



September 2011

Pine Lakes Residential Community Newsletter

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Pine Lakes Website: www.pine-lakes.org

Calendar of Events (Mark your Calendars as no additional flyers will be sent!)

We are looking for volunteer to help with the Children's Halloween Party and Christmas Party. Anyone interested in helping, please call one of the Trustees listed at the beginning of this Newsletter. If we do not get any volunteers, we will be unable to support any of these activities.

October 15, 2011 – Strongsville is having a free shredding day at the Municipal Offices at 16099 Foltz Parkway from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Just bring all your personnel papers you want shredded and they will be taken care of while you watch.

October 17th through October 22nd – Bring all your hazardous waste to the Municipal Offices at 16099 Foltz Parkway from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on week days and from 9:00 a.m. until noon on Saturday. Latex paint and cans can be put out on regular collection days. Just open the cans to let the paint dry out or add kitty litter or sand to the unused paint.

Keeping our Property Value up:

In this slow economy it is important that we keep the value of our home at its highest as in many cases it is our only investment. If we need to sell, we want to get the most for our investment. This means we must keep our house and yard looking its best. We may not have money to pay for lawn maintenance but we should be able to cut our grass, rake it if necessary, remove weeds from our flower beds, fix broken shutters and do other minor repairs to make our property appealing.

It is the homeowner's responsibility to have broken and uneven sidewalks fixed. Trees and bushes should be trimmed so they do not overhang on the sidewalks. The trees on the tree lawn will be trimmed by the City of Strongsville if you just call them at 440-580-3230. They will also provide and plant a tree in the tree lawn for you if you request it.

The Trustees' job is to take care of the common areas. We try to make sure the people we hire to maintain the common areas are doing their job. We appreciate your letting us know when they fail but we also need your patience and co-operation when conditions prevent some maintenance from being performed. We are also on a budget and although we would like to replace the trees that have been cut down, we are not in a position at this time to do so. We have other projects that need to be completed first.

We are looking into extending the paving of the gravel path to prevent the yearly application of weed killer and the addition of gravel. The Tennis Courts need repair and the walking bridge by the large pond needs to be replaced. These are all costly repairs but they need to be done in order to keep the value of the common areas up and for the safety of the residents.

City of Strongsville Help:

The City of Strongsville will plant a tree on your tree lawn for a \$100.00 fee. If you have a dead tree or tree stump on your tree lawn, they will dispose of it at no cost. Just call Jennifer Milbrandt at 440-580-3124 to make arrangements. You can also call her to make arrangements to have any dead shrubs or branches removed from your property. You will need to stack the debris neatly by the curb. There is no need to bundle or tie the debris. Just have it all piled going in one direction to make it easier to pick up. The city will pick it up within a week. As the sidewalks need to be clear of overhanging tree branches and bushes, the city will trim the trees on your tree lawn if you call them. They will also help if you have trees on your property that are obstructing the sidewalk and you are unable to trim them yourself.

Vandalism:

Vandalism still exists in various sections of our Development. The fences had to have some slats replaced. We had to have the large pavilion and the area around it cleaned as the garbage that surrounded it was unsightly even with a large garbage can at the entrance

to the pavilion. It is easy to say that it wasn't any homeowner or their children but who else really uses the pavilion. Clubhouse outside lights have been broken. Individual homeowners' mailboxes have been pulled down. This costs homeowners money both for private property repairs and Association repairs. **This has to stop!** Please be vigilant and report any vandalism to the police.

Clubhouse Cleaning Service:

A cleaning service is now available for the Clubhouse. You will still be asked to clean any extraordinary sloppy conditions and remove all trash upon checkout. You are still required to respect the property and will be held responsible for all damage.

The charge for the cleaning service is \$100.00 in addition to the normal rental and deposit. Payment is due on the day of rental in the form of a separate check or cash.

Codified Ordinances:

Many of the complaints received by the Trustees involve city ordinances which are not in our jurisdiction to resolve. Complaints concerning barking dogs are handled by the Animal Warden who can be reached at 580-3180. Complaints concerning Post Lamps and un-kept yards please call 580-3105. You can also check the City of Strongsville's website at www.strongsville.org for more information.

Ponds

Please remember to remind everyone that **No Fishing without Parental supervision** at any of our lakes or ponds is permitted at any time for safety reasons. The stones around the pillars of the small pavilions are meant to keep the pillars in place as they are in the water. By removing and throwing the stones in the lake will cause the pavilions to eventually topple and fall into the lake.

Fire Hydrants

Parking should be limited to the side opposite fire hydrants only. Please convey this information to individuals when they visit. In case of an emergency, any time saved will go a long way toward a positive outcome.

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