

# PLAIN TALK

the newsletter of the Pine Lake Association of Involved Neighbors

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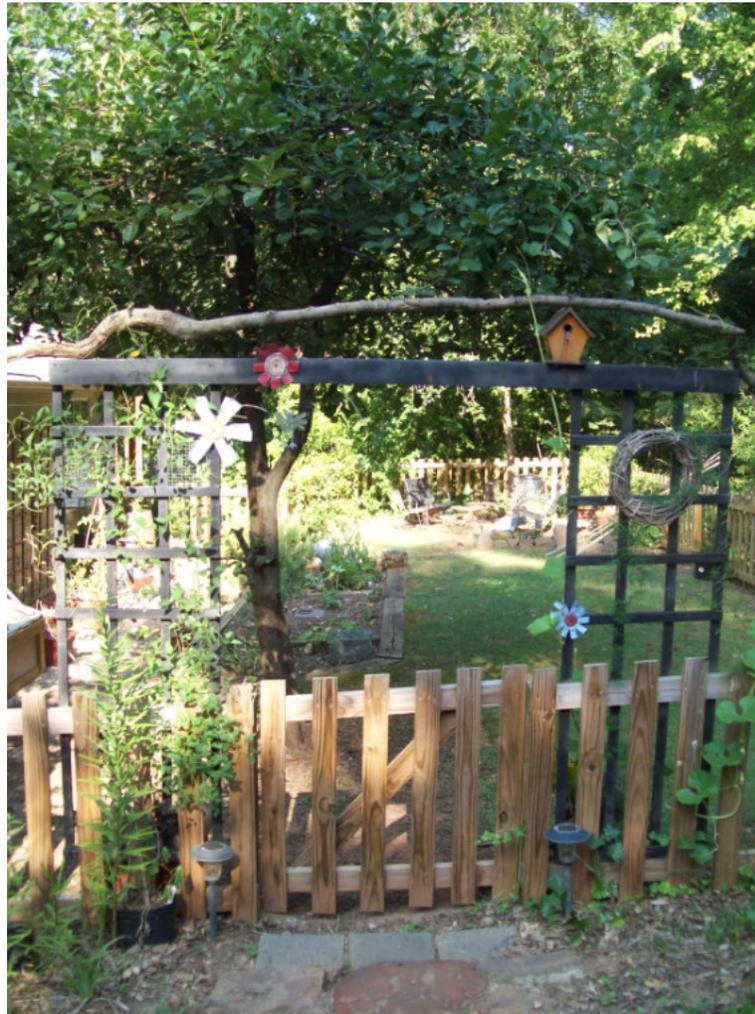
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## Yard of the Month

by Candice Howland



This month's honor goes to **Susan Ramsey** who lives on Spring Dr. Many of the yards recognized this summer have been on Spring, and thanks to Annette Cotter who nominated Susan, we have another one.

The front yard is so pleasant as you drive by, with two huge magnolia trees and a water oak right on the corner. The tree on the side yard at different seasons has appropriate decorations; Christmas has snowflakes, Easter offers brightly colored eggs and Valentine Day of course, red hearts. Annette has seen birds (real and otherwise) in the tree and Annette's grandson, Chance, especially enjoys seeing all the birds.

Perhaps most delightful is the quaint wooden fence adorned with yard art

(pictured above) that welcomes the eye into the backyard. There are window boxes brimming with flowers on the house, a sitting area under the shade trees and a small vegetable garden with handmade wooden stakes holding up the tomato plants.

Annette said she has noticed Susan working "all the time" in her yard and all her hard work truly shows. Thank you Susan and Larry (the German Shepard) for your contribution toward making Pine Lake the unique, wonderful place that it is!

Send your nomination for Yard of the Month to [plaintalkeditor@plainhelps.org](mailto:plaintalkeditor@plainhelps.org) or call Candice Howland at 404 294-5682.

# CALENDAR OF CITY EVENTS

## August

1st, Sat. 8:30am PLAIN Pancake Breakfast, Beach House  
 1st, Sat. 11am Town Hall Meeting, Beach House  
 2nd, Sun. 6pm LakeFest Planning, Beach House  
 3rd, Mon. 7pm PLEAS, Beach House  
 4th, Tues. 7:30pm ARB, Club House  
 4th, Tues. 6:30pm National Night Out Luau at Beach House Neighborhood Watch (see below)  
 6th, Thurs. 7:30pm PLAIN, Club House  
 7th, Fri. 8pm First Friday Coffee House, Beach House  
 10th, Mon. Deadline for PLAINTalk  
 10th, Mon. 7:30pm City Council, City Hall  
 14th, Fri. 7:30pm PLL, Take 2 Bistro  
 18th, Tues. 7:30pm ARB, Club House  
 21st, Fri. 12:30pm DDA, Take 2 Bistro  
 23rd, Sun. 3:30pm Pet Clinic, Club House  
 25th, Tues. 7:30pm City Council Work Session, City Hall

25th, Tues. 6:30pm TAB, Beach House

## September

1st, Tues. 7:30pm ARB, Club House  
 3rd, Thurs. 7:30pm PLAIN, Club House  
 5th, Sat. 8:30am PLAIN Pancake Breakfast, Beach House  
 7th, Mon. 5pm Labor Day Concert (see below)  
 10th, Thurs. Deadline for PLAINTalk  
 13th, Sun. 6pm LakeFest Planning, Beach House  
 14th, Mon. 7:30pm City Council Meeting, City Hall  
 15th, Tues. 7:30pm ARB, Club House  
 15th, Tues. 7:30pm PLL, ClubHouse  
 18th, Fri. 12:30pm DDA, Club House  
 19th, Sat. 5:30pm International Dinner, Beach House  
 20th, Sun. 3:00pm Pet Clinic, Club House  
 29th, Tues. 6:30pm TAB, Beach House  
 29th, Tues. 7:30pm City Council Work Session, City Hall

### Guide to Calendar Acronyms

**ARB** = Architectural Review Board  
**DDA** = Downtown Development Authority  
**PLAIN** = Pine Lake Association of Involved Neighbors

**TAB** = Tree Authority Board  
**PLL** = Pine Lake Local (Business Networking and Support)  
**PLEAS** = Pine Lake Environment, Access & Stewardship

## THE SURGE Returns to Pine Lake for the City's Annual Summer's End Cookout. Labor Day, Monday, September 7

The community potluck starts at 5pm, bring a dish to share, then dance to the beach sounds of The Surge from 6:30-8:30. Free, of course. The city will provide burgers, dogs, fixins' and beverages --- bring your favorite dish to share, and join the village!

## IT'S HERE! Second Annual National Night Out potluck dinner Luau on the beach. August 4, Tuesday, at 6:30 PM.

Bring a dish to share and join your Neighborhood Watch for an evening of fun, friendship, games, music and lots of good food! Enjoy our safe community with our police and local agencies. Turn on your outside lights, lock your doors and come on out to the beach.

For more info and to volunteer call Faye Ridling 404-294-6577 or Greg Creech 404-299-1706 - Neighborhood Watch Co-chairs

## Pine Lake Association of Involved Neighbors

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### PLAIN WEBSITE

www.plainhelps.org

### JOIN PLAIN

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 :

P.O. Box 44  
 Pine Lake, GA 30072-0044

**PLAINTalk** is the monthly publication of news and events for citizens of the City of Pine Lake and is produced and published by volunteer PLAIN members.

### SUBMISSIONS

PLAIN welcomes submissions to PLAINTalk that invite participation in city events and projects, celebrate our uniqueness and diversity as a community, highlight the accomplishments and adventures of our citizens, and bring to light helpful information.

## The Planning Committee for Pine LakeFest Wants YOU to Join the Party!

WE'RE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS WHO WANT TO HAVE FUN WITH PINE LAKE'S SIGNATURE ANNUAL EVENT.

How much uncontained creativity, smooth decision-making and laughter can be packed into an hour-long meeting?!? Come find out! We are rockin' and rollin' it with fabulous ideas for this year's fest! Expect: More goofy contests. More of our community showcased. More artists than ever. More FOOD—*did I hear funnel cakes?* And all the other features we've come to expect from this annual community festival—kid's art activities, music, face painting and . . . Fun!

There's room for a lot more people to make this little art festival --- now in its **8th** year -- a big success.

Volunteers are particularly desired for work in the following areas:

1. Finding food vendors and / or planning concession to benefit Lakefest (veggie options)
2. Special Activities (beach party, sandcastle competition, flotilla)
3. Day-of preparation (vendor set up)
4. Clean up and breakdown
5. Coordinating "Town Square"
6. Publicity, especially social networking

7. Securing sponsors and pro bono contributions
8. Traffic, signage & parking
9. Music Stage
10. Maybe something we haven't thought about yet that YOU will contribute!

If you'd like to participate, but can't attend the next meeting, please contact Bitsy Pitts by email at marimake@comcast.net --- we meet every first Sunday, from 6-7pm, at the Beach House.

### **Remember to Save the Date:**

**Pine LakeFest (art, music, food & fun)  
October 3-4, 2009**

We Hope to See You Soon!

Yours Truly,

The LakeFest Team (*so far!*): Lalah Manly (artist vendors), Bitsy Pitts (promotions), Traci Augustosky Lopez (publicity and special activities), Kris Casariego (Flotilla), Ella Johannaber (children's area), Roxanne Carlisle (food vendors) and Kathie deNobriga (general coordination).

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## Save the date and get ready for an evening of Pine Lake comedy!

KICKOFF OUR OCTOBER LAKEFEST WEEKEND AT A SPECIAL FIRST FRIDAY EVENT

**October 2, 8:00 PM**



First Friday Fall Funny Festival, hosted by Greg Creech, will feature Pine Lake comedians and funny people in an entertaining evening at the Beach House.

Please contact Greg at 404-299-1706 or [plcouncil1@bellsouth.net](mailto:plcouncil1@bellsouth.net) if you would like to perform. Our featured comedians will appear in the September PLAINtalk and in upcoming flyers and posters.

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## ARB Unveils Newly Available Resources

Your Architectural Review Board would like to announce the availability of two new resources available for citizens and prospective builders:

A Builders Packet is now available at City Hall. It contains the recently passed zoning code, applications with instructions, FAQ's and several other useful documents. You can check this book out with a \$20. refundable deposit.

Also available at City Hall are Code Cards, featuring the lovable character at right, Pine Lake's official bird, the Kingfisher. Designed by Kris Casariego, these free, easy to read cards concisely summarize important information

you need to know on a variety of city code topics from renovation to new home construction, trees and fence-building. There are also Code Cards addressing the questions *Why do we have codes?* and *What is a variance?*

Also, to clarify... Fence Permits are issued by the City Administrator and NOT the Architectural Review Board. Please see Phil Howland at City Hall for your questions regarding fences.



## RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

### PINE LAKE'S OWN ROLLER DERBY QUEEN — **TIMBER HINES!**

By *Veronica Wright*



"Fun" is the operative word to describe Timber Hines. Skating, running, swimming—she does it all. And if she's not actively participating in these sports herself, then she's at work at the Emory Student Activity Center overseeing three pools full of swimmers, eight tennis courts, a fitness center and much more!

Timber's interest in therapeutic recreation, with a masters degree in exercise science, has made for a unique career path. Before becoming Associate Director at the Clairmont campus Student Activity Center, she worked at Wesley Woods, Shepherd's Spinal Center, Emory's

Center for Rehabilitative Medicine and GSU's Aquatics Center.

Not one to let grass grow under her, Timber has recently participated in a 24 hour/ 200 mile relay race from Vermont to New Hampshire. In San Francisco, she did the Leukemia and Lymphoma Women's Marathon. She and Wendy Wolf, her life partner, were running/rolling in the Peachtree Road Race again this year!

Wendy had been a huge Atlanta Rollergirls roller derby fan for the past 4 years. Her love of the sport got Timber interested. She has been very supportive and Timber's biggest fan! Some Pine Laker Groupies have been learning about jamming, blocking and walling up as they cheer for Pine Lake's own Timber, aka *Bullie Jean King*, who stars for the Toxic Shocks roller derby team. As Blocker, her goal is to not let the other team's Jammer come through her pack and score any points. The Toxic Shocks are the leading team this season and will be playing in the Championship bout on August 22 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are available at [www.atlantarollergirls.com](http://www.atlantarollergirls.com)

Being in first place is really exciting! Way to go Timber!

**1 month free rent!**

## *Pine Forest Apartments*

*Pine Forest Apartments is under new management!*

### **Apartment Available Now For Lease**

Our goal is to lease our apartments to artists, students and professionals who fit in and appreciate the uniqueness of the Pine Lake Community.

*If you know anyone you would like to have living in Pine Lake, we'll pay you \$200 if they qualify and move in. And, we'll give them 1 month of free rent!*

Help us find people that you would be happy to have as your neighbors.

It is a great deal for you and them!

*Thanks for your support!*

**Call our leasing agent at  
770-896-8670**

**\$200. Referral  
Incentive!**

# NOTES FROM CITY HALL

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[www.pinelakega.com](http://www.pinelakega.com)

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## RECENT COUNCIL ACTIONS

Highlights from June 15 and June 29 Council meetings:

- Approved the millage rate at previous rate of 14.3 mills (\$1.43 per hundred dollars, or \$14.30 per thousand (no increase).
- Increased annual sanitation fees from \$194.25 per household to \$225 (covering actual costs of the contract)
- Increased annual stormwater fees from \$48 to \$60, to cover a portion of administrative costs
- Increased annual plot fees from \$52.50 to \$75 per household, to cover services of public works department
- Instituted a \$50 fee for a fence permit, to cover administrative costs of site inspections
- Reviewed and amended the year-to-date budget, after reviewing actuals.

**Cutting Down a Tree? It May Cost You!** A resolution to set a new permit for tree removal has been introduced, discussed and then tabled, giving time for the Tree Authority Board to do research about what other cities do. The issue is that all permits require administrative time because they require an actual site visit. It may not seem like a big deal in a city as small as Pine Lake, but it takes a little chunk out of the work day and (more importantly) interrupts the workflow. Setting fees for the issuance of permits is one way to balance the administrative time needed. And remember, you do NOT have to get a permit to remove a hazardous tree (hence, no permit fee); but if you remove a healthy tree without a permit, the penalties are steep.

**CITY HALL HOURS**  
 M – F 8:30 am – 4:30 pm  
 Phone: (404) 292-4250  
 Fax: (404) 292-4859

**Court Clerk**  
 M & F 10 am – 5 p.m.  
 T, W & Th 7:30 am – 4:30 pm

**Police**  
 Phone: (404) 296-6613  
 Fax: (404) 292-7531

**New Police Contact Number** The Pine Lake Police Department now has a dedicated line for communication after hours. This line is for **NON EMERGENCY** calls to the Police.

Call the City of Pine Lake (404-292-4250) and at the prompt, dial #6. You may then leave a message and contact information; your call will be returned by the officer-on-duty at his/her earliest convenience.

Please be advised that officers will NOT answer the cell phone if they are on a service call, as this poses a public safety risk. Officers will attempt to check the cell messages hourly; if you need immediate assistance, dial 911.

### Run, Baby, Run!

Pine Lake is looking for a few good Men and Women. Ever wondered how to spend your extra time in a way that benefits every single person in the city? Ever wanted to sit up on that big ole platform and make laws? Ever grumbled about city government, and thought "Heck, I could do a better job than that"? Seriously, serving in public office can be one of the most rewarding things you'll ever do, even if it is hard work. Interested? If so, you must qualify for office by completing some simple paperwork between Monday, August 31 and Friday, September 4, between 8:30am – 4:30 pm. It only costs \$27 to throw your hat in the ring – and in Pine Lake, you can run a great campaign for nothing. **Three slots will be open on Council.** If you have any questions about the electoral process, contact Valerie Caldwell, city clerk.

## Join Your Neighborhood Association Today!



PINE LAKE ASSOCIATION OF INVOLVED NEIGHBORS  
 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 (continue on back if needed)

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

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00 yearly household PLAIN dues enclosed.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Join Date \_\_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_ Renew \_\_\_

**CLASSIFIED ADS** are free to PLAIN members. Members may place 2 free ads per month. For all other classified ads the fee is \$5. per month. Submit ads of 50 words or less to the editor at [plaintakeditor@plainhelps.org](mailto:plaintakeditor@plainhelps.org) or call Ella 404 277-5747.

**American Electric Contractors** Free Estimates, Commercial and Residential certified and licensed. **Byron Brussard 770 328-0340.**

**Atlanta Musicians' Orchestra** has the following openings: Violin, Flute, Oboe/English Horn, Bassoon, French Horn, Trombone, Tuba. The Orchestra is a chamber orchestra of 20 performers, performing between six and eight public and private concerts a year, between September and June. The orchestra begins their ninth season on Mon, 9/14/09. They rehearse Mondays, 7 to 9pm at the William Breman Jewish Home, located at 3150 Howell Mill Rd NW, Atlanta, GA 30327. For more info contact Music Director/Conductor Paul Jasonowski at [pjazzman@yahoo.com](mailto:pjazzman@yahoo.com). Or Dick Harris, AMO President, at [dick.harris@mindspring.com](mailto:dick.harris@mindspring.com).

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<http://emintzmyer.chealthzone.com>  
<http://emintzmyer.ordermygift.com>

**Beginning Meditation Series** - New 12 week series to start August right here in Pine Lake. Will meet 1 evening per week, day to meet is flexible. Max 8 students, so reserve your spot early. **Contact Gail at 404-668-0630** for more info or to reserve your spot.

**Childcare/Babysitter.** Experienced nanny available in Pine Lake for part-time childcare and nights out. **Contact Aleta Johannaber at 404 680-3164 or [aletamarie@bellsouth.net](mailto:aletamarie@bellsouth.net).**

**Childcare.** Kind woman available to provide childcare in your home daily until 3:00pm. She has experience as a daycare provider for preschool children in Nepal. She speaks English and is available to start immediately for a rea-

sonable rate. **Contact via Suzanne at 404 483-5515 or 770 488-1103.**

**Floyd's Heating And Air** Free estimates for Pine Lakers. Commercial and Residential. Certified and Licensed. **Call 404 314-7704 or visit [www.floydsh heatingandair.com](http://www.floydsh heatingandair.com)**

**For Sale:** Trane central air conditioner unit. 12 seer, 2 1/2 ton. Straight air conditioner. Full of Refrigerant. Like New. Best Offer. **Call 404 727-6856.**

**Freelance Writing and Editing by Margie Fishman** Pine Lake professional journalist with more than 10 years of experience writing for major publications. I write articles for newspapers and magazines, newsletters, web sites, advertising brochures, etc. I can edit resumes, papers, grant applications, etc. **E-mail [margiefishman@hotmail.com](mailto:margiefishman@hotmail.com).**

**Home Maintenance Service.** Spring Time Specials: Pressure Washing, Wom-Friendly Tilling, Painting and Carpentry. **Call 678 984-2563 or e-mail [drotch@earthlink.net](mailto:drotch@earthlink.net).**

**House cleaning:** moving out, moving in. Detailed cleaning 7 days a week. Call for appointment **Brian 678-637-7356 [mrdnser-vices@yahoo.com](mailto:mrdnser-vices@yahoo.com).**

**House For Sale:** 646 Ivy Rd. 2bedroom/2bath. Large eat-in kitchen. 100X100 corner lot. Detached garage with electricity and HVAC, perfect for studio or workshop. \$169,000. **More info at [646ivy.com](http://646ivy.com).**

**JC Lawncare and Leaf clean-up. Please call 404 296-5034.**

**Looking for help** with the honey-do list? Your neighbor Matt can help. Reliable, responsible and high quality. **404-966-3808 or [www.yourintownhandyman.com](http://www.yourintownhandyman.com).**

**MASSAGE, ETC!** LMT with 15 yrs. Experience. One hour professional massage...only \$37! Other modalities: reflexology, ear can-

dling, essential oils/ raindrop. Relax, unwind...in your own neighborhood! \$29 for first time Clients. Gift Certificates Available. **Paula Clancy 772-418-0235.**

**Oneness Blessing** is now offered in Pine Lake. OB is a non-denominational benediction. It is the transfer of Divine Energy, which brings about feelings of joy, inner calmness and connection to the Oneness in everything. Group meets the third Sunday of the month and private sessions available, **call Gail at 404-668-0630.**

**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. **Call 678-357-8658**

**Therapeutic Massage For Relaxation and/or Pain Relief** by Susan Ahl, nationally certified massage and energy therapist and integrative kinesiologist. Chakra balancing, kinesiology also available for integrative healing of the emotional body. Two locations: Toco Hills Shopping Center or Pine Lake. Discounts for Pine Lakers. **Call 404-386-9141 for appointment.**

**Travel Services.** Pine Lake now has a Referring Travel Agent. Please consider me and my travel site for all your travel, golf, and cruise needs. Check out my website for my deals and steals each week. **[www.mysupertravels.com](http://www.mysupertravels.com), Or call Gail 404-668-0630.**

**Yoga and Meditation Classes in the Clubhouse.** Wednesdays 7:15 – 8:30 PM. Stretch, relax and renew. First class free for Pine Lakers. Individual sessions available. **Contact Ella if you have any questions at 404 277-5747 or [ellalaura@gmail.com](mailto:ellalaura@gmail.com).**

**Pine Lake Cookbook Underway!** The Pine Lake Cookbook project is off the ground, with proceeds to benefit the Pine Lake Playground Beautification Campaign. The Pine Lake Cookbook will feature recipes and anecdotes about Pine Lake living, and will make a brilliant Christmas gift for everyone you know. Please submit your favorite recipes via e-mail to [allison.campbell@gmail.com](mailto:allison.campbell@gmail.com) or by mail to Allison Campbell, PO Box 1385. Do you have a funny/touching/interesting story about this recipe (related to Pine Lake or otherwise)? Please include it with your recipe submission, along with contact information. The deadline for submission is October 15, and recipes will be chosen from all available submissions. We reserve the right to edit recipes for format and content.



Look for us at Pancake Breakfasts where we will be asking you, "What's your favorite recipe?"