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Memorial Day Festivities Kick-Off Another Great Summer at the Lake



What a beautiful day to be in Pine Lake! Our celebration began with a warm and breezy Pine Lake Saturday morning at the Club House. The Pine Lake Chorus led neighbors in the National Anthem and America the Beautiful as we gathered to raise the flag, light our Freedom Flame, and hear Mayor Zarus honor our veterans and lost heroes.



"Oh beautiful for spacious skies . . ."

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Memorial Day Festivities *Continued*



Light the Flame and Raise the Flag!

After the opening, the annual parade stepped off and headed down Club House and Spruce. Kids and adults with decorated bikes, wagons, and other vehicles followed Mayor Zarus, who led the parade on the city's new John Deere tractor. The pick-up truck float carried the singing, laughing Pine Lake Chorus. The parade ended at the Beach House with the official opening of the lake and the city sponsored cook out. Pine Lake sun worshippers and swimmers enjoyed tanning on the beach and a fresh dip in our sparkling lake. We all enjoyed the hamburgers, hot dogs, and other food donated by the city and prepared by city council members and volunteers. Also, thank you to Marlene Lang for the delicious Island food. Vegetarians particularly appreciated the delicious barbecue tofu. Juliet Mathison offered free pain relief treatments and many Pine Lakers attested to remarkable results from her treatments. Juliet gave all donations to Pine Lake Environmental and Stewardship. She'll be back to offer sessions again on July 7th. PLAIN sponsored the ice cream social with special thanks to Patrick Haase and our neighborhood Publix for donating the ice cream and to Faye Ridling for handling a last minute ice cream emergency! A spirited closing was provided by the Pine Lake Chorus. Patriotic and other tunes for the occasion were performed at the Gazebo to a small but enthusiastic crowd gathered in the shade of the trees. THANKS to all of the volunteers, city council, city administration, and PLAIN for a fun and festive day enjoyed by all.

Submitted by Greg Creech



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- JULY
- 3rd - ARB (pg. 6)
 - 7th - Pancake Breakfast 8:30-10:30 at the beach house
Beach Extravaganza!
6:00 Pot Luck
Sundown Rising Appalachia
 - 9th - Council Mtg 7:30 City Hall (pg. 6)
 - 10th - Cutting the Edge Speaker (pg.4)
 - 11th - PLAIN Mtg Clubhouse 7:00
 - 16th - Downtown Development Authority 7:00 ClubHouse (pg.7)
 - 17th - ARB (pg. 6)
 - 18th - Improv Night 7:00 BeachHouse
 - 24th - PLEAS Meeting
 - 28th - Pet Clinic 3:30-4:30 Clubhouse
 - 31st - Council Work Session (pg. 6)

- AUGUST
- 4th - Pancake Breakfast 8:30-10:30 at the beach house.
Town Hall to follow Breakfast
 - 6th - PLAIN Mtg in the Clubhouse
 - 7th - ARB (pg. 6)
 - 13th - Council Mtg 7:30 City Hall (pg. 6)
 - 14th - Cutting the Edge Speaker
 - 15th - Improv Night 7:00 BeachHouse
 - 24th - Pet Clinic 3:30-4:30 Clubhouse
 - 20th - Improv Night at BeachHouse
Downtown Development
Authority 7:00 ClubHouse (pg.7)
 - 21st - ARB (pg. 6)
 - 28th - Council Work Session (pg. 6)

Pine Lake Environmental and Stewardship Committee Summer Meeting

PLEAS, the Pine Lake Environmental and Stewardship Committee, will meet at the Beach House on July 24 at 7:00 PM. We will review our finances and raffle success from the July 7th event. We will plan for late summer cleaning and fall activities to continue our Privet Pulls and Weed Whackin'. We'll work with the city team to get the status of grants and needed support.

Also, congratulations to Veronica Wright for the success of the TREES project and grant she is working on. Please support Veronica and the TREES project by purchasing Pine Lake memorabilia and other crafts. Enjoy your beautiful Pine Lake environment and be a good steward to our lake and village by supporting PLEAS with your attendance and volunteerism. ~Greg



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Lively Appraisal Discussion at First "Cutting the Edge" Event

Having an Architectural Review Board (ARB) adds value to our homes? Wow, who knew?

Jeff Bass, Certified Residential Appraiser (the highest designation given to appraisers) and Judy Shackelford, Senior Loan Officer with Suntrust Mortgage knew this fact, and plenty more.

They spoke at the first "Cutting-the-Edge" speaker series event, hosted by your Pine Lake ARB, on Tuesday June 12th. Twenty or so Pine Lake neighbors discussed with Jeff and Judy the variables that a bank and their underwriters consider when determining the value of a home, with special focus on how banks appraise unusual homes, especially in areas experiencing rapid change, like here in Pine Lake.

Here are some highlights from Jeff and Judy's answers to neighbor's questions:

Simply having an ARB, Comprehensive Plan, Tree Board, and Storm-water Utility, each give value to a city and its properties. Judy shared that these components show a lender that the area is being guided by people who intend to care for it. Those properties will likely appreciate in value, meaning a safer investment for the lender.

Jeff said that in a changing city, builders who risk constructing something different and homeowners who upgrade existing homes, need a partnership with a lender and appraiser who share the community vision and will go the extra distance to show that vision to the underwriters. Otherwise, the loan application is just shuffled through a standard process, often undervaluing the property, and we all know that our beloved Pine Lake is anything but standard! Jeff and Judy both agreed that Pine Lake is poised for a wonderful transformation, similar to Virginia Highlands or Little Five Points 15 years ago.

There was much discussion about terrace-level space, area that is often left as basement, but when it has at least one exposed wall, can be finished as part of the house. Jeff explained that

when it's the same quality finish as the rest of the house, the roof can be much lower, without sacrificing square footage. (Bonus benefits include cost-savings for materials, and energy-savings, since earth-sheltering offers natural temperature control. ~SD)

Local builder, Sandy Larson, raised her concern about the way "basement" space is typically appraised at only 40% of the per-square-foot value. Jeff agreed that a builder risks up to 60% of the value of that terrace-level space if the property is treated with the standard process he mentioned before. He explained, "Nine out of ten appraisers will just come in here and do that, but [Pine Lake] isn't your typical place. The first couple [of homes], it's going to be [the appraiser] writing 4 or 5 pages explaining to the underwriters, to make them see that vision."

A neighbor asked, "How we can ensure that builders get the value out of reasonably proportioned homes? Many folks have repeatedly asked how to protect what we have already, plus have new homes have some relationship and compatibility with the older homes." She also asked about the desirability and viability of renovation of existing homes.

Jeff replied, "We're seeing this growing trend where people are looking for smaller houses that are built better, and are paying [more]. They're standing in line to buy 1200 square feet for \$300,000. in areas I never thought anyone would ever want to live." Judy agreed, "These days it IS typical and attractive to a buyer to want a ranch-style [with] the bottom floor finished."

Jeff added, "The value of those [new] homes are going to help the value of the older homes. An appraiser's going to have to think outside the box, and the lender's going to have to be on board." Judy agreed, saying existing homeowners will then be able to get loans to do upgrades on their homes. She added that Suntrust agrees that Pine Lake is at the beginning of exciting change.

~Sharon Day

Cutting the Edge Speaker Series: Experts to Inspire Sustainable Construction

The next Cutting-the-Edge event is Tuesday, July 10th, 7:30 PM at the clubhouse. We'll host Howard Katzman, consultant and trainer in green building and home performance, formerly a Southface Energy Institute Residential Green Building Services Project Manager. He'll share and answer questions on simple, powerful green-building, remodeling, and energy-saving methods, including many that actually cost less than conventional methods.

The 2nd Tuesday of each month, 7:30 PM at the clubhouse, we'll host various speakers who will share their tips, thoughts, and wisdom to help guide our journey forward towards becoming that 21st century, cutting-edge model city we envision Pine Lake to be. Check online who's coming next! www.pinelakearb.pbwiki.com

Meet Your Neighbor

Councilmember **Kathie deNobriga** is one of those rare creatures — she's actually a native Georgian. Born in Atlanta, deNobriga and her family moved to East Tennessee when she was only two years old. It was in East Tennessee that deNobriga first learned one of her many talents - juggling.

"I joined a theater troupe," says deNobriga. "They did street performances. And you can't do street performances without knowing how to juggle."

Kathie moved to Pine Lake in 1999 to live with her girlfriend, Alice and she has been a devout Pine Lake resident ever since.

During her work as an arts organizer and advocate, deNobriga urged artists to get involved with their communities and actually run for office. "I realized that I needed to 'put up or shut up,' so I decided to run for Council," says deNobriga.

Her juggling skills come in handy in her role as Councilmember. In between her regular duties as Councilmember, volunteering at city functions and running her own business, deNobriga has accompanied the Mayor on a number of endeavors of negotiation including matters of insurance, a retirement plan for city workers and lawsuits.

"Kathie has been a steady voice on council," says Zarus. "making sure that whatever

turns we desire to make are true."

Kathie's vision for the City of Pine Lake isn't unattainable. She sees this city as a place that protects all of its natural resources, from the lake to its people; where art and culture are cherished and nurtured; where citizens ask questions and engage in dialogue, and attend City Council meetings even when they don't have a complaint; a place that welcomes newcomers, whether they are homebuyers or renters; a place where you know your neighbors and you look out for them; a place where lots of different people can afford to live, where people make a home and not just buy a house.

In conclusion, says deNobriga, "A place where you hear bird song more than helicopters, hoot owls more than gun shots, and laughter more than shouting."

With Kathie working hard behind the scenes, there's hope that this shared vision will become reality.

Give Kathie deNobriga a hearty thank you for all of her hard work the next time you see her.

~Submitted by Penny White

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HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Council Meetings are second Mondays and last Tuesdays of each month: 7:30pm at City Hall (above the Police Department). Please join us; each meeting has three opportunities for Public Comment --- where you can address Council on any city-related matter, whether or not it's on the agenda. Council Meetings, where official votes are made, are on second Mondays and Work Sessions are on last Tuesdays. We will continue to have a lot of discussion and decisions on development issues (zoning, building permits, annexation, variances for new buildings) coming up, and appreciate your input and perspectives. Resolutions, which are in effect no longer than a year, may be adopted on first reading at a Council meeting. On the other hand, Ordinances must have two readings before they are enacted, leaving more time for citizen input.

MINI-MINUTES

Highlights from May 29th Work Session and June 11 Council Meeting. In this space, you usually see a series of bullet points on actions by Mayor and Council. As an experiment this month, instead of a brief listing, we're trying another format. Please let us know what you think. kdenobriga@mindspring.com or 404-299-9498

Interim Guidelines from the ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD are now available; they're in effect until Nov. 5th or until final guidelines are accepted. Council approved guidelines, by a vote of 4 to 1 on May 14 and on June 11 amended two provisions:

- 1) Changed the maximum sq. ft of renovations/new construction that can be done without permit (from 600 to 200 sf)
- 2) Expedited the forwarding of permits officially received by the city, reducing it from three days to one.

The Council also approved ARB by-laws, with conversation particularly around the conflict-of-interest section.

• ARB has been a learning process for everyone, with its members doing massive amounts of research to come up with interim guidelines. They are extending the education process to the community, with monthly public "Cutting the Edge" Speaker Series. For example, in response to a question about how appraisers value non-standard spaces and methods, ARB asked Jeff Bass, Certified Residential Appraiser and Judy Shackelford of SunTrust Mortgage to give us more information --- see a report on page 7.

• All Architectural Review Board meetings (first and third Tuesdays, plus speaker series on second Tuesdays) are open to the public, with a citizen comment process similar to Council meetings. Please read up before you come to meetings by checking the latest info on ARB's site (www.pinelakearb.pbwiki.com), so that you can contribute fully to the conversation. FUTURE AGENDA: Acceptance of official guidelines from ARB, to be submitted no later than November 5th.

MILLAGE RATE APPROVED. Council approved the millage rate at 14.3 mills (1.43 cents per thousand dollars on 40% of the appraised property value). While property values have steadily increased in Pine Lake, our millage rate has trended steadily downward (it was 22 mills in 2001). While reviewing the county tax rolls, Council and Mayor again raised the issue of illegally registered vehicles in Pine Lake. Many people seem to have registered out of DeKalb County in order to decrease their taxes, with subsequent loss of revenue to the City. People found in violation of the law that requires your car to be registered at your primary residence are in danger of losing their Homestead Exemption Allowance.

WHAT'S THAT NOISE ! ? ! ? The current Noise Ordinance limits noise *after* 8pm every day of the week, and *before* 8am on weekdays, 9am on Saturdays and 10am on Sundays. These hours are being re-considered, as is more strict prohibition of "Non-Vehicular Engine Noise" (i.e., lawn mowers, weed eaters, leaf-blowers) during certain hours. FUTURE AGENDA: Amendment of the Noise Ordinance.

THE BEACH AT HIGH NOON. Council heard concerns from citizens about incidents at the beach, bringing up issues of security and safety. A recent disagreement centered around leaving children unsupervised: Rule #3 of the 2007 Beach Rules clearly states "Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult and swim within the ropes." • Another disagreement arose around the number of people who may use the lake on a single Park Card -- Council will soon address this issue. Please share your opinions. • Contracted for an average of four hours/daily during the beach season, Lora Dona is the Beach Manager; her responsibilities are to keep the beach clean (with everyone's help, of course), set-up/store the wooden beach chairs, and preserve the tranquility and safety of the Beach. With a new cell phone in hand, her ability to summon immediate help has been greatly improved. FUTURE AGENDA: possible change (addition) to the 2007 Park Rules approved by the City on May 14.

TREES RULE, OR TREE RULES? Council approved a Resolution establishing a Tree Authority Board: Councilmember Brent Walker, Veronica Wright, Wayne Wright and Johnny Coe are working on an ordinance, using Sandy Springs' as a model. FUTURE AGENDA: A Tree Ordinance will be introduced in late June and discussed/approved in July --- public comments are welcome.

ARTIST MARKET FORMING? Council heard a request from Penny White about a proposed Sunday Artist market, once a month til the end of summer. The Council agreed to sponsor this as official City activity, pending the working out of details on insurance, liability and handling of funds. FUTURE AGENDA: Report from Penny White about progress of the market (see article on page 7)

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY Council heard citizen concerns about a lack of response to 911 calls experienced by several Pine Lake residents over the Memorial Day weekend. Chief Sarai Y'huda Greene responded with a commitment to follow-up on policies of DeKalb's 911 system, check the duty rosters at the time of the incidents and take appropriate action as necessary. She also again urged the City to consider installing the RedFlex system (photo enforcement) on Rockbridge Road. Chief Green attended the next Neighborhood Watch to further discuss safety and security in Pine Lake. • The Chief and Neighborhood Watch remind you: **lock your car!** A lot of cars have been entered lately (typical for this end-of-school time); many cars weren't even locked. • Call 9-1-1: "Use it -- you paid for it," says Mayor Greg. Even if you have a non-emergency situation, call 911 first.

Next Town Hall Join your neighbors on Saturday, August 4, at 11am (after the Pancake Breakfast) for the next Town Hall. Suggestions for agenda items gladly accepted; contact Councilmembers Elisabeth Shields or Kathie deNobriga. [NOTE: the agenda will probably not include ARB, since there are now bi-monthly public ARB meetings (see article above). Mayor Zarus will explain the new Tax Allocation District, which Pine Lake has officially received state authorization to enact, pending a referendum in November. Come find out what a TAD is, why we want one, and what it means to you. FUTURE AGENDA: November referendum on approving a Tax Allocation District for the new downtown Pine Lake.

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Pine Lake Downtown Development Authority

The Downtown Development Authority meets on the 3rd Monday of every month at 7PM at the Clubhouse. Currently, the DDA is in the process of creating a collective advertising program to raise awareness of the Pine Lake commercial corridor – and businesses in Pine Lake – to all of the homes and communities in our immediate area. The DDA will be collecting \$20 from all of the businesses that elect to participate in the program. In addition, the DDA board will vote to contribute an additional amount of money. The goal is have a minimum of \$500 every month to be spent for promotional advertising. Participation is not limited to businesses within the Pine Lake DDA district. The boundaries are Rockbridge Rd. stretching from Hambrick to Dean’s Market – and any business (with a business license) located in the Pine Lake city limits. More information will be available on the DDA website: www.pldda.org. If you have a business in Pine Lake, are interested in participating and would like more information on the program, please call Mike Tarnower at 404-508-2046 or email to pldda@bellsouth.net.

AND NOW, THE PHIL HOWLAND REPORT:

News from Administration & Public Works

- The sidewalks are finally underway! City Administrator Phillip Howland says things are going well, and according to schedule. A celebration is being planned for the fall when everything’s finished (yes, they’re gonna be working on it all summer). Phil says “thanks to everyone for their patience and understanding.”

- Spruce Drive will be repaved shortly, following installation of DeKalb County’s new water mains.
- Rudolph will not be prancing on the berm this winter, despite citizen requests for the reindeer to return to the berm. The wiring has severely deteriorated over time, and it’s not a cheap fix --- \$5,000 is our estimate. Not in the budget this year.

OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- Council adopted a standard industry classification system and increased the Occupational Tax.
- Extended the moratorium on subdivision of lots for one year .
- City will develop and enact a standard policy for abandoned/lost dogs in Pine Lake.
- Council will review and revise the 2007 budget (discuss in June, approve in July).

THANK YOU! Big thanks to volunteers Kim Fugate, William Dillard, Kathleen Wannamuller and Johnny Hibbert, who helped the City with the Memorial Day cook-out. And more big THANKS to the City Workers who got the park ready and help keep it clean. The City would also like to thank the Pine Lake Chorus, directed by Paul Jasinsonowski, organized by Greg Creech, accompanied by David Reeb, and as always, to PLAIN for the ice-cream social.

Submitted by Kathie deNobriga

**YOUR NEIGHBORS ARE GIVING IT AWAY FOR A GOOD CAUSE
RAFFLING OUR NEIGHBORS – PLEAS FUNDRAISER**

At our July 7th picnic we will hold the postponed Memorial Day/Tommy Conlon Environmental Raffle. Thank you to those who have purchased tickets and to our talented and skilled donors. So far, here are all the fabulous items and services that you may win if you purchase tickets:

- Ella Laura Johannaber. Yoga Series
- Eva S Reflexology
- Deborah Tawil. Massage Therapy
- Greg Creech. Microsoft Office Training
- Juliet Mathison. Pain Treatments
- Renee Brooks Private Yoga Session
- Athena Gamella. Sewing Services
- Elisabeth Shields. 2 Internet Training Sessions
- Karen Styes Photograph
- Dee Yellowlees. Petsitting (Weekend 4 visits)
- Liz Leather Recliner
- Catherine Binuya. Cookies!
- Susan Ahl. Massage Therapy
- Jessica Long Resume Writing Service

PLEAS support these neighbors as they are supporting us. Contact Greg Creech at 404-299-1706 or creechgreg@bellsouth.net to purchase raffle tickets or to make a donation of your services or crafts.

Artists with Flair Artists' Market in Pine Lake.

Isn't Pine Lake an ideal setting for an Artists' Market? Penny White thinks so. And she is in the process of organizing three of them: July 29, Aug. 19 and Sept.16. This gives Pine Lake and all artists, craftspeople and musicians three opportunities to show off their stuff. For details, contact Penny White at penspen@yahoo.com or 404-299-1976. Volunteers to assist with organizing and working the markets would be appreciated.

A Letter From Our Plain President

Dear Pine Lake,

I am writing this note with somewhat of a heavy heart but also with a sense of hopeful anticipation for what's to come. It's nomination time and we are open for nominees for the PLAIN Board. Although nothing would make me happier than to continue in my role as President there have been some life changes that make it virtually impossible for me to continue in this capacity.

With my husband Chris as an active participant on the new Architectural Review Board, my company significantly expanding, and my new position serving as the President of the PTO of my son's school, it came down to, there are no more hours left in the day to do all the things I'd like to do.

I've seen so many changes in the past 6 years that I've been an active volunteer with PLAIN and the past year and a half that I've been privileged to serve as president have been so rewarding. I'd like to share some things I'm proud of that PLAIN has accomplished in the time I've been actively involved:

1. In the past 6 years we have really grown! What used to be small, barely attended events such as the Halloween Party, Easter Egg Hunt, International Dinner, Chili/Soup Cookoff, Breakfast with Santa, and the Cookie Exchange now have anywhere from 50 – 100 people attending.
2. No matter what happens the Breakfast crew – Pam Heiges and volunteers always make sure we have a great breakfast.
3. We balanced the books and all allocated funds are easily identifiable and accessible.
4. We are still a 501c3.
5. The Neighbors Caring and Sharing program has helped many neighbors. Our amazing volunteer Faye Ridling keeps us on the ball with that.
6. We have kept our meetings non-partisan and we've grown from meetings of only the board to 10 – 20 people per meeting.
7. We have worked with other neighborhood organizations for the socialization of our community – PLEAS has agreed to do Yard of the Month, Neighborhood Watch – Greg Creech & Faye Ridling, Pine Lake Cultural Affairs, PLDDA, City of Pine Lake.
8. We funded and organized the Ortega Memorial Dinner
9. Although PLAIN TALK struggled with first losing an editor and then the costs of copying exceeding our budget, and volunteers trying to create a newsletter and volunteers copying and folding, we did make it happen. Not everyone may have been happy with its timing but considering the resources at the time, and the time and energy it took for a small group with no budget to make it happen I could not be prouder of that group. I am happy to say that we've gotten a fabulous new newsletter editor who keeps us on point, thank you Ella and thank you Erika for your copying.

The things I hope to see happen with PLAIN in the future:

1. PLAIN meetings are at the point that we can now begin socializing at our meetings again, it's time to bring potluck snacks back!
2. That the activities in the city & PLAIN get more support from volunteers and not just the same small group of volunteers for every event.
3. Paid membership increases - it is the best deal in town at \$25 per household.
4. That the new nominees can remember that PLAIN is not here for a political agenda; we are here as a social organization to give our neighbors an opportunity for fellowship and camaraderie. PLAIN meetings and the board should be for the purpose of what is good for the entire city not just a select group. We are here to hold hands and sing Kum Ba Yah together, not to cause dissension.
5. That new nominees consider all ages remembering that activities for adults are as important as activities for children. Pine Lake is a wonderful place to live and for families with children a big draw is having activities to do in the city.
6. That our senior population becomes more involved or lets us know how to become more involved with them.
7. That our social events continue to grow.

I will continue to serve with PLAIN as just a lil' ole volunteer. Candy Howland is currently Vice President and has agreed to stay on, Mary Stuckey will stay on as Treasurer. Open positions are President & Secretary. A motion was moved at the last meeting to nominate Veronica Wright & Cre Sechrist as President. Veronica Wright declined, Cre is considering. Any other nominees will be accepted, please make sure you turn them in at the first breakfast in July.

Thank you all for your incredible support. I've had a wonderful time.

Nicky Rosenbluth

Theatre in Pine Lake

On Monday, August 6, at 8pm the national celebration of *365 Days/365 Plays* by Suzan-Lori Parks comes to the Pine Lake Clubhouse! The Pine Lake Players will be the opening act for this set of seven extremely short plays written for 'Week 39', directed by Kathie deNobriga and Lesly Fredman from Theatre on the Prowl. Admission is free. After the Pine Lake premiere, 'Week 39' will have performances in Candler Park and Decatur. *365 Days/365 Plays* is being performed simultaneously all over America, in more than 14 cities. In Atlanta alone, nearly 40 theatres have been involved in producing this epic work since November 2006. Recipient of a MacArthur Foundation "Genius" Award, Parks received the 2002 Pulitzer Prize for her play *Topdog/Underdog*.

Pine Lake Players have been meeting monthly to play theatre games, have some creative fun, and have been slowly gathering momentum -- new people are most welcome. If you're curious, stop by the Beach House on 3rd Wednesdays (7:30-9pm) until further notice -- next is July 18! If you can't come on Wednesdays, but are still interested, please call Kathie and let her know of your interest -- no experience necessary. (404-299-9498).

History in the Making Pine Lake Turns 70!

The community of Pine Lake, rich with history, will turn 70 this December. I would like to mark this occasion by putting together a few collections of historical documents and photos.

I would like to scan items into my computer, and this can be done in a matter of a few minutes. Items will be returned to their owners as soon as scanning is complete. Or, if you have items that are already scanned, please send them as a jpg attachment to the e-mail address below.

Anyone in Pine Lake with old photos, newspaper clippings, old issues of PLAINTalk or the Pine Cone (I've never seen a copy), or other items of historical interest to Pine Lake, please contact Penny White at penspen@yahoo.com or 404-299-1976.



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Martial Arts Classes Taekwondo & Hapkido At Pine Lake Baptist Church on Rockbridge Rd. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 5:45-6:45pm Ages 8 - Adult \$40.00 a month. Taught by Pastor Charles Kimball. **Call 404-292-2100. for details.**

Reflexology Sessions available in Pine Lake. Eva Sotus, certified reflexologist and licensed aesthetician offers 90-minute sessions. Reflexology uses acupressure and massage of the feet and hands to reduce stress, encourage lymphatic drainage (detox) and circulation. Feels wonderful.
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Yoga Classes in the Clubhouse. Every Wednesday 5:45-7PM Come stretch, relax and renew. First class free for Pine Lakers. Come try a class! Individual sessions are also available.
Contact Ella at 404 277-5747

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Thank You New and Renewed Plain Members!

The numbers are climbing in PLAIN membership and a big THANKS is due to those of you who took the time to sit down, complete the membership form and mail the check! Annette Cotter was the first to respond as a direct result of the plea in June's issue of PLAINTalk. Annette put it so plainly when she said it just took a little jolt of memory and she and Bill were happy to comply with their renewed membership.

Other new members include: Susan Ramsey, Daniel Floyd, Susan McIntosh, Jon Koop, and Swasti.

Please help strengthen our neighborhood and join today!
 Again, a big THANK YOU to our community for your support.

Pine Lake Association of Involved Neighbors Membership Form
Post Office Box 44 ♦ Pine Lake, Georgia ♦ 30072—0044

Name _____ **Occupation** _____
Address _____ **P.O. Box** _____
Day Phone Number _____ **Night Phone Number** _____
Best time to call Day _____ **Evening** _____
Email Address _____
How would you prefer to be notified of PLAIN events? _____ **Phone** _____ **Email** _____
Household Members Names

_____	Adult	Teenager	Child Age
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Are you interested in volunteering for family events, seniors, environment, etc.? _____

Signature _____ **Join Date** _____ **New** _____ **Renew** _____