

# PLAINTalk

NEWSLETTER BY PINE LAKE ASSOCIATION OF INVOLVED NEIGHBORS



Pine Lake Summer Flowers!

## Abbreviation Key

<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

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## Message from the President

**Jan Christiansen, PLAIN President**

Happy Spring!! The weather is beautiful, and sitting on the porch at the Beach House overlooking the lake is the place to be. PLAIN is honored to be able to host wonderful monthly gatherings like the Pancake Breakfast that give all of Pine Lake the chance to visit and break bread together. PLAIN has a cadre of volunteers who pull this off every month. These folks set up the room, cook the breakfast, clean up, and everything in between...all in the name of Community!

PLAIN is looking forward to seeing all of you at our May and June Pancake Breakfast. PLAIN will also be hosting the Ice Cream Social at the City's Memorial Day Cookout on Saturday, May 28th. Come on out, enjoy good food, the beauty of our surroundings, catch up with your neighbors, and have a good time!

I gave a shout out to a lot of folks last month who help with all of the PLAIN events throughout the year, but neglected to mention Susan Lightcap and Greg Creech who work so hard at putting this newsletter together for us. Thank you Susan and Greg!!

## Tour of Homes—May 1

**Kathie deNobriga**

The Sixth Annual Tour of Pine Lake Homes & Gardens is this Sunday, May 1, from 1-5pm.

Featuring some of the city's most charming cottages, the Tour benefits the LakeFest Musicians' fund and scholarships for the Eco-Arts summer youth camp.

Buy your tickets in advance on line at [www.pinelakefest.com](http://www.pinelakefest.com): \$15 or two for \$25 (the more you buy, the more you save).

After you buy your ticket on line, you can pick up your tour map at the Beach House on Sunday, beginning at 12:45 pm.

Tickets will also be available day of the event — just come to the Beach House.

## Yard of the Month

**Greg Creech, Vice-President of PLAIN**

Congratulations to Faye Ridling at 635 Ivy Road. The yard is really a garden with lovely azaleas, roses, hostas, and other beautiful foliage and decorations. Faye receives a Hall's Gift Certificate, free PLAIN breakfast, the yard sign, a certificate, and this article in PLAINTalk. I keep a list of nominations for future reference and welcome nominations anytime at [creechgreg@bellsouth.net](mailto:creechgreg@bellsouth.net). Thanks, Faye, for a gorgeous, Pine Lake yard.



## City Communications—Message from the Mayor

**Melanie Hammet, Mayor**

**We are having a Town Hall meeting Tuesday, May 3rd at The Clubhouse, 7 pm.**

The 1st semester of 2016 has had tremendous activity in every category: our fight at the Capitol and the HUGE resident push-back on the Greenhaven question; the passage of the city's updated residential zoning; the nearly two dozen volunteers currently working on revamping the comprehensive plan and our commercial zoning; contracting with an economic development consultant; the establishment of the Municipal Arts Panel and the first city-sponsored arts grant--- that's just some of the activity. The council and staff have worked hard these four months and I am glad to be working alongside them.

Please put May 3rd on your calendar and we'll look forward to seeing you.

And in other news . . .

Mr. Martinez has attached a metal security ring to the Big Rock next to the canoe put-in to relocate boats for storage. All stored boats must be clearly owner-identified. Please unlink all boats from the info kiosk and re-secure at the new location. Romance the stone. Store boats upside-down. Do not romance the bugs.

### Memorial Day Picnic and Ice Cream Social

On Saturday, May 28th, the City of Pine Lake will host our annual picnic at noon and official beach opening with a PLAIN sponsored ice cream social at 1:00PM. We will have a patriotic parade around the lake commencing at the Club House at 11:30. So, decorate your bike, stroller, pet, and yourself, with decorations provided by PLAIN. We are always looking for hamburger/hot dog grillers, clean-up assistance, and ice cream servers to help. Contact Megan Pulsts at [meganpulsts@gmail.com](mailto:meganpulsts@gmail.com) or Greg Creech at [creechgreg@bellsouth.net](mailto:creechgreg@bellsouth.net) and stay tuned for more information on [pinelakeannounce](#) and our Facebook pages.



### LakeFest Applications—Now Open!

Whether you're an artist or artisan, maker of specialty food items or owner of a food truck, hands-on healer or wellness guru, there's a booth waiting for you on Lakeshore Drive, October 1-2. Applications are on line at [www.pinelakefest.com](http://www.pinelakefest.com) — and Pine Lake Residents get a 40% discount on booth fees!!! Deadline is July 1, so don't delay!

For the first time we have a juror to help screen the artist applicants for affordability and quality, and even if you're displayed before, it's a whole new day with Erin Bailey! (Before, our screeners were also vendors, which didn't seem quite fair.) Erin has worked at ART Station in Stone Mountain for six years, currently as the Director of Galleries and Visual Arts Programs. Before coming to ART Station, Erin worked for the City of Atlanta Bureau of Cultural Affairs for more than 30 years. She spent the last nine years of her career with the City as the Director of Chastain Arts Center and Gallery, affording her the opportunity to work with many of the metro area's most accomplished fine art and craft artists. An artist herself, Erin will help LakeFest reach new heights!

### SALT Activities

On April 8-9, over a dozen Pine Lake seniors joined forces to host a giant yard-sale at the Beach House to raise money for SALT: Seniors and Law Enforcement Together. Cleaning out their attics and basements, offering vintage goodies and incredible bargains, the seniors raised \$526.72 to support their activities. At the end of the sale, left-over items were loaded onto a truck and donated to charity, the St. Vincent de Paul Society. One shopper spotted two whole boxes of school and office supplies and mentioned that she was taking a load of books to a school in need in Nicaragua, and these supplies were happily donated to her cause as well. Interested in joining SALT? The next monthly meeting is Thursday, May 19 at 10am at the Beach House. Upcoming events are the annual "Scam Jam" (or how to avoid being taken advantage of), a health & wellness program, and holiday celebrations. If you have questions about SALT, contact Chief Greene at 404-292-4250.

## Pine Lake Lounge

### Eva Sotus

Second Saturday of May (14th) MAP presents at the Pine Lake Lounge a fabulous night of poetry and music!

8:00 pm

Atlanta Women's Poetry Collective will include readings by:

- ✓ B.G. Armstrong
- ✓ Elizabeth Garcia
- ✓ Jocelyn Heath
- ✓ Sandy Hokanson
- ✓ K. B. Kincer
- ✓ Erica Gerald Mason
- ✓ Tania Rochelle
- ✓ Alice Teeter
- ✓ Shaliss Monet Wilkes

Our 2nd hour will be Harpist Susan Ottzen duo

At the Pine Lake Beach House- 8-10 pm

Doors open 7:30

\$10 donation appreciated

Light refreshments available

Join Pine Lake Lounge on FB for updates!



## FREE! Membership Breakfast June 4

Our June 4 community breakfast celebrates PLAIN Membership with a free breakfast for anyone joining or renewing their membership between now and at the breakfast. **Don't wait! Join or renew now**, you may pay for your membership at [www.plainhelps.org](http://www.plainhelps.org) via PayPal or with cash or a check at the May 6 or June 4 breakfast and enjoy a complimentary breakfast on June 4. Your investment in PLAIN is an investment in our village. PLAIN supports our city in many ways and offers fantastic family events throughout the year, including our community breakfasts, international dinner, Halloween/Day of the Dead family party, Chili/Soup cook-off, Breakfast with Santa, and the Cookie Exchange. Your financial support allows us to continue our help to the City of Pine Lake and sponsoring ongoing, fun events. THANK YOU! See you at the lake and breakfasts.

## EcoArts Summer Camp

### Ella Johannaber

Pine Lake EcoArts Camp is gearing up for summer fun and you can join in! Here are the top five ways to be a part of EcoArts Camp 2016:

5. Buy a t-shirt! Each year is unique and becomes a collector's item. Order at [ecoartscamp.com](http://ecoartscamp.com)
4. Bring us a watermelon! It's the camper's all-time favorite treat. Other snacks such as frozen grapes, plain and gluten-free crackers, apples, and oranges gratefully gobbled up, too. Call or text Ella (404 277-5747) to arrange for pick-up.
3. Donate an item from our wish list - see our wish list below.
2. Volunteer at camp! Join an outstanding group of neighbors, friends and incredibly cool people having fun and making this a summer to celebrate. (background check required)

AND the NUMBER 1 way YOU can be a part of EcoArts Camp this summer ....

1. Donate to the scholarship fund! So far this year we have 16 campers who have requested partial scholarships and two families who need full scholarships. One family is from Pine Lake and has two campers, a brother and sister, and the other is a refugee family from Clarkston. Your donation makes it possible for us to say YES! Click the Donate button at the website: [www.ecoartscamp.com](http://www.ecoartscamp.com) While you are there, check out our sponsorship program for promoting your business, service or organization.

#### Wish List:

- ✓ Paper - all kinds, big and small
- ✓ Markers and colored pens
- ✓ Clip boards
- ✓ Glue and glue sticks
- ✓ Paint - house paint and artist's paint
- ✓ Fabric for puppet-making, sets and costumes
- ✓ Odds and ends crafty stuff

Also: microscopes, binoculars, magnifying glasses, baskets with handles, buckets, fishing nets, checkers, Connect Four game, balls - all kinds, a wagon, wheelbarrow, and other things you don't need anymore.

Call Ella (404 277-5747) to ask if your donation is something camp can use.

Pine Lake EcoArts Camp is a diverse and inclusive community focused on Nature, Arts, and Friendship. We welcome kids ages 5 - 15. June 20 - July 1 & July 11 - 22. M-F, 8:30am - 3:30pm. There is still room in Session 3, "Theater Play, Performing Arts" Register now at [www.ecoartscamp.com](http://www.ecoartscamp.com).

Save the Date! Closing performance is July 22 at 4pm. All are welcome.

## Upcoming PLAIN Events

- ✓ May 7 – Community Breakfast, 8:30 – 10:30, Beach House
- ✓ May 28 - Ice Cream Social, 1:00 PM at the City Memorial Day Picnic
- ✓ June 4 – Community Breakfast /PLAIN Membership Drive, 8:30 to 10:30, Beach House
- ✓ July – No Breakfast this month
- ✓ August 6 - Community Breakfast, 8:30 – 10:30, Beach House
- ✓ September 3 - Community Breakfast, 8:30 – 10:30, Beach House

# May 2016

7Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Tour of Homes— 1:00—5:00 PM—Beach House	2	3Town Hall 7:00 PM— Club House	4	5	6	7PLAIN Breakfast 8:30—10:30 Beach House
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