subsides we are at its mercy.

Should you notice an area or areas that you feel need attention please continue to contact a trustee.

### **Community Activities – Matt Bernard**

Anyone interested in helping to plan a Community Activity please contact Matt Bernard at [m.bernard@pine-lakes.org](mailto:m.bernard@pine-lakes.org) or call 440-268-6140. We need more volunteers and ideas so that we can get to know and spend time with our neighbors and keep Pine Lakes a great place to live and raise our families.

Beth Degirolamo is again organizing the Annual Fourth of July children's parade which will start at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup> at the intersection of Forestview and Pine Lakes. The parade route will be along Pine Lakes onto Lake Meadows and end at the Willow Circle cul-de-sac. The police and fire equipment will be available for photos at the completion of the parade, along with refreshments in the driveway of Beth and Mike Degirolamo. Thanks to Beth and Mike for sponsoring this event again this year.

### **Clubhouse Security – Rick Moscarino**

Installation of the security system at the Clubhouse was completed this past April. The system consists of 6 motion-activated, vandal-proof dome cameras strategically located on the exterior of the clubhouse, interfaced to an 8-channel DVR inside the clubhouse. Signage has been posted on the Clubhouse property alerting visitors of the security system. We are hopeful the investment in the security system will serve as successful deterrent to vandalism. Clubhouse updates will be provided in future newsletters.

### **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.

### **Codified Ordinances**

There are City Ordinances for Trash Removal, Post Lamps, and Pets among other things. These ordinances can be found on the City Website. If you find a neighbor is abusing one of these ordinances and you have not been able to resolve the problem with your neighbor, please notify the City and not the Trustees as it is not our responsibility to resolve disputes between neighbors.

### **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.

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**Pictured are two cats who desperately need a new home. They are both spayed/neutered and up to date on shots and check-ups. They are declawed front & back. Mootsie (boy) on left is all black and Christina (girl) on the right is black & white. They love people and are great with children. Trial visits are welcome. Call and leave a message for Lou or Linda (440)789-4368.**



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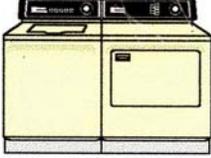


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