

# PLAINTalk

NEWSLETTER BY PINE LAKE ASSOCIATION OF INVOLVED NEIGHBORS



Is it spring, yet!

## Spring into Pine Lake! PLAIN Events

### - Lynn Callery

Pine Lake Association of Involved Neighbors (PLAIN) is planning for a busy spring. We are in desperate need of more volunteers to help with our upcoming events. Please contact Lynn Callery at (678) 732-0625 or [lynnac2009@yahoo.com](mailto:lynnac2009@yahoo.com), if you are interested in helping. We need cooks, cashiers, set up/ clean up help, and folks to help with special events and to coordinate children's activities. Our meetings are the third Thursday each month at 7pm.

Looking ahead, we will have several officer positions available this year, with terms taking effect on July 1st, so please also consider running for office at our May meeting. Candidates with experience with grant writing, 501c3 leadership or volunteer management would be especially helpful, but not required. We need your energy, ideas, and commitment to continue to host our events for our community.

On Saturday, March 7th, we will be having our monthly pancake breakfast at the Beach House from 8:30 am - 10:30 am. We'll have pancakes, bacon, sausage, veggie options, eggs, coffee, OJ, and more! Breakfast is \$7 for adults with a \$1 discount for PLAIN members and \$1 discount for anyone who brings their own utensils, plates and cups. \$3 for children under 10. Enjoy a great breakfast and the wonderful company of your neighbors. We will also have a small art market in conjunction with the March breakfast.

On Saturday, April 4th, we will be hosting an Easter breakfast. Menu, time, location and prices are the same as above, but free breakfasts will be offered to children under 12 with the purchase of an adult breakfast. We also hope to add some children's activities, if we are able to get volunteer coordinators.

#### Abbreviation Key

<b>ARB</b>	Architectural Review Board
<b>NW</b>	Neighborhood Watch
<b>PLAIN</b>	Pine Lake Association of Involved Neighbors
<b>TAB</b>	Tree Authority Board
<b>BH</b>	Beach House
<b>CH</b>	Club House
<b>CC</b>	City Chambers

#### PLAIN Leadership

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## Tour of Homes

### - Kathie deNobriga

The Pine Lake Tour of Homes & Gardens (Patio & Porch) returns this year after a hiatus! The Tour will be on Sunday, May 3, from 1-5pm; advance tickets are \$15 or \$20 at the door. Proceeds go to benefit the scholarship fund of Eco-Arts camp and the musicians fund of LakeFest.

This new Pine Lake tradition (now in its 5th year) has given friends & neighbors an unprecedented opportunity to peek into new houses, newly refurbished cottages, unusual cabins and magical gardens.

Eight to ten homes will be on the Tour (not too late to volunteer your home!), with light refreshments offered at most locations. Call Kathie (404-299-9498) if you want to volunteer your home, help out on the day of the Tour, or help promote the event (free ticket for volunteers!).

## Permaculture in Pine Lake

### - Brandi Hall

Hello Pine Lake! We invite everyone to attend the Permaculture class presentations on SATURDAY MARCH 14th, from 9:30-3pm at the PINE LAKE CLUBHOUSE. Students have been working hard on these projects for the past 6 months, and we look forward to sharing ideas and designs with folks!

For more information: [info@shadesofgreenpermaculture.com](mailto:info@shadesofgreenpermaculture.com) or 404-906-8055.

## Rockbridge Coalition Clean Up

### - Shelby Smith

Coming early in May, we'll be returning to Rockbridge Road for our SPRING CLEANUP! Your help is needed with posting flyers, connecting with the local community (Pine Lake Baptist and Rockbridge Elementary, as well as Dekalb County), creating signage, and preparing for the big day. Please email Shelby at [shelby.a.smith@outlook.com](mailto:shelby.a.smith@outlook.com) if you would like to help organize this bi-annual event.

## Ivy League to meet in Pine Lake!

### - Kathie deNobriga

The City will host a full-on English Ivy attack on Saturday, April 18, 9am-noon, with cook-out to follow, and free T-shirts for all. Most folks know that ivy can kill trees, and we need to get busy on the wet-land forest area.

Bring loppers, saws, and other tools, wear long sleeves (to reduce exposure to the other kind of ivy), and sturdy shoes. We'll also do a cleanup along Beaver Road at the same time. Come help Pine Lake celebrate Earth Day by protecting our trees!

## Pine Lake Lounge

### - Eva Sotus

March is coming up fast, true to itself, in like a lion and (we hope) out like a lamb. What better way to celebrate those Aries birthdays on **March 14**, 8-10:30 or so, with the fabulous Breeze Kings. Whether you are Pisces, Aries or Caesarean ..all welcome

Carlos Capote harmonica/vocals

Gregg Shapiro bass

Trevor Roberts percussion

Jim Ransone guitarist and Aries extraordinaire,

Jim will be adding another ring around the sun, and his guitar licks are out of this world! !

There will be plenty room for dancing and cavorting, so don your glad rags and get ready to bop 'til you drop.

Swami is the March PL Lounge artist! He is not only a fabulous artist of 60's style posters , T shirts etc who has worked with the Grateful Dead , but also leads a musical group that will play at Lakefest in October. Additionally, Swami has a radio show that airs every Tues and Wed at 7 pm on WATB 1420 am which is located down Rockbridge towards Decatur.

**April 11th**, 8 - 10-30, is Pine Lake's own Hymnlike Maneuver

Jan Christiansen, Gayanne Geurin, and Melanie Hammet, all local musicians, bring their unique touch to the Pine Lake stage, offering hymns sung in ways no one has ever imagined ..and other good stuff.

**COME VISIT WITH FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS AND SUPPORT LIVE ENTERTAINMENT IN OUR TOWN!**

As always, suggested donation at the door is \$10, and libations and refreshments are available from our fabulous beach house kitchen. All donations go to pay the entertainers and keep the good times rollin'.

## Chili Cook Off

### - Ella Johannaber

The PLAIN sponsored Chili Cook Off was enjoyed by all the participants. The coveted golden spoon awards were announced with plenty of cheering. Congratulations to John Weeks, the winner in the meat chili category with his "Old School Texas Style Chili," Normando Ismay who took the prize for his Vegetarian Chili, Melody Kelly, who won in the soup category, and Amy Colburn, for her winning gluten-free cornbread.



## Lakefest

### - Lalah Manly

The 2015 festival logo contest is underway, and the deadline for entries (March 15) is fast approaching. Submit all entries to: [PineLakeFest@gmail.com](mailto:PineLakeFest@gmail.com)

Contact Lalah ([PineLakeFest@gmail.com](mailto:PineLakeFest@gmail.com)) or Paul ([rsrestraints@bellsouth.net](mailto:rsrestraints@bellsouth.net)) with any questions. Details available on the city FaceBook page, listserv announcement archives, and by request.

LakeFest is currently inviting sponsors to consider options for supporting the festival. With your help, we will rent a professional stage, raise musician pay (it's currently paltry...), increase signage, pay for advertising, and more. Contact Susan Reardon at [susankreardon@gmail.com](mailto:susankreardon@gmail.com).

LakeFest 2015 Brainstorming Part 2, specific topic: "Getting the word out!" March 12, 7pm, Lalah's house (506 Spring Dr). Next planning parties: March 1, March 29, April 26, May 24 at the beach house.

## Pine Lake EcoArts Camp

### - Ella Johannaber

Pine Lake EcoArts Camp is looking forward to another fun summer. Registration is under way!

Come visit us at [ecoartscamp.com](http://ecoartscamp.com). You can also call Ella at (404) 277-5747.

## Arbor Day Foundation Recognizes Pine Lake

The city of Pine Lake was among Georgia cities recognized on February 18 for their commitment to caring for and managing their public trees. Pine Lake was honored during the 2015 State Arbor Day celebration at Wesleyan College for being one of Georgia's "Tree City USA" communities.

Arbor Day Foundation President Dan Lambe traveled to Georgia for the event, which also recognized Tree Campus USA colleges and Tree Line USA utilities. Due to Georgia's ideal winter tree planting season, the third Friday in February is designated annually as Arbor Day in Georgia. Governor Nathan Deal signed a proclamation naming February 20 as Arbor Day in Georgia for 2015.

The city of Pine Lake participated in a fall tree planting and began to inventory potential planting locations for new city and street trees to them meet the standards necessary to be a Tree City USA for the 2014 year.

"Trees clean our air, filter our water, and keep us healthy by providing shade, along with countless opportunities to enjoy recreation and natural beauty," said Robert Farris, Director of the Georgia Forestry Commission. "The citizens of Pine Lake can take pride in their community leaders' commitment to trees and forested land - on Arbor Day and every other day of the year."

# March 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 8:30 AM PLAIN's Breakfast— Beach House
8	9 7:30 PM— City Council Meeting—Court House	10	11	12	13	14 7:30 PM— Pine Lake Lounge Beach House
15	16	17 6:30 Tree Authority—Club House  7:00 PM— ARB— Club House	18	19 7:00 PM PLAIN Meeting— Beach House	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 7:30 PM City Council Work Session - Club House				

# April 2015

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