

# PLAINTalk

NEWSLETTER BY PINE LAKE ASSOCIATION OF INVOLVED NEIGHBORS



Pine Lake Spring

### Abbreviation Key

- PLAIN** Pine Lake Association of Involved Neighbors
- BH** Beach House
- CH** Club House
- CC** City Chambers

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## Pine Lake Community Choir Concert —March 3

March 3, 2018, 7pm-8pm

Pine Lake Clubhouse - 462 Clubhouse Drive

Come join your friends and neighbors for an uplifting and fun night of singing. It's a gathering of friends and neighbors not to be missed! Donations suggested at the door to cover expenses of the concert. Please be generous.

## Mardi Gras Brunch— March 3

## Spring Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt—April 7

Lynn Callery, Mardi Gras Brunch Coordinator (and so much more)

Break out your costumes, boas, masks, second line umbrellas, and kazoos! PLAIN will be hosting a belated Mardi Gras Brunch at the Beach House on Saturday March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10am til noon. Leaving from the beach house at noon, a New Orleans style trio will lead our post-brunch marching parade around the lake. Instruments, kazoos and noise-makers are encouraged. No vehicles allowed, but you can decorate wagons, bikes, or strollers or just yourself. Brunch will be a potluck event - with beverages and some food (beignets!) provided by PLAIN.

Bring a dish to share. While New Orleans-inspired cuisine is encouraged, you can bring whatever you want. We also encourage folks to bring their own plates, cups and utensils to limit the environmental impact. **Please RSVP by 3/1 to Lynn Callery at [lynnac2009@yahoo.com](mailto:lynnac2009@yahoo.com) or (504) 208-8344 regarding what dish and how many people you are bringing.**



Advance responses are not required, but are very much appreciated, so that we can make sure we have adequate food and beverages for the crowd. Folks can participate in the parade without attending the brunch or attend the brunch without parade participation. **Please also contact Lynn if you are interested in helping with the event.** This event replaces the March Pancake Breakfast.

Our April community breakfast will include an Easter egg hunt for our youth. We will have prizes for most eggs collected and other categories. Please help with hiding the eggs. So, hop on down to our April 7 breakfast from 8:30—10:30 and enjoy a family Easter egg hunt for the kids. Look for more information on Facebook and the announce list in March.



## SUNDAY MARCH 4th: Kid's and Tot's Town Hall PLUS The MAP's Sunday SongJam!

### Mayor Melanie Hammet

One single Sunday and so much is happening:

#### 2-2:30 pm @ the Court House—TOT'S Town Hall (ages 6 and under)

This Town Hall is aimed at involving our youngest residents in the democratic process. Past programs have included singing, running in circles, and a discussion of the causal event that broke the top step of the Courthouse. (Obviously a dinosaur.)

Susan Edwards and I will host/play guitar/run in circles. Please plan to accompany your Tot.

#### 3-4 pm @ the Court House—Kid's Town Hall (ages 7 and older)

This is our 5th KTH and our children now expect to meet with us—really. They've been in KTH meetings with most of our council, our police chief, and our municipal judge. They've had practice standing at the podium and addressing a council of their peers, heard city history; sat in on traffic court. And, they sing together, too.

Susan Edwards, Chief Green and I will host. BY REQUEST OF THE KIDS—no adults, please.

#### 4-5 pm @ the Beach House—the Municipal Arts Panel hosts SUNDAY SongJam

The MAP hosted a SongJam last November and had nearly 40 folks with voices and totable instruments of all kinds show up to usher out the weekend. And, they're doing it again! Bring a song that you know most of the words to. Lyrics if you've got them, hands to clap if you don't, a joyful noise at the very least!

## Pine Lake Lounge

### Eva Sotus

#### Pine Lake Lounge

Pine Lake Beach House, Lakeshore Dr. 30072

Doors open 7:30

Beer, wine, and goodies available! We look forward to seeing you there!!

#### March 10, 8PM

An Aries celebration! Come help the Lounge frolic and dance to celebrate her birthday!

Will be 'pay what you may' donations, so please be generous.

The evening will begin with the Della Street Blues gang, followed by a few tunes from E Bird and the Hollow Bones.

If all goes well, maybe there will be a special guest or two right from our own neighborhood!

#### April 14, 8 PM

Amy Wilson Duo--- Singing pianist and Pine Lake resident Amy Wilson has mined the Great American Songbook, entertaining audiences with her eclectic blend of torch songs, boogie-woogie, swing, jazz, should, and even a touch of Patsy Cline! Join your friends and neighbors at the Lounge to welcome Amy for the first time![www.amywilsonmusic.com](http://www.amywilsonmusic.com)

Like the pinelake lounge on FB for more info.

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## LakeFest 2018—LakeFest Needs You

October seems very far away, but planning for our favorite fall festival starts early each year, and the LakeFest Team would love for you to get involved in whatever way suits your schedule and talents. If you are new to Pine Lake, you may not know that LakeFest is an entirely volunteer-led event. The festival runs the gamut from Art to Music to Food to Fun,” so there is something for everyone. Come to our next Lakefest Team meeting on Sunday, March 25, 3 p.m. at 4641 Ridge Drive to brainstorm, learn more, and pick a place to apply your talents. Here are some things we need to make this year’s festival the best yet:

**LakeFest Logo** – The logo contest is already underway and the deadline to submit designs is April 1. We have had some amazing art over the years and are looking for a new colorful image to represent LakeFest 2018. The winning entry will receive a \$100 cash prize and have your design featured on our fabulous LakeFest T-Shirts, collectable posters and LakeFest Libation cups! Send entries to [pinelakefest@gmail.com](mailto:pinelakefest@gmail.com) Contest rules are available on the Pine Lake LakeFest facebook page and by request.

**LakeFest Leaders** – Do you love games? We need a special events coordinator to schedule and organize our contests--including Floatzilla, the pet show and parade, sand sculpture and chalk art contests—plus a champion to give creative attention to each particular event. These are only a few of the fun volunteer positions, large and small, to be filled for LakeFest. We need stage hands, folks to welcome visitors at Town Hall, judges for the art contests, artist vendor and food truck wranglers, coordinators for the Kids’ activities, and the list goes on. LakeFest is the most fun we have all year, and it’s open to everyone who’d like to bring time and ideas to creating our unique art party this year!

**LakeFest Sponsors** – LakeFest depends on our local business sponsors to provide funds, marketing and prizes for the festival. If you are good at fundraising, we’d love to have you join our sponsor team! Or, if you know of a business that would be a good “fit” to sponsor LakeFest, let our team know so we can contact them. There are many levels, so we can work with businesses, large and small.

## Cookie Exchange and Chili/Soup Cook-off

Tom Ramsey and Megan Pulsts chat during the 2017 Holiday

Cookie Exchange at the Beach House. Thanks to Lalah Manly, CJ Wilson, Tracey Brantley, and Kate Reese for their hard work on making the cookie exchange a resounding success.

In February, Pine Lakers enjoyed a fabulous Chili/Soup Cook-off with a wide variety of chilis, soups, and breads (and people). Some of the coveted Golden Spoon and Spatula award winners and runner ups are pictured at right. Our Chili/Soup Cook-off winners are:

Meat Chili—Peggy Brogan—Shredded Beef Chili and Jen Colatosh and Adrian Adams—Beef Birdhouse Chili,

Veggie Chili—(Best in Show!) Travis Schamerhorn

Soup—Heather Winship—Swedish Pea Soup and Alan Gordon—Carrot Ginger Soup

Bread—Chris Clark—Cheesy Cajun Corn Bread and Tracy Johnson—Pound Cake and Faye Ridling—Broccoli Bread

**Congratulations to our winners!**



## New Sound Proof Panels

Thanks to a team of folks, especially Phil Howland for our new sound proof panels in the Beach House. At last, we can hear each other and not echo all the way to Avondale Estates. Phil Howland making frames for the acoustic panels for the Beach House.



## SMILE! With Amazon and PLAIN

Did you know that Amazon will donate 0.5% of most purchases to the Charitable Organization of your choice? All you need to do is sign up for the Amazon Smile program and select PLAIN as the organization that you want to support.

Simply go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com). On your first visit to AmazonSmile you will be prompted to select a charitable organization from the list of eligible organizations. If you have already signed up for Amazon smile you can change your selection at this time. The best way to find PLAIN in the list of organizations is to go to the box that says "Pick your own charitable Organization" and enter "Pine Lake". Select "Pine Lake Association of Involved Neighbors" from the search results. Once you have signed up, whenever you go to Amazon it will ask you if you would rather go to Amazon Smile or you can just go directly to [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com). Everything on the Smile site is exactly the same as the regular Amazon site only your purchase will support PLAIN. This is a great way to support PLAIN that costs you nothing but a few minutes of setup. Please consider signing up today.

## PLAIN Scheduled Events for 2018

Hi Pine Lakers! Below are the amazing events PLAIN supports for the rest of the year. We need your help to ensure they keep on happening. Check out the list and see what you can do to help. If you helped with just one event we would LOVE you!

**March 4 - Mardi Gras Brunch!** 10:00 AM to Noon (In Lieu of Monthly Breakfast) Beach House. Parade around the lake at Noon – Meet at the Beach House.

**April 1– Community Breakfast** and Easter Egg Hunt, 8:30 – 10:30, Beach House

**May 5– Community Breakfast**, 8:30 – 10:30, Beach House

**May 26 - Ice Cream Social**, 1:00 PM at the City Memorial Day Picnic

**June 2 – Community Breakfast /PLAIN Membership Drive**, 8:30 to 10:30, Beach House

**July 4th Picnic—July 4 (Wednesda) —Beach House Park 11:30–** No Breakfast this month

**August 4- Community Breakfast**, 8:30 – 10:30, Beach House

**September 1- Community Breakfast**, 8:30 – 10:30, Beach House

**October 6 and 7–** No Breakfast this month - **LakeFest Town Hall Booth**

**October 27 - Halloween/Day of the Dead Party for the Family**, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM, Beach House

**November 3 – Community Breakfast**, 8:30 – 10:30, Beach House

**December 1—Breakfast With Santa**, Beach House, 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM **AND Cookie Exchange and Lighting of the Lake**, 6:00 – 7:30 PM, Beach House

Don't forget about our regular monthly meetings at the Beach House 7:00 PM on the third Thursday of each month (except December - no meeting).

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