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the newsletter of the Pine Lake Association of Involved Neighbors

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Join the Pine Lake Association of Involved Neighbors or renew your current membership! Just fill out the membership form on the back page of this newsletter and submit along with payment of \$25 per household to: Post Office Box 44, Pine Lake, Georgia 30072-0044.

## Goodbye Mavis . . . . . . . . Hello Edie!



Before leaving Pine Lake for good, Mavis Crossley lays down the rules for Edie Warwick with a ruler (upper left), and instructs her in the fine art of nail filing (upper right). Mavis and Edie pose in the bottom photo . . . past and present together.



Photos: Melanie Hammet

July 12, 2006 marked yet another milestone in Pine Lake history. It was the last day Mavis Crossley was officially the Pine Lake City Clerk.

Mavis came to the city of Pine Lake through the TRC temp agency.

"I interviewed with Neil Copeland, Linda Unger and Rosa Parsons," recalls Crossley. Crossley had previously worked at International Harvester but was laid off when the company closed its doors.

Crossley and her husband are now live in Texas where Crossley's daughter lives. She has another son and a great grandchild who live in Jonesboro.

Crossley's parting words: "I haven't always enjoyed the job, but I have always enjoyed the people."

Though Crossley will be missed, new City Clerk Edie Warwick shouldn't have much trouble filling Crossley's position, if not her shoes. Warwick — a native Georgian born in Rome — worked as City Clerk for the city of Doraville for a year and a half.

Sharing Crossley's vivacity, the first thing one notices about Warwick is her friendliness and eagerness to be of assistance.

"I would like to contribute to the city into the next decade," says Warwick. "Pine Lake is a unique and beautiful place and I would like to help preserve that."

Warwick lives in Grayson with her husband and two sons.

When you have the opportunity, stop by the City Administration building and welcome Edie as our new City Clerk.

~ Penny White

# Upcoming Events

## COMMUNITY HEALTH EVENTS

Corpus Christi Church - 600 Mountainview drive (about 3 miles from Pine Lake) has the following events coming up:

**FREE** Blood pressure screening - August 5 - 6, September 9 - 10 and October 7 - 8.

August 12 & October 14 - AARP Safe Driving Class from 9 - 5pm. This costs \$10.00 you must bring lunch, snacks & drinks are provided. You must attend entire 8 hours to receive certificate, no childcare is available. Make checks payable to AARP.

August 26 - CPR training by the American Heart Association from 9:30 - 1:30 - \$40 for non church members. Make checks payable to Corpus Christi Catholic Church. Any further questions please contact Barb Kennedy - Parish Nurse - 770-469 0395 ext. 16

**PLAIN Events** -we need volunteers for all events. Please email

NickyR@ymcaatlanta.org if you can help and indicate which event you can help with.

**September 9** - International Dinner

**October 7** - PLAIN breakfast and begin collecting donations for Neighbors Caring and Sharing. We are looking for grocery store gift certificates for Thanksgiving meal baskets. Bring your donation to the breakfast.

**October 28** - Halloween Party - we need help on 10/27 setting up and decorating. We need donations of candy for treat bags, sugar cookies for decorating and icing for decorating. We also need help during the event and clean-up after the event.

**November 4** - PLAIN breakfast. We are collecting donations for Neighbors Caring and Sharing. We are looking for grocery store gift certificates and non-perishable food items for Thanksgiving meal and Christmas baskets. Bring your donation to the breakfast and get \$1 off the cost.

**November 11** - Citywide yard Sale - applications will be available at City Hall starting in August. The yard sale fee has been waived, but we will ask for a \$5 fee that will be used strictly for newspaper advertising.

**December 1** - PLAIN cookie Exchange (usually is in conjunction with City's Lighting of the Lake and Pine Lake Cultural Affairs)

**December 2** - PLAIN Breakfast with Santa - final collection of donations for Christmas Neighbors Caring and Sharing food baskets for neighbors in need.

## Low Cost Pet Vaccinations Monthly in Pine Lake

**3rd Saturday each month - 300 Clubhouse Drive  
3:00 - 4:30 p.m.**

**August 26    September 23    October 21  
November 18    December 16**

**Remember, we're here on a monthly basis providing low cost vaccinations for dogs, cats and ferrets. All dogs on leashes; ferrets and cats in kennels, please. Flea and heartworm prevention also available.**

**[www.animalhealth.cc](http://www.animalhealth.cc)**

## *New welcome kits; Neighborhood Watch meeting*

With this PLAINTalk we are distributing a Welcome Kit for your household. We are providing this to everyone to help in our communication and for all of us to have consistent, updated, and appropriate information. We will provide this Welcome Kit going forward to all new residents. This Welcome Kit is a labor of love of the City of Pine Lake, Pine Lake Association of Involved Neighbors, and all of the organizations within Pine Lake. Please take the time to review the information and familiarize yourself with the services, events, and volunteer opportunities we have to offer.

The Welcome Kit contains information on city services, fees, rules and regulations, and information about all of our organizations including PLAIN, Pine Lake Cultural Affairs, Neighborhood Watch, Pine Lake Environmental and Stewardship Committee, and other Pine Lake organizations. You are encouraged to use our website - [www.pinelakega.com](http://www.pinelakega.com) for the latest information and forms.

Our hope is you will find your Pine Lake Welcome Kit informative and useful. We are planning an update of this for 2007 to be distributed in January. If you have any suggestions on improving the

Welcome Kit, items to add or delete in the January distribution, or want to say "Thank and Great Job!", please contact Greg Creech at 404-299-1706 or at [greg@gregcreech.com](mailto:greg@gregcreech.com). We hope you will use this reference and enjoy your Welcome Kit. Whether you are new to Pine Lake or an "old timer", we welcome you to Pine Lake.

### **Neighborhood Watch Meeting**

Our next Pine Lake Neighborhood Watch meeting will be August 22 at 7:00 PM at the Beach House. Here are some of the items we will discuss and will provide another reminder and agenda the closer we get to the meeting date:

Noise Levels from vehicles  
Pine Lake Beach and Park Rules  
Citizens concerns - what's on your mind  
Update from Chief Y'ahuda-Green

After this meeting in August, our next meeting is October 25, Wednesday at 7:00 PM to discuss Halloween and Holiday Neighborhood Watch plans and other items. For information or comments please contact Faye Ridling at 404-294-6577 or Greg Creech at 404-299-1706. Thank you and have a safe day.

*~Greg Creech*

# Thank you from a neighbor in need

Thank you people of Pine Lake for the flowers, cards, food, yardwork, taking my garbage cans to the curb, trips to airport, hospital visits, phone calls, prayers and positive thoughts you sent my way during Bill's recent illness. He is well from the meningitis and is happily back home. He cannot hear and has balance problems, but he is making wonderful progress in rehab and can be seen most evenings practicing his walking skills beside the lake. In rehab they make him walk on foam so he will lose his balance and learn to regain it...we feel that the sweet-gum balls and goose-poop along the lake are a useful and challenging equivalent.

While Bill was in ICU, I shared stories with the doctors and nurses. I told them about Pine Lakers weeding, mulching, and planting my garden for spring. Many of the nurses teared up...and most of them said, "Wow! I don't even know who my neighbors are."

Well, I know who my neighbors are. And boy am I lucky!

~Annette Cotter

## Mark Your Calendar

### City Council Meetings

Mon., Aug. 14  
Mon., Sept. 11  
Mon., Oct. 9  
Mon., Nov. 13  
Mon., Dec. 11

### City Council Work Sessions

Tues., Aug. 29

Tues., Sept. 26  
Tues., Oct. 31  
Tues., Nov. 28  
Tues., Dec. 26

### City Court Dates

Mon., Aug. 7  
Thurs., Aug. 10  
Mon., Aug. 21  
Tues., Sept. 5  
Thurs., Sept. 7  
Mon., Oct. 2

Thurs., Oct. 5  
Mon., Oct. 16  
Mon., Nov. 6  
Thurs., Nov. 9  
Mon., Nov. 20  
Mon., Dec. 4  
Thurs., Dec. 7  
Mon., Dec. 18

### Town Hall Meetings

Aug. 10 (Club House)  
Nov. 4 (Beach House)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### AUGUST 2

PLAIN membership meeting  
7:00 p.m. CLUB HOUSE

### AUGUST 4

First Friday Coffee House  
8:00 p.m. BEACH HOUSE  
\$5 suggested donation

### AUGUST 5

PLAIN Pancake Breakfast  
8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. BEACH HOUSE  
\$5 - PLAIN members  
\$6 - non-members

### AUGUST 10

Town Hall Meeting  
CLUB HOUSE 7:30 p.m.

### AUGUST 14

City Council  
CITY HALL 7:30 p.m.

### AUGUST 15

PLAINTalk Deadline

### AUGUST 22

Neighborhood Watch Meeting  
BEACH HOUSE 7:00 p.m.

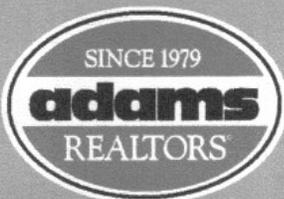
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City Council Work Session  
CITY HALL 7:30p.m.

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## *Pine Lake Neighbors*

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### *Surviving Katrina: Ann Glover ends up in Pine Lake after outrunning hurricane*

“Katrina was a catalyst,” 56 year-old Ann Glover states emphatically.

Ann was swept out of her home in Walker Town, Louisiana nine months ago. She took refuge here in Pine Lake with her daughter, Eleza (Lou) Vaughn, and her grandchildren, Jala Imani Ealey and Dawa Zane Vaughn.

“We all knew this storm was coming, we had heard it all our lives, but over time, we didn't believe it,” Ann confesses. She says people got lulled into complacency by yearly threats.

“So many storms came through, you go and get your water, your food and canned goods and then you know you are going to be off work a few days. Before Katrina, we made up our minds about evacuating based on the warnings,” she said. “We would leave during the serious warnings, come back and everything would be intact.”

Ann said before Katrina hit, she saw President George Bush getting involved, and the local parish presidents speaking about the storm and, “I knew something was wrong!”

“I heard Sheriff Harry Lee in Jefferson parish say, ‘If you stay here, print your social security number on your arm with a magic marker so we will know who you are when we find you!’” That was enough warning for Ann.

“My sister-in-law and other family members didn't want to leave, but I cried, and they finally gave in and we left,” she explains. “We headed to Laurel, Mississippi to find the Army Reserve station run by one of my nephews, and we ran straight into the storm,” Ann recalls. “It looked like the sky was going backwards, like someone stirring a pot backwards. The sky was steel gray and there was no sound, except the trees popping off right and left.”

Ann said the storm raged and they rushed inside an Assembly of God church to take cover. “The Lord blessed us, there was a man came running in the church called Brother Scott. He said he had a feeling to come look for people hiding in the church,” Ann said. “Brother Scott and his wife took us to safety.”

“We spent one night at the Reserve station sleeping on chairs in the dark. But the biggest problem was finding gasoline to get out of Mississippi. Everyone was waiting in gas lines near Interstate 1-10. It seemed like everything around us was in parts and pieces.” Ann relates. “We finally found gas and although people were in long lines, and irritable, everyone was cooperative and men were helping each other push cars that had run out of gas. The word of what was happening around us came by word of mouth,” Ann says.

Ann explained her family was trying to get to New Iberia, Mississippi to a relative's home.

“We met up there and everybody just sat down or fell down. We ate and it took a couple of days to get straight. We watched CNN and were dazed looking at the houses washed away, and the phone lines down,” she recalls.

Although her two-story house in Walker Town, which has

belonged to her family for many years, was flooded, it wasn't completely destroyed. But much of Walker Town is in ruins, like so many small parishes near the Ninth Ward such as Ironton, Oakdale, Violet and Dabant.

Ann described Walker Town as a small town where she knew generations of people's families, and there was a church of one type or another on every corner. She spent time walking up and down the streets, checking out her neighbors, delivering food, and visiting with folks. Although this town had its economic challenges, Ann felt a strong sense of community and belonging in Walker Town. That close knit community will not resurface, Ann predicts.

Known for her quirky one liners, Ann summed up the storm.

“Katrina was like Burger King, you couldn't get away from it!” she laughs.

To wrap up our interview, I asked Ann if she would answer a few questions from a format I am designing and she agreed.

1. Do people ever call you a sweetie pie?

“People say I am a sweet potato, caramel brown, voluptuous, big time!”

2. What's going on in your life right now looking at the big picture?

“Oh it's just Moses at the pyramids, taking it light, the Red Sea gonna part and everything be light, and you go down in history.”

3. If you established a restaurant, what kind would it be and where?

“In the heart of downtown Atlanta next to Mrs. Hatfields red eye gravy and grits place; everything would be low prices, salads, cakes, gumbo, duck and geese, crawfish and sugar free pink lemonade; we'd serve fruits and grits and open at sunrise and close at noon.”

4. If you could make one wish come true for others, what would that be?

“Gas prices would go down!”

5. You can have dinner with four people living or dead, who would you invite?

“I would ask my Mama and Daddy (my adopted parents) and I would ask my biological parents; I would fix the food and we'd have roses on the table and flowers, and I'd like to thank them; my biological parents gave me life; my adoptive parents nurtured me with love and financial security. I'd like to serve them dinner and thank them for my life, for building into me resilience, and a sense of humor and positive things, so I can relate to and appreciate people.”

6. How would you define a Sweetie Pie?

“A sweetie pie is someone you can be yourself around. When you see them coming up the street, you relax and smile inside instead of saying, Oh Lord, her she comes!”

~ *Kathy Jernigan*

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## CITY HALL HOURS

M - F 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. P: 404-292-4250 F: 404-292-4859

Court Clerk: M & F: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

T, W & Th: 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Police: 404-296-6613 Fax: 404-292-7531

*(dial 911 in an emergency)*

## MINI-MINUTES

Highlights from June 26, July 10, Council Meetings. No quorum for June 12 meeting:

- Annexation has been completed for a one-acre parcel on Rockbridge, next to the Shell station; fourteen acres next to the Pine Lake Post Office, as well as 4534 Ridge Drive, all at the request of the owners.

- Council approved an ordinance limiting the time for structures such as tents, temporary car pavilions, commercial storage sheds/pods, and canopies. This includes mosquito nets. You can put up these temporary structures for seven days, but if you want to keep them up longer, you must request a permit at City Hall. This will allow the City to check on the secure anchoring of the structure to ensure neighbors' safety and to check the rainwater run-off, to meet our storm-water standards.

- Mayor Greg Zarus swore in our new City Clerk, Edie Warwick (see below).

**Next meetings: Aug. 14, 29, Sept. 11, 26**

### **Upcoming Agenda Items:**

- Reconsider date for lake closing (see below)
- approve new hours for selling alcohol
- adopt a new official zoning map
- continue discussion and approval process of the Comprehensive Plan
- continue discussion about dog park location
- discuss a moratorium on subdivision of all properties except by variance, in order to finalize new zoning and developing plans
- discuss limiting variances to 12 months unless substantial work is done

If you have opinions on any of these matters, or want to learn more, please join us at Council meetings. Each meeting has three opportunities for Public Comment.

## NEW SWIMMING HOURS

Council amended the hours for swimming,

effectively immediately, from 6am to 9pm, following major input from citizens. Although suggestions were made to extend the hours even later, especially in the summer, Council weighed over-all public safety and noise considerations. The park area around the lake will be open from dawn to dusk. Currently the beach is officially open only through September 4, Labor Day, because county water testing ends at that time. But discussion is under way for volunteers to be trained to test our lake, enabling us to keep the lake open into the warm days of fall. Remember, when the "beach closed" sign is posted, it may not be safe to swim, according to water testing results.

## FAREWELL MAVIS AND WELCOME EDIE

After 11 years of faithful service as City Clerk, Mavis Crossley retired and moved to Texas. The mayor, council and many citizens celebrated her before the July 10 Council meeting. Mayor Greg Zarus presented Mavis a Distinguished Service Medal, and several tributes (including an original song by councilwoman Melanie Hammet) honored her work. Bringing years of experience as clerk in Doraville, Edie Warwick is our new city clerk. Be sure and stop by and say hello! The City expresses its thanks to the volunteer search committee who screened applications, checked references and set up interviews; Barbara Davis and Karen Bernheimer worked alongside council-members Elisabeth Shields, Deborah Dunbar and Kathie deNobriga.

## DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT

The Downtown Development Authority is meeting regularly on second Mondays of the month at 7pm (Club House) and continues to

lay the groundwork for developing our Rockbridge corridor. Check the website at <pldda.org for details> or call Mike Tarnower at 404-508-2046 if you have questions or want to get involved. Next meeting is Monday, August 14.

## TOWN HALL AUGUST 10

The upcoming Town Hall on August 10 at 7:30pm (ClubHouse) will focus on parks and recreation. Mark your calendar now for the final Town Hall of 2006: Saturday, November 4 at 11am at the BeachHouse, after the PLAIN monthly pancake breakfast.

## ANNIVERSARY OF OFFICER ORTEGA'S DEATH, AUG. 11

Officer Francis Ortega was lost in the line of duty. We will remember his life and sacrifice in a short candlelight service on Friday, August 11 by the lake. Please come at 9pm to share your continuing concern for his family and to express appreciation for police who risk their lives daily. We will have short statements, music and photos from the DeKalb County and US Government memorials. Donations are still being accepted for his family.

## NEW POLICE HOURS: 24/7

Effective July 1, Pine Lake police are now on duty around the clock. As always, in the event of an emergency call 911, and the dispatchers will send Pine Lake police if they are not already on a call. Otherwise, they will send a DeKalb County officer. If you want to leave a non-emergency message for the police, call 404-296-6613.

Due to a misunderstanding, the police asked some people to leave the park at 8pm (the previous closing time for the lake) -- long before dusk (the official closing time of the park). Police Chief Y'hudah "genuinely apologizes" for these incidents and has taken steps to ensure better communication to all staff, including part-time and reserve officers.

## City of Pine Lake Police Department

### Monthly Statistics

	April	May	June
Calls for Service	26	44	38
# Incident Reports	12	10	21
Misc. Incident Reports	1	2	8
Accident Reports	4	3	6
Business Patrols (hours)	217	434	271
Residential Patrols (hours)	225	348	384
Direct Patrols (hours)	32	64	270
House Checks	32	405	304
Motorist Assists	8	20	30
Pedestrian Assists	29	26	51
Agency Assists	11	23	33
Special Assignments	2	0	13

# Incident reports in May: property (1); theft/burglary (2); traffic/warrant (6); damage to property (1); miscellaneous (2); accidents (3).

# Incident reports in June.: traffic/warrant (17); domestic (2); simple battery/assault (1); dispute (1); miscellaneous (8); accidents (6).

**Pine Lake Police Officers are on duty from 6 a.m. - 2 a.m. daily. Emergency: dial 911**



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**PLAIN:**

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  - ◆ Volunteer. We have plenty for volunteers to do;
  - ◆ Attend PLAIN member meetings the first Wed. each month;
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E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

How would you prefer to be notified of PLAIN functions?  Phone  E-mail  Both  Neither

Number of people in your household \_\_\_\_\_ Ages of people in your household \_\_\_\_\_

What are your interests and hobbies and how would you like to help? \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Join Date \_\_\_\_\_  New Member  Renewing Member

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