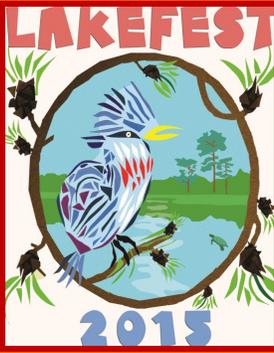


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NEWSLETTER BY PINE LAKE ASSOCIATION OF INVOLVED NEIGHBORS



Welcome! LakeFest 2015

Abbreviation Key

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

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LakeFest 2015 - Lalah Manly

Art * Music * Food * Fun

LakeFest is in its 15th year and headed into a wider and deeper celebration of community and the arts than ever before. Back in 2008, a tagline for our hometown festival emerged out of the blue -- "ART, MUSIC, FOOD, and FUN" -- and has been as much a guiding force as our mission. Do you want to know what's in store for you this year? You'll want to be in town and lakeside October 3rd and 4th for the following:

ART:

- * Artist vendors, including a Youth Art tent, pottery, jewelry, mosaic work, painting, wood, sculpture, fiber, and much more
- * Health and Wellness practitioners, including massage, Reiki, intuitive readings, and more
- * Poetry by the Lake
- * Community art project
- * Art-based contests
- * Hands-on art activities: look for your chance to work with our mosaic artist on a public installation

MUSIC:

- * Opening drum circle: Bring your own drum and chair.
- * Hometown favorites: Diane Durrett, Melinda Kingsley, Rick Price, Eva Sotus, Elise Witt, Hymn-like Maneuver, and more. (See the Willow stage at www.PineLakeFest.com for the full line-up and who plays when.)
- * Saturday evening with Georgia Flood
- * Sunday evening with Michelle Malone (!)

FOOD:

- * Food: some old favorites and some soon-to-be favorites in Texas Tacos, Wheely Grilly, Tasting Maine, and Bollywood Zing
- * Sweets: SnoBayou, Queens Kernel and Westside Creamery

FUN:

- * Kids' Carnival: join children and adults in front of the beachhouse for kid-friendly fun as well as a conversation cove designated specifically for little ones.
- * Pine Lake Pet Show and Parade: looking for the Best Trick, Best Costume, Most Unusual, Fat Cat (not limited to felines), and Best In Show! Prizes, fun, laughter, photos, and a parade to the stage through the festival artist tents.
- * Chalk art contest: not only a contest with prizes and fun, but also an art installation that sticks around til it next rains! Claim your spot along Lakeshore with the chalk we'll provide (can't bring



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your own this year, sorry!) and create a scene to be seen. Saturday!

* Sand castle contest with prizes and fun for all ages. Sunday!

* Hula hoop contest

* **FLOATZILLA:** a monster of a floating parade! Bring out your boat, floating coffin, somewhat submerged and non-seaworthy summer beach float -- whatever you've got -- decorate it according to this year's theme, Under the Sea, and join in this Sunday-opening event. You'll be simultaneously serenaded by the Seed and Feed Marching Abominables. Prizes (again including CA\$H in best overall) available to Most Creative, Most Artistic, Most Pine Lake. Note the NEW TIME: HIGH NOON on SUNDAY!

* Yae Yae the Clown face painting

* End of festival street dance near the stage

* **AND YOU:**

* Conversation coves: nook-and-cranny-esque spots among the artist vendors set up like your living room and open for your rest and enjoyment of each other. Your neighbors are volunteering to stock each cove with comfortable seating, perhaps a rug and potted plant, a table. This is how we tell our visitors that our welcome is real.

* Community art project: The theme is Under the Sea. Create something individually that, put with others', becomes greater than the sum of its parts. More information at the Labor Day picnic on September 7th.

* Spreading the word: 'like' the LakeFest Facebook page (www.facebook.com/PineLakeLakefest), comment on and share the flyers for Poetry by the Lake, FLOATZILLA, and the festival on your own pages, follow us on Twitter (PineLakeFest), distribute our postcards at work and play, hang fliers at your favorite businesses, and share the website (www.pinelakefest.com) with your friends. By bringing in attendees, we reward our artists, our musicians, and our city with potential revenue. It is not ALL about the money, but money is relevant and useful, too.

* AND, most importantly, VOLUNTEERING: we pull this festival together and celebrate this community with your help, love, and support. The planning party has put hours and hours into bringing this festival to life. Now we need your help staffing Town Square for a hour, raising and razing the vendor tents, counting festival attendees, distributing water to vendors, stocking portajohns with t.p., helping children with art activities, signing participants up for contests, managing traffic flow, and keeping an eye on trash and recycling. Please, please give us a couple of hours or more across the weekend to help everything run smoothly. Sign up at the Labor Day picnic, or contact us at pinelakefest@gmail.com to let us know you are willing and available!

A few extra bits: * Well-behaved, socialized, and leashed dogs are welcome at the festival. All liability is yours, please empower them to be good neighbors.

* There will be a mobile dog groomer available at the beach house front porch for the festival.

* The swimming area closes for the season at the end of LakeFest. Come enjoy the beach one more time!

Willow Music Stage schedule

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2015

11:00 Luis Stefanell

12:00 Barrow Boys

1:00 Vientos del Pueblo

2:00 Tangled Oaks Rick Price and Laura Joseph

3:00 Della Street Blues with Doug Morton

4:00 Bill Sheffield

5:00 Georgia Flood

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2015

12:00 Floatzilla with the Seed and Feed Marching Abominables

12:30 Cosmic Gospel Hour

1:00 Hymnlike Maneuver

2:00 Free Association Choir: Elise Witt, Joyce Williams, Jacque Howard & Phyllis Free

3:00 Melinda Kingsley

4:00 Diane Durrett

5:00 Michelle Malone

Pine Lake's Annual Labor Day Picnic!

The Labor Day Picnic is Monday, September 7th, from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM. The city will provide hotdogs, hamburgers, and vegetarian options with fixings, and residents are asked to bring side dishes and desserts to add to the table. We need volunteers to help with set up and cooking, starting at 11.

In addition to good food and good company, the Annual Picnic provides us with many ways to interface with Lakefest! There will be a community-building event on the front porch of the Beach House as we produce 40 PVC/Quickcrete weights for the city-owned tents at this year's festival. It's a big job, and we could use a few folks to take a turn from 11:00 to 2PM! We will have the mixing troughs and tools, and we will need your help to mix, scoop, and pour. We will have face masks and a few gloves, bring your own if you have them. Come young, come old. Stir, pour, poke; we will get it done!

In addition to the work group there will be an official Lakefest tent staffed with volunteers who have been keeping the Spirit alive throughout the year. Come by, hang out, chat with your neighbors and learn how to you can participate in Lakefest to make our town shine!

Yard of the Month—Returns!

PLAIN will sponsor a Yard of the Month award that we will announce at our regular PLAIN meetings. Being Pine Lake our Yard of the Month will not only include landscaping and beauty but also most decorated yard, best use of the ecology and greenspace, unusual art, most improved yard, and whatever zany categories we can think. Pine Lakers are welcome to nominate yards confidentially to Greg Creech at creechgreg@bellsouth.net each month. PLAIN board members will decide the Yard of the Month and will keep nominated yards for future consideration. If we receive no nominations, the PLAIN board will decide on a yard. So, what does the Yard of the Month honoree receive?

- ✓ A Yard of the Month sign proudly displayed on their property,
- ✓ A Yard of the Month certificate,
- ✓ Free breakfast for the month that you receive the award (if we have no breakfast that month the free breakfast would be at the next breakfast),
- ✓ Photos of the Yard for the resident.

So, don't hesitate: nominate a yard today!

Pine Lake Welcome Kit

PLAIN is reviving the Welcome Kit for new residents listing important information about Pine Lake and resources. We would like to include a list of service providers in the area such as landscapers, plumbers, electricians, etc. Please submit information to Stephanie Spiller at steffispiller@gmail.com.

Pine Lake Lounge - Eva Sotus

THE BAND OF DESPERATE MEN

Sept 12 8pm - 10pm at the beach house—Doors open 7:30 BYOB

Doug "Doc" Oster, Clay Spurz, and Britt Dean are The Band of Desperate Men: pure and simple harmony blended over originals and vintage classics. They cover the waterfront from Country, old-school Rock 'n' Roll, Bluegrass, and Blues to the only Chinese Doo-wop song (愛以後, 愛以後, 現在一點愛以後) in captivity. <http://www.desperatemusic.com>. Good times guaranteed.

September's featured Artist at the Lounge: Dede Spitz, paintings and sculptures

Message from the Mayor Kathie deNobriga

MUNI Code is back on line! The searchable and current Pine Lake code is at your fingertips! If you want to know about fence rules, noise ordinances, nuisances (like barking dogs), this is where to look.

www.municode.com/library/ga/pine_lake/codes/code_of_ordinances. This link is posted prominently on our website at www.pinelakega.com.

Join us for 2016 budget discussions at the October 27 work session and the November 9 Council meeting! Draft budget available the week of October 12. See where your money goes!

Uncle Kingfisher wants YOU to run for office: mayor and three council positions are up for election. To run, come by City Hall the week of August 31, 8:30am-4:30pm, to complete the paperwork and pay a modest filing fee.

Be a trailblazer! Walk the back side of the loop trail in the western wetlands -- many tromping feet will help establish the trail.

Message from the President Jan Christiansen

PLAIN (Pine Lake Association of Involved Neighbors) has a lot of stuff cookin'...for real. The International Dinner will be on Saturday, September 26th, 7:00—10:00 PM, at the Beach House. This yearly event is always a lot of fun and the food that everyone brings is fantastic. We have so many talented cooks in the town and we always have a great representation of cuisine from a myriad of cultures. Look for details coming soon on the Halloween/Day of Dead celebration. There will be lots of spooky fun in store. There will be an early family party that will later turn into adult-only revelry.

In July, PLAIN purchased a new microwave for the Beach House. Thank you to Jackie Biggers and Jean Bordeaux for shopping and purchasing the microwave!

Just a reminder... PLAIN meetings are open to EVERYONE! Please join us on the third Thursday of each month at 7PM. It is a fun meeting with great people and yummy snacks! Come join us!

No Such Address – What a Mess

Have you ever found yourself facing this Catch 22:

You are completing a form on-line that requires your address. You input your PO Box and you get an error message saying that a PO Box cannot be used. So you input your street address and you get another error message telling you that your street address does not exist.

Urgggggg!!!! Why does this happen? Well it turns out that many on-line forms check their information using the US Postal Service database. Since we do not receive mail at our home addresses, they do not exist in that database. The Post Office is aware of this problem but say there is no way for our addresses to be included since they are not valid for postal delivery.

What to do? Go to the Post Office and tell them that you want to sign up for "Street Addressing Service" for your PO Box. Once you sign up, you will be able to use the address of the Pine Lake Post Office in combination with your PO Box number as a valid street/mailling address (they will give you the exact format that you are to use.) It is not the most elegant solution to the problem, but best they can offer. Good luck, hope this tip saves you some frustration.

September 2015

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