

# PINE LAKES HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER SUMMER, 2017



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## Annual 4th of July Parade!

Help the kids decorate their bikes and come join us for the annual 4th of July Bike Parade! Parade participants - be ready to go at the intersection of Forestview Drive and Pine Lakes Drive at 9:30am sharp! The parade will proceed down Pine Lakes to Lake Meadows, turn on the path and end at the pavilion. The Strongsville Fire and Police departments will be there to lead the way, Elsa from frozen will visit and Chase from paw patrol will march and twist balloons. There will be face painting and temporary hair coloring. Signature slush will also attend they will have slushies for \$2 and ice cream for \$3.



## Please Consider being a Trustee!

Successful HOAs are a result of involved community members. But it requires YOU to get involved. Community-run HOAs keep costs down and deliver customized solutions to the community. Without our Volunteer Trustees, we would all be stuck paying an out-of-town management company much higher dues. Want to coordinate a community event? Have an idea you would like to see come to life? Please consider contacting any one of the Trustees if you are interested in volunteering! Visit [www.pine-lakes.org](http://www.pine-lakes.org) for more information.

## Post Light Reminder

The City of Strongsville requires every one of our post lights to be illuminated all night. You can be fined if it isn't, so please be sure to check your light and repair as needed.



## Be Mindful of the Speed Limits!

Since we issued the last newsletter, we continue to be notified of many drivers that still don't realize how dangerous excessive speed in our neighborhood can be. Its summer now, the kids are out of school riding their bikes and trikes throughout the neighborhood. We want to remind our neighbors to watch your speed, please realize that our neighborhood has a lot of people doing everyday activities that could result in a real tragedy if a speeding car got involved. At the request of many residents, we will be reaching out to the Strongsville Police department for help enforcing the posted speed limits. As a result, you may see extra patrols in the near future.



## Please, NO Dumping on Common Grounds!

We have had complaints of residents discarding their yard waste and tree trimmings on the common grounds. We recently had some youths cutting branches to build 'forts' in the common areas as well. We want to remind everyone that these actions are not allowed and will only cost us all more as we, the collective community will have to pay to clean it up. Trash pickup is 'free', so please just bag or bundle your yard waste and put it on the curb for pickup.

## Community Garage Sale

Pine Lakes again sponsored the annual garage sale May 18th through May 20th. Although Pine Lakes paid for advertisement in several publications, including the Sun Newspaper and The Post, there were only a few garage sales held in our community during this time. Since there was so little interest, and since the city no longer coordinates any sales, the board has decided that we will not continue this practice next year. We regret if this change will impact a few of our residents but we can't justify the advertising expense without the participation.

Please remember, if you plan to have a garage sale, the City of Strongsville requires you to submit a free permit application. Here is the link for permits:  
<http://apps.strongsville.org/garagesalepermits/>

## Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Egg hunt was another success this year! Although the day started out looking grim, as the event kicked off at noon the rain stopped and the sun helped light the hidden eggs for the kids. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make it happen and to all the residents that turned out and enjoyed the day with the children! We are very happy that the community continues to enjoy this event each year.



## Lawn and Sidewalk Maintenance

Now that it is summertime, there are a couple maintenance items the board would like to remind each homeowner so everyone can enjoy their time outside.

Many aren't aware but sidewalks are to be maintained by the homeowner. The city does have an ordinance requiring sidewalks to be even within 2". The reason is this causes a significant trip hazard for anyone walking or jogging. However, even though the city won't fine you for sidewalks that are uneven less than 2", you should consider leveling them up or grinding them even.

Trees on the tree-lawns should be trimmed so they don't hang too low over the sidewalk. If any of your tree limbs hang over and impede pedestrians on the sidewalk or along the street the City will trim them for free. The city will also remove dead trees from the tree-lawn. Please contact the Strongsville Forrester Jennifer Milbrandt, 440-580-3166.

We would also like to ask all residents to please keep your lawns and shrubbery trimmed as needed. The board has received a few complaints regarding residents that have really let their landscaping become overgrown. If you need some help with your landscaping please reach out to community resources like churches, or you can contact us and we'll see if there are resources, like teens needing work to help you keep our neighborhood looking great!

You may have noticed our common areas were growing a bit high this spring. We had so much rain this spring that we couldn't cut for nearly 3 weeks in some areas without causing more damage with the equipment. We appreciate your patience while we worked with the landscaping company to reign in the areas as quickly as we could. The board recently met with the company and the entire property should now be under control, and we will begin our routine maintenance of the mulch beds around the property as budget allows. If you do notice an area that requires special attention please send an e-mail to [d.reed@pine-lakes.org](mailto:d.reed@pine-lakes.org).

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATES:

Michelle Sorenson of Kensington Builders has a new model under construction in the new phase that was added to the Cluster Home section of the Development. She also has a lot sold and will be starting construction there soon.

Joe Lipovits has turned over the common area of his Pine Lakes Crossing II phase (Rosalee Dr.) and is also in the process of building a new home in that area. We hope the building craze continues and we see our Development continuing to grow.

We are excited to let you know the Trustees are in the initial stages of bidding for a new pavilion to be built next to the Clubhouse. The funding will come from the money the association holds in Reserve, deposited from Joe Lipovits several years ago. This will expand the usefulness of the Clubhouse property by providing additional space .

## NEED ASSISTANCE?

BELOW IS A LISTING OF CONTRACTORS/SERVICES THAT HAVE BEEN USED AND RECOMMENDED BY YOUR PINE LAKES NEIGHBORS\*

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