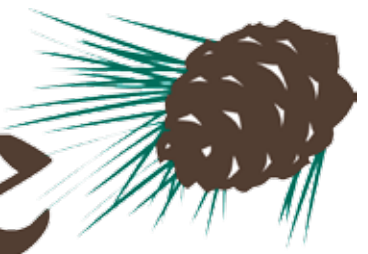
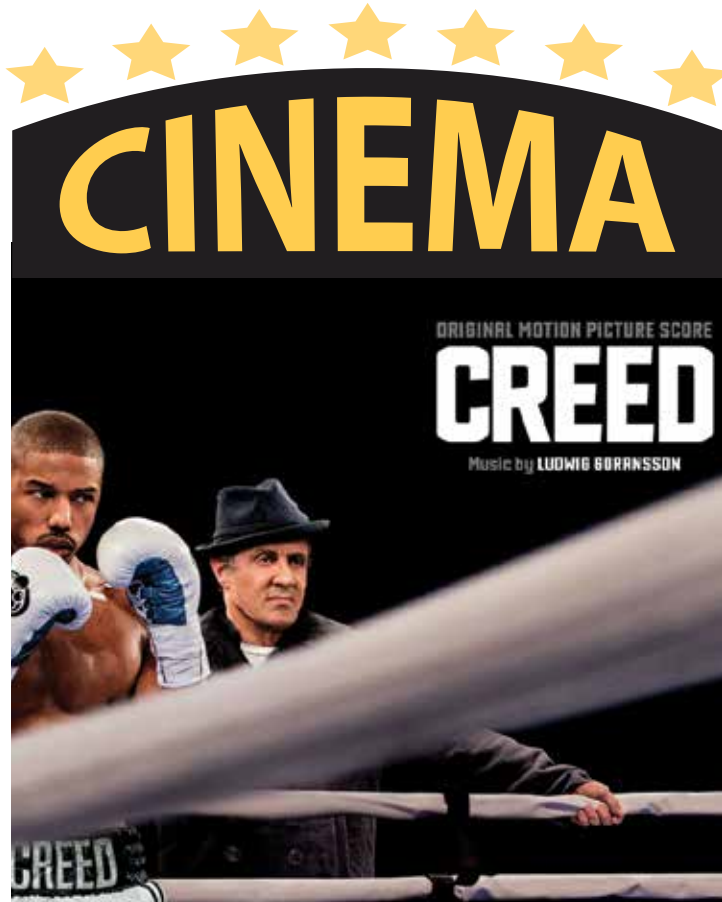


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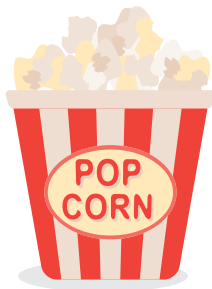
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## Movie night: July 30, 8:30pm

Join us for a free movie in the parking lot of the PLHA office. *Creed* was nominated for an Oscar and won a number of awards from other organizations. The movie tells the story of boxer Adonis Johnson (Michael B. Jordan), son of a famous boxing champion, Apollo Creed, whom moviegoers met in the original *Rocky* (1976). Rocky Balboa (Sylvester Stallone) eventually agrees to mentor Adonis.

This movie is rated PG-13, for violence, language and some sensuality.



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## Mark your calendar: National Night Out

Celebrate *National Night Out* on Tuesday, August 2, 2016. Join your neighbors at the community pool 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. A pool pass is NOT required that night. Fairfax County Police and Fire Departments have been invited.

Free pizza and soft drinks will be available to all residents of Pinewood Lake.

*National Night Out* is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police–community partnerships; and send a message to criminals, letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

For more details about *National Night Out*, go to [www.nationalnightout.org](http://www.nationalnightout.org).

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## Marque su calendario

Celebre con nosotros el *National Night Out!* Martes 2 de agosto de 2016, en la piscina de nuestra comunidad de 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. No necesita pases para usar la piscina. Miembros de los Departamentos de Policía y los Bomberos estarán presentes.

Habrà pizza y refrescos gratis.

El *National Night Out* está diseñado para: educar a la comunidad acerca de la delincuencia y la prevención de drogas, generar apoyo y su participación en programas contra el crimen; fortalecer la relación de nuestra comunidad y el departamento de Policía, y enviar un mensaje a los criminales haciéndoles saber que nuestra comunidad está organizada y luchando contra el crimen.

Para más detalles acerca del *National Night Out*, vaya al sitio web: [www.nationalnightout.org](http://www.nationalnightout.org).

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### Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!

PLHA office is closed July 4, trash will be picked up.

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## Real estate update

April 15–June 19, 2016

By Maggie Gallagher

A brisk market and remodeled homes are selling quickly and in the mid-\$340s (after the seller subsidy).



### Recently Sold

- 4515 Squiredale Square \$350,000, seller subsidy \$5k
- 4311 Cedarlake \$325,000, seller subsidy \$7800

### Pending

- 7915 Central Park Circle, asking \$340,000 (went on market June 1)
- 7942 Central Park Circle, asking \$312,000
- 4518 Arendale Square, asking \$349,900
- 4525 Arendale Square, asking \$349,900
- 8120 Pinelake Court, asking \$328,000

### On the Market

- 8117 Pinelake Court, \$327,000 (end unit)
- 4427 Scarborough Square, \$350,000

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## Farmer's Market at Sherwood Hall Library

Now open on Wednesdays, 8 a.m.–noon  
Locally grown herbs, flowers and vegetables!

## Treasurer report

Period ending May 31, 2016, prepared by Nancy Razzino

Below is a chart outlining the total cash balance in the PLHA accounts as of May 31, 2016. The total cash balances for the prior month and for May 2015 are included for comparison.

TOTAL BALANCE	May 31, 2016	April 30, 2016	May 2015
Operations	\$146,517.94	\$144,831.69	\$190,568.22
Reserve	\$2,275,639.52	\$2,262,190.90	\$2,307,536.74
Total	\$2,422,157.46	\$2,407,022.59	\$2,498,104.96
DELINQUENT	May 31, 2016	April 30, 2016	May 2015
Total balance	\$58,870.70	\$62,841.46	\$63,844.57
90 days or more	\$38,751.90	\$33,085.22	\$42,928.76

\*22 accounts over \$1,000, seven of which are over \$1,500.

### Delinquent Accounts

The total balance in the delinquent accounts on May 31, 2016 was \$58,870.70. The chart above shows the current balance compared to the prior month and one year ago.

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## Mosquito-prevention project

By Brian Palazzolo, Maintenance Committee member



Fairfax County treats our street storm drains (about 80 of them) for mosquitos by tossing larvicide packets (mosquito dunks) into them three times between mid-May & mid-October, which helps to prevent mosquitos from successfully reproducing. This does not prevent them from reproducing in our off-street storm drains (we have about 25), which are in our parks, our alleyways and drainage culverts behind our homes, usually just upstream from our street drains.

After an educational walkaround with a representative from the Fairfax Department of Environmental Health, the Maintenance Committee decided to order mosquito dunks and mirror the county's street drain program with our own off-street program, three times a season.

The first round has been completed and there will be two more, one around August 1 and the last around mid-October.

We can also use these dunks in problem areas of stagnant standing water that remain for more than seven days (it takes a larva 7–10 days to become a mosquito).

Although this project will help eliminate some mosquitos, we learned that nearly all the bites we get are from mosquitos that breed right in our own yards, or within a very short distance. The Fairfax representative, a scientist, showed us that any container which can hold water for 7–10 days or more will be capable of breeding mosquitos.

In our own yards, he showed us pet water bowls, spare tires, bird baths and other items all containing water. The simple solution to preventing mosquitos is to simply remove these items, or at least to dump the water out before it stagnates.

If homeowners do nothing more than monitor and manage their own yards, it will eliminate nearly all mosquitos.

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## Important volunteer opportunity

We need you! The Board has formed an Ad Hoc Committee to discuss revising the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (DCCR, one of the major governing documents of the community) and is looking for any interested homeowners.

Please contact the office at 703-360-6212 or plha@verizon.net to join the committee.

## Board happenings

### Board happenings

At its June 9, 2016 meeting, the Board of Directors:

Heard a community comment on the Board's establishment of guidelines to improve communication and the relationship between the Association and the grounds contractor. The homeowner believes the threshold of \$5,000 under which the contractor is given right of refusal on items outside of the grounds contract but still grounds-related is too high. The homeowner also noted the item was omitted from the May Board minutes. The Board Secretary stated that the omission was inadvertent and that he works to ensure transparency and openness in the minutes.

Was introduced to a new homeowner.

Heard a community comment about apparent drug deals on a street in the community. This has been and will continue to be reported to the police.

Heard a reminder about the Community Yard Sale on June 11 from 8 a.m.–1 p.m.

Heard reports from the Committee Liaisons: the pool is now open; the ACC is working on a standard for exterior motion lights and reviewing the possibility of allowing benches in front yards; the Maintenance Committee has been working on the grounds contract statement of work and map, the bridge replacement recommendation, and a proposal for needed path work.

Selected a new collections attorney for the Association.

Tabled the Collections Resolution for discussion until the month after the Board meets with the new collections attorney.

Approved the proposed grounds contract statement of work to be sent out for competitive bidding.

Approved the proposed snow contract statement of work.

Deferred discussion of the DCCR revision to the September Board meeting.

Heard that the Maintenance Committee has authorized the purchase of a boom to help collect trash in the lake near the Lawrence Street inlets.

Approved a proposal from National Paving in an amount not to exceed \$45,000 to remove and repave selected paths throughout the community.

Approved the Maintenance Committee's recommendation to spend up to \$100,000 for the purchase and installation of a replacement bridge at the lake. The bridge

will be in the Contour style in powder-coated black aluminum from Crane Materials International.

Added the area by the perimeter fence at the end of Amblewood Road to the grounds contract statement of work.

Approved up to \$1,650 for the purchase of a larger popcorn machine and cart for the Cinema Committee's use, because demand for popcorn is so high at the movies.

Voted to review the employee evaluation form at the July Board meeting.

Deferred discussion of emergency preparedness to the August Board meeting.

Appointed Walter and Donna Wright as Co-Chairs for the Pool Committee.

Reconstituted the Contracts Committee with Mike Shigley as Chair and Bev Card, Nancy Razzino, Sal Simonetta, Maggie Srivastav, and Edna Burns as members. This committee will function as described in the recently approved contract process.

Heard about the meeting with a county Environmental Health Specialist regarding advice on mosquito control solutions.

Authorized the Community Manager to seek clarification from an attorney on the most recent County letter regarding the compound shed and the County's requirement for a reduced number of spaces for homeowner recreational vehicles.

Agreed to discuss at the August Board meeting possible installation of dog waste stations in the community.

Authorized the Community Manager to seek an opinion on a homeowner account from the new collections attorney.

Authorized hiring an attorney to represent the Association in a contract litigation matter if necessary. \$5,000 was previously approved as a retainer.

At its July 14 meeting, the Board anticipates meeting with the new collections attorney and reviewing the employee evaluation form.

If you have any questions about the Board happenings, please contact Kirsten Davis at 703-360-6212 or plha@verizon.net.

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## Voting is your right

Registering to vote is as easy as visiting [elections.virginia.gov](http://elections.virginia.gov). You can also find out on that website if you have a valid registration in effect. Voter registration is also available at the DMV, libraries and many government offices.

You must be sure you have a valid registration 22 days before an election. The next General Election (including the vote for President) is November 8.



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**Pinewood pool now open!**

Open through Labor Day  
Pool hours 11 a.m.–8 p.m.  
Pool pass required.

Get your pool pass during Pinewood office hours, Monday–Friday noon–3 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m.–noon.

Guest passes are for sale in the office, ten for \$25.

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## Returning soon: Contracts Committee

Keep a look out on the listserv and on our website — pinewoodlake.net — for upcoming meetings of the newly reconstituted Contracts Committee. This group helps the Board by obtaining and reviewing bids for large projects.

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## You are invited — stop by any time!

Most every PLHA committee has a monthly meeting open to all residents. You are welcome at any and all of these meetings, even if you are just stopping by to listen. All committees are eager to hear your feedback. Make your voice heard, and help improve Pinewood Lake.

Our committees include: Architectural Control Committee, Cinema, Hospitality, Maintenance, Marketing, Neighborhood Watch, Pool, and Publications.

Most committee meetings take place at the office, 8159 Fernlake Court. See the calendar below for dates.

If you have questions, call the office at 703-360-6212, or send an email to plha@verizon.net.

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## PLHA Calendar

Meetings are held at the PLHA office at 7:30 p.m., unless otherwise stated.

- July 4 ..... Independence Day (holiday)
- July 5 ..... ACC meeting
- July 14 ..... PLHA Board meeting
- July 20 ..... Pool Committee Meeting
- July 20 ..... The Needle deadline
- July 21 ..... Publications Committee
- July 26 ..... Maintenance Committee
- July 28 ..... Marketing Committee
- July 30..... Movie Night: Creed, 8:30 p.m.
- August 2.....National Night Out, 6 p.m.

## Community voices

### The Handyman's Tip

By Jose Castro



This month, we will discuss the relationship between the client and the contractor:

1. When hiring a contractor, ask for recommendations from prior customers.
2. Make sure that the contractor is licensed and insured.
3. Let the contractor know what you want done and ask for an opinion. Their experience may be helpful.
4. Ask your contractor to work with good quality materials. A quality job is done with quality materials.
5. Double-check the work the contractor has performed, and be sure to ask for the length of warranty.

A good customer makes a good contractor.

Mr. Castro is a professional contractor with more than 20 years of experience.

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### Just NOVA

By Gary E. Woodlin

What do Halle Berry, Tom Hanks, Steve Jobs, Morgan Freeman and Eddie Murphy all have in common? Besides being very successful in each of their particular careers, they all attended their local community college. Yes, not Yale, Harvard, Virginia Tech, or George Mason. Each of these individuals first attended community colleges.

I often talk to young people who just finished or are completing high school, and I ask them the same question: "Are you going to college?" A good portion of them will say, "Yes, just NOVA," (Northern Virginia Community College). I follow up by asking, what do you mean "just NOVA?" And I begin to explain to them the benefits of going to a community college, and when they are ready, transferring to a four-year college to obtain their bachelor's degree.

There are a number of benefits to attending a community college, and individuals should not feel as though they are not as bright, not as cool, or less than their peers by attending a community college. Our young people, who may be undecided about what they want to do, where they want to go, or need to raise their GPA should consider community college.

Stay tuned next month for my follow-up article on the benefits of attending a community college.

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### In and around Pinewood on the 4th

By Delna Clark

If you think you will travel to the National Mall for the 4th of July fireworks this year, here are a few tips:

Fireworks begin at 9:00 p.m. from the Reflecting Pool area and only last 17 minutes and 30 seconds.

Plan to arrive early, and to protect yourself from heat-related illness.

Be prepared to go through security checkpoints to view the fireworks from the National Mall, especially near the Washington Monument and Reflecting Pool.

The fireworks are loud, and you should consider wearing hearing protection.

It may not be best to bring your pets, as they could be startled by the loud noises.

After the fireworks, Independence Avenue between the Lincoln and World War II Memorials will be closed to clean up debris from the fireworks.

#### Other viewing areas:

- Washington D.C.: U.S. Capitol, Lincoln Memorial, Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial, Thomas Jefferson Memorial, The White House Ellipse, West Potomac Park, East Potomac Park, Anacostia Park.
- Virginia: U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial and the George Washington Memorial Parkway.
- If you can find a spot near the Pentagon, you can get a great view from the water side.

There are also small boat tours out of National Harbor and Georgetown that will take you out on the Potomac River for a small fee. If you take this option, the fireworks will feel like they are almost on top of you. This is a great option if you want a different experience.

#### What not to bring:

- Guns, knives, or ammunition
- Drones
- Alcohol
- Glass containers
- Explosives or fireworks

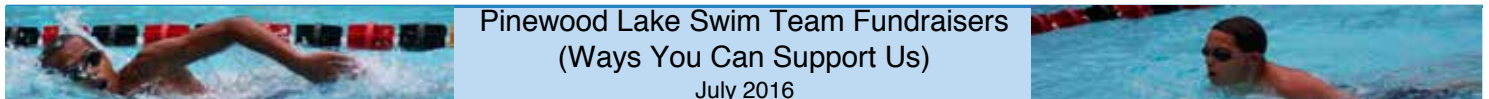
#### Recommendations:



- Leave pets at home
- Travel by Metro
- Bring plenty of water
- Recycle



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# Pinewood Porpoises



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	Get \$50 Restaurant.com Gift Card (good at more than 18,000 restaurants nationally) for only \$20 each.				Friday Night BBQ at Pinewood Lake Pool 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.	Pinewood vs. Burke Station 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Concessions Open
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	Independence Day	Pizza Night at Pinewood Lake Pool 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.			Friday Night BBQ at Pinewood Lake Pool 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.	Pinewood vs. North Springfield 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Concessions Open
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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31					Visit our Custom Apparel Store at <a href="http://www.pinewoodporpoises.org">www.pinewoodporpoises.org</a> . (T-shirts, Sweatshirts, caps, beach towels, duffel bags, robes, blankets, shorts, and more)	

## Ask the CSL

By Karen Mestemaker

### Dear Community Support Liaison (CSL):

I notice the new trash collection requirements for brush materials and placing debris in paper bags, but can you remind us of the electronic recycling procedures?

**Response:** You can E-Cycle electronic items safely and correctly and ensure they don't go to the landfill. Rather than buying a brand new computer, you may wish to consider upgrading the hardware or software on your existing device instead. If that's not possible, make sure to delete all personal information from the unit before disposing of the item. Don't forget to remove the batteries, as they are recycled differently.

Check out these locations to E-cycle your electronics:

- Best Buy stores
- Target stores
- I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 Ox Road
- Fairfax 22035 I-95 Landfill Complex, 9850 Furnace Road, Lorton

Acceptable items include:

- Computers and tablets
- Televisions
- Cell phones
- Ink and toner cartridges
- Cameras
- Rechargeable batteries
- Gaming systems
- Stereos



Please contact individual locations for their complete lists of accepted electronics.

Thanks for contacting the CSL with your question!

Ask your question of the Community Support Liaison by email at [csl@pinewoodlake.net](mailto:csl@pinewoodlake.net), or call the office at 703-360-6212.

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# Around our community

## First ever Pinewood Porpoises swim team Torch Run

Saturday, May 28

The run started at the Central Park Circle Gazebo, and swim team runners visited each Pinewood Lake street. They had music, balloons, a police escort, and neighbors cheering them on.

The run ended at the pool for the Memorial Day BBQ.

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