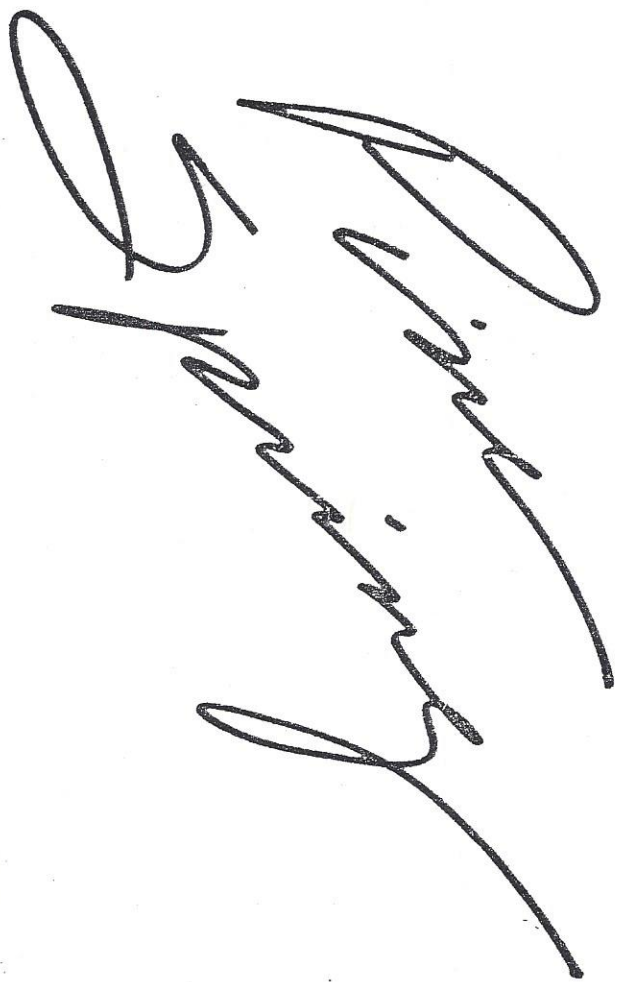


A Retrospective  
1952-1987



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by Jane Marlatt

Pine Spring Civic Association

- INTRODUCTION -

The area surrounding the site of Pine Spring School is historically significant. In 1608 Captain John Smith sailed up the Potomac and investigated and mapped the Fairfax County area, which was inhabited by descendants of the Powhatan Confederacy (the Dogues and Necostins), as well as the Susquehannocks.

Only one-half mile west of Pine Spring School, artifacts from Indian settlements, dating back to 200 a.d., were discovered in August 1985. This site is one of the most important discoveries of prehistoric Indian settlements in Virginia.

The King of England, who claimed the area, gave a large portion of land to Lord Fairfax in the early 1700's. By mid-century tobacco was the major crop supporting a population of four to five thousand in Fairfax County.

Land speculation and population growth in this area were motivated by the temperate climate, the rich streams and forests, proximity to the Nation's Capital, and the excellent transportation system afforded by the Potomac River and other waterways. No Revolutionary War battles occurred here, but Fairfax County residents George Mason and George Washington were frequent visitors.

After the Civil War Northerners settled in the Merrifield area, including seven Union veterans from New York, who purchased land at \$25 per acre.

South of the school was the location of Camp Russell A. Alger, where 34,000 troops were stationed during the Spanish-American War in 1898. Among these soldiers was poet Carl Sandburg. North of the school site on the top of a hill in the cemetery, a Signal Corps unit was encamped.

President McKinley came to the Tremont Inn (located at a site just west of the cemetery).

The community's name is derived from the fact that a spring ran from a grove of pine trees where Pine Spring Road is now located.

Mary Diedrich

What was it like in 1952? The cemetery was there..had been since the early 1930's, the sculpture in the fountain featured in LIFE MAGAZINE. There was a small airport on land now occupied by Loehmanns Plaza/Coralain-Monticello Gardens. Across Arlington Boulevard from this, was a small shopping strip. Route 50 was a pleasant country drive for Washingtonians on a Sunday afternoon, and Lee Highway was even more rural. The last working dairy farm in Arlington had been sold just three years before. Dwight D.Eisenhower would be elected president, and Norman Vincent Peale had a best-seller..'The Power of Positive Thinking'. The first post-war Olympics were held in Helsinki. Gordon and Blanche Bennett were living in the house they had built as newlyweds.. on land that had been part of his father's property. There was no 'Meadow View Road' in front of that house at the time, but there was a small riding stable. The rest was woods..a good bit of it pine. And there were springs.

Luria Brothers Builders had just had a gratifying sales experience with a development of contemporary homes designed by a pair of young architects, Lethbridge and Satterlee. The Lurias had been thought rather daring to go so far out in the country, and to risk departing from the conventional early american..conservative..colonial designs which popular wisdom dictated. But Holmes Run had sold itself. There was hunger for something more imaginative..some departure from the slavishly repetitious pattern. So Luria decided to do it again..only this time even better. They bought the land from Col. Seane and gave those young designers a freer hand. The architects, now known as Keyes, Smith, Satterlee and Lethbridge, enlarged their original design somewhat. They used better finish lumber and added storage space. They had a basic design that was adapted to each site. The lay-out of the roads was their responsibility. They sited the houses with consideration for orientation to the sun and character of the terrain. The two-level design was dictated when the ground rose or fell. Luria allowed them the privilege of furnishing the models. The architects

asked for and got permission to site the homes in such a way that the average lot size was 14,000 sq.ft. in a development where zoning demanded only 10,000. The siding was either cypress or redwood. Two-foot overhangs and large glass areas provided 'passive solar' benefits before the term had been coined. These were homes that would appeal to an imaginative forward-looking customer so that the neighborhood was born with a population sharing common tastes and attitudes to a greater degree than is usual in most new communities.

Pine Spring Gardens was built at the same time. These townhouse-styled apartments were to serve as a buffer between the homes and Lee Highway. The designers had originally planned fewer of these rental units, for facing the road they had envisioned a tasteful strip of commercial property. This idea was abandoned and more of the apartments were built bordering the highway.

Before the first house was even completed, Leon and Ruth Maca happened to inspect and liked what they saw. They bought immediately. The development attracted professional attention as well. Pine Spring, its builders and designers were featured in the November issue of 'HOUSE AND HOME'. Ruth and Leon were not long in their home when they were asked to be visited and interviewed for the 'Arlene Francis' television show. For those too young to know, this was a morning talk-type show...a sort of 'Today Show' forerunner. Our neighbors the Bledsoes, Paulys, Greenbergs, Kelters, Maronis, Mastenbrooks, Pauls, and Derens all moved in as more houses became available in 1953.

(In 1977 George Paul will move back to Pine Spring where he grew up and his little daughters will attend Pine Spring Elementary School just as he did.)

- 1954 -

Building continued into 1954 when the Christophers, the Hopays and the Roy Stevens came. There were five non-Luria houses built on Meadow

View Road.. 'the Bodor houses.' These were also contemporary in style. In 1954 there were 121 Luria houses (20 variations) and the five Bodor houses. The community was featured in LIFE MAGAZINE and HOUSE BEAUTIFUL for additional national recognition. The Boehm, Rice, and Orosch families came shortly after.

Let's place ourselves in that time. The householders are in the main young, energetic and ebullient. There is an immediate flurry of activity in landscaping, patio building and the like.. and a spirit of camaraderie. The building of Melpar adjacent to the enclave probably hastens the formation of the Pine Spring Civic Association. Robert Noonan is the first president, and Irv Greenberg is chairman of the Governmental Affairs Committee. He immediately gets busy on traffic control signs..has speed limits posted and dead-end signs installed. We have assurances from the president of Melpar that the buffer strip will be respected and Howard Stoertz, Treasurer, collects dues of \$3. This is 1954, and there are few mothers working outside the home. Garden and Bridge Clubs are formed. F.D. Lethbridge is made honorary member of the Association. Civil Defense is regarded as a pressing topic. We discuss fallout shelters etc. Japanese beetles are laying siege..the community plans cooperative milky spore treatment. A Cub Scout den is formed. Association meetings are at the Graham Road Elementary School, and ground is broken for Pine Spring Elementary. Speakers include Representative Joel T. Broynhill and a County agricultural agent. Publication of PARADE begins. It carries reports of hurricane Hazel..and a small tornado. All this is set against a background of the McCarthy hearings, the release of the Salk vaccine and the Supreme Court judgement on segregation in the schools.

- 1955 -

The School is finished for the fall term in 1955. Meetings now take place there, and in December, the first Children's Christmas Party. There is target-shooting on the Chiles tract near the school. The Association takes action and stops it. The PARADE is full of social

news reflecting great neighborliness and intimacy. We press for construction of a sidewalk to the new school. All the houses on Meadow View are brought into the new Civic Association. The PARADE has ads. Fairfax Building Supply and Graham Drug. There are many birth announcements each month. The social news reflects a very large proportion of military in the Pine Spring population. Irv Greenberg attends the County Federation of Citizens Associations. Northern Virginia has a Regional Planning Commission composed of volunteer citizen experts. Arlington, Alexandria, Fairfax County and Falls Church have a population of 400,000. Fairfax County has increased 67,000 in the last five years. Schools in the County have added 5,500 in the last year. County residents are concerned over unfair revenue-sharing from Richmond and over attracting the RIGHT kind of industry to the County. Roads are needed, and a 2% sales tax is in the works. Irv Greenberg is elected president. The grand opening of Fairfax Building Supply and Hardware is celebrated with JIMMY DEAN and his Texas Wildcats performing. There are door prizes and a kiddie carousel.

- 1956 -

In 1956 Irv Greenberg reports hydrants have insufficient pressure. A Square Dance Club is formed with Bernard Deren caller. Seven Corners Shopping Center is new, and the 'annexation' of Pine Spring is being considered by The City of Falls Church. Attendance is dropping at the Association meetings. Pine Spring mothers have formed a cooperative baby sitting club. The Garden Club is active. The ladies run a fashion show benefit for the PTA. The spring elections leave Lt. Col. A. Schmeirer as president and Yves Maroni as treasurer. Every issue of The PARADE is full of social news and birth announcements. Khrushchev denounces Stalin and Elvis emerges as 'The King'.

- 1957 -

In 1957 Mrs. Christopher forms a Girl Scout troop, sidewalks to the

school are in, and a dog complaint (the first of a steady stream) appears in PARADE. Humpty Dumpty College (Meadowview Road/Lee Highway) and Falls Church Cooperative Nursery are discussed. Glenn Carlyn Private School is announced open. A high wind causes tree damage.

'Creeping commercialism' worries the community a bit. The Association is working against zoning for building a hospital equipment manufacturing facility across from Melpar. In the spring Yves Maroni becomes president of the Association. A Teens Club is formed. The ladies are active for the benefit of the National Symphony. The Fairfax Symphony is organized. The Square Dance Club is extremely popular. The first kitchen remodeling and first large addition are reported in PARADE. Frances Maroni, Marge Mastenbrook, Bernice Deren and June Greenberg all work hard on the Christmas Party. There are Beatniks and Sputnik and Little Rock out there in the larger world.

- 1958 -

This year brings new sewer lines along Route 50 across from Pine Spring and real concern over lack of attendance at Association meetings. The Asian Flu hits and schools close. There is the famous blizzard in mid-February with power outages of up to 4 days and roads impassable. In the spring John Mastenbrook organizes cooperative buying of nursery stocks plus fertilizers, etc. Howard Stoertz proposes closing the Route 50 entry to Pine Spring so concerned is he in regard to development. Yves Maroni addresses the Civic Association on tax benefits vs. dangers of development. Association ladies are organizing a Day Camp for the summer. The Stoertz's have their own 'House and Garden Tour' and invite the whole community to inspect their new addition. A big spring wind takes many trees..one house loses a total of 12. In May a team of community photographers plan to call on homes to take pictures of improvements. The STATE budget reaches one billion dollars. (In 28 years, the COUNTY budget will be 1.4 billion). The Association calls a special meeting in August to

discuss the desegregation issue. PARADE reflects a careful stance..it is obvious there is no clear consensus.

There is a June Party Box Lunch, and the women's work has made the Day Camp a reality. William Lumpkin is elected to head the Association. In the fall there are so many issues, attendance rises to 70. The topics? Fairfax County Master Plan, plans for a nearby shopping center, planning for a new high school, and road improvements. A Junior high school is discussed for part of the airport site. (That school will be built, and will be called 'Whittier Intermediate', but is destined to be enlarged and will become Falls Church High School.) A five acre playground for Pine Spring Elementary School is being considered..and a 100 acre site for a new high school three miles southwest of Pine Spring. This latter idea is destined for rejection. The Teen Club is forming a work committee..an employment bureau in effect. They are also active in providing social activities. At Christmas they organize caroling.

- 1959 -

In January, three resident professional architects volunteer their time, and form a Community Architectural Advisory Committee. PARADE is more than self supporting with its advertisements. The first Association House and Garden Tour is planned. The Teen Club is collecting 1200 lbs. of papers each week. A resident is offering Spanish lessons. The Architectural Advisory Committee is writing monthly articles in PARADE. They emphasize care especially with regard to additions, since ill-advised ones are the surest route to neighborhood deterioration..and warn against 'cuteness'. Yves Maroni, chairman of the Industrial Policy Committee for the Fairfax County Federation of Citizen's Associations, addresses the April meeting. The community enjoys an outdoor Buffet on the school grounds and the House and Garden Tour is a great success. The Teen Club holds a formal dance at Pine Spring Elementary School. A Day Camp is again coming up in the summer (hard work and careful planning by mothers).



William Cairns becomes president, and Florence Pauley secretary. Another Bufet (indoor this time) and Songfest is held in Pine Spring Elementary School; Eleanor Bledsoe is chairman. Movies of the year's activities are shown.

In the fall, reports in PARADE indicate continuing watchdog duties for the active members of the Association. A proposed shopping center west of Pine Spring and industrial zoning west of Melpar as far as Gallows Road are being scrutinized. The Master Plan is not yet approved. Melpar is building an addition. University of Virginia Design Students tour Pine Spring. The Community Improvement Committee is working on getting better street lighting and signs and plan screen plantings for various locations. Ed Swindler chairs the committee for the spring garden order. Fairfax County Hospital on Gallows Road is under construction. Residents are urged to attend a hearing on the Master Plan to protest any adverse zoning.

Fidel Castro expropriates U.S. sugar mills. Hawaii becomes state #50 (Alaska was #49 last year). The total U.S. car accident deaths reach 1.25 million, more than the total war deaths.

- 1960 -

Again, Leon Maca and Ed Swindler take orders for bone meal and azaleas etc. and the community is in a state of shock over the zoning of 'Industrial-Institutional' between residential areas and 'Heavy Industry' along Gallows/Lee Highway. The 'new' Circumferential Highway, now called the Beltway, is a topic for discussion. Montgomery County wants it named 'Jubal Early'. Eva Hopay, treasurer, makes her report, and Agnes Stoertz offers pottery classes. The Winter Olympics are held in Squaw Valley. Gusts of 67 mph down or destroy 100 trees in Pine Spring. Tree topping is recommended. Melpar plans more trees on the buffer. We have the first report of a peeping tom, one of many to come. There is a mumps epidemic. Melpar employment dips to 5165 from 6000 and there is fear of a deserted hulk

of a 'ghost factory'. They have phased out some simulator work. Yves Maroni is cited by the Fairfax County Federation of Civic Associations for his analysis of the County budget. Robert Rice is voted in as president, and Irv Greenberg serves the Association again, this time as vice president.

The year 1960 sees one of the most crucial and threatening of all the Association's battles: the short extension of Woodberry Lane on the west side of Cedar Hill Road is protected from through traffic. The Supervisors vote 5-2 to 'vacate' a 6 inch strip of the road. Legally, this means Melpar is denied its use as an access to their parking lot. A very real possibility of the public use of this extension exists, and Pine Spring will be truly injured if not ruined by that eventuality. No prior hint of this appears anywhere in PARADE, however, some in the community must have been working hard to get this problem before the Board of Supervisors. Rob Rice represents Pine Spring before the Board while Melpar is represented by an attorney. President Rice is supported at the hearing by a very large number of the Pine Spring residents. Those who cannot attend sign a strongly worded petition. Without this action by the Board, there were visions of heavy traffic in and out of the Melpar lot via this route. Without Bob Rice, the Association and its supporters the decision probably would have been different. Melpar plans an appeal.

J.F.K. is elected by a narrow margin. The Swindlers win prizes at the Falls Church Garden Club for Clematis specimens and arrangements. John Mastenbrook is Building and Grounds Committee Chairman for the school. A Christmas decoration contest is held with cash prizes.

- 1961 -

The Association is planning for group purchases of garden materials again. The Teen Club is busy as usual. The County has approved construction of garden apartments on some of the airport land (Coralain Gardens). The eastern part of the tract is to be developed

commercially (Loehmanns Plaza). Marge Mastenbrook chairs a committee planning a Spring Fashion Show Benefit for the Pine Spring Elementary School PTA.

The era of the 'New Frontier' and 'Soaring Sixties' brings higher taxes. Carl Sandberg gives a series of lectures on the Civil War at Falls Church High School. The first archivist for the Association is appointed. Pine Spring is cited in SATURDAY EVENING POST as an example of excellent site planning. Another big wind hits in February. With more loss of trees and house damage. PARADE reports on John Mastenbrook's trip to India. Sherri Swindler wins blue ribbons for her flowers. There is a wonderful story about the Bennett son's wedding. 'Should the County become a City?' is a serious question. Falls Church City and Alexandria have been moving to annex parts of the County. Melpar is trying to get road access to Lee Highway. The Pine Spring Directory features that useful neighborhood map for the first time. June Greenberg is reported to be studying Russian.

Frightening news: Melpar wins it's appeal to the County Circuit Court to set aside the decision by the Board to close the Woodberry extension by 'vacating' a strip. The Board votes to reappeal when 40 residents answer the Hospitality and Membership Committees' call to arms, and present a solid front before the Board. They are probably responsible for the Board's decision to appeal. The case is now scheduled to go before the State Supreme Court in Richmond. Our new president is Arlyn Unzicker with Agnes Stoertz, vice president. Ed Swindler heads Community Improvements and Maude Seganish is to produce the Directory. The plans for a shopping center west of the school is abandoned in view of the approval of the commercial development on the former airport site. Ed Swindler is busy tracking County park plans for the school area. A sewer bond referendum is coming. Fall clean-up day is planned. Blue ribbon clematis at Swindler's again. A Brownie troop is active. F. Christopher showed his "American Photographic Exhibit" in Moscow, and reports on his experience at the November meeting. Milky spore treatment is planned again, and a

formal Christmas Ball is well attended at the Fort Myer Officers' Club. Ruth and Leon Maca return from a six-week world tour. The State Supreme Court upholds the Circuit Court's decision on the Woodberry extension! The hope is that Melpar has been discouraged from contemplating parking lot access via this route, however, and they do not seem to have plans for it. Several residents attend the commissioning of the USS Enterprise at Norfolk. It is atomic powered. This is the year of the Bay of Pigs and 'Freedom Riders' in the South to test and force integration.

- 1962 -

PARADE carries the first crime reports. Eleven homes are burglarized on January 5. The County has money to purchase land for a park behind the school, but not for improvements. Residents pledge funds to demonstrate their enthusiasm for the project. Mrs. Pauley chairs a committee for a card party benefit for the PTA. Fred Geb returns from Germany and he and Ed Swindler take orders for the cooperative spring planting purchases. Melpar wants a change in zoning from 'Non-conforming use of Residentially Zoned Land' to 'Institutional-Industrial'. The Association opposes..owing to the fact the new designation is less restrictive. Grace and Ross Cleaves chair a fundraising for the 'Park Fund' The goal is \$2500. The Board denies Melpar's re-zoning request. Marge Mastenbrook chairs the Health Committee for Whittier Intermediate and Pine Spring Elementary Schools.. The committee is planning seven 2-hr. sessions on civil defense-related health matters. A February snow brings some trees down. The Community Improvement Committee headed by E. Swindler plant 20 flowering crab trees to border Pine Spring Gardens on Meadow View and Pine Spring Roads. The purpose is beautification and screening. It's quite a lot of trouble..permission from the owners and three county offices, a building permit, and arrangement for inspection are necessary.

A June Luau is planned with dancing to live music. The School Patrol

attends a Washington Senators' baseball game. F. Maroni chairs a PTA luncheon honoring Pine Spring Elementary School teachers. Frank Christopher's "American Photographic Exhibit" returns from Russia and goes on a U.S. tour. J. Mastenbrook is elected to head the Association. Construction of The Garden Apartments at Pine Spring Gardens begins. The Association joins other community organizations in requesting a moratorium on further requests for trailer park zoning in Fairfax County. Leon Maca heads a committee to get curbs trimmed and neatened. Eva Hopay is manager of the co-op Baby Sitting Club which is still going strong. Pine Spring Civic Association holds a Halloween Parade and Party for the children. Francis Maroni leads the Brownies and the new Jefferson Library is now finished and open. Civil Defense is still a topic for discussion. The Christmas Dance is held at the International Golf and Country Club. The same property will be owned and developed by the County Park Authority and will be known as Jefferson Park twenty years in the future. 1981. Remarks by J. Mastenbrook include the observation that 1315 apartments exist within a one-mile radius. 680 of which were added in the current year. There is a threat of split-shift sessions in the overcrowded schools. He urges that the County limit density. Florence Pauley hosts the Association's Fall Coffee and Nancy Derron wins a sculpture award.

- 1963 -

In January, PARADE carries the news of the firing of the entire School Board in November! Pine Spring is featured in an article in a Stockholm newspaper 'Svenska Dagbladet'. The article praises the unusual degree of community spirit as well as physical appeal of the community. Ruth Maca is handling the spring garden purchase orders. The ladies are assembling a Pine Spring Cookbook. The development of Tyson's Corner is being discussed and is soon to start. The Association holds the spring dance at the International Golf and Country Club.

Sol Ritzenberg, a developer planning to purchase 40 acres northwest of

Pine Spring Gardens, agrees to sell five acres to the County Park Authority if he obtains a rezoning of the land for garden-type apartments. He also agrees to provide the Association with \$1,500 for buffer planting and to assure that no road is built connecting to Pine Spring. The Association does not object to increased density in view of these concessions.

County school population is projected to reach 80,000 by 1965. Fairfax County needs space for 21,000 additional pupils, and schedules a school bond referendum for \$30,000,000. The developer breaks ground for the new apartments. There are to be 800, and they will be called Pine Spring Village. The Association celebrates the tenth anniversary of Pine Spring. Twenty-five original owners are honored. Warren Schmidt becomes president and Frances Maroni is secretary. Warren Taylor is granted zoning for their 7-Corners store. Lord and is active in support of increased Fire & Police protection in the county. There are 205 police officers, 0.7/1000, and the F.B.I. recommends 1.9/1000! The Fire Department is still volunteer. Melpar is still working to get access to Lee Highway.

President Kennedy is assassinated.

There is no Christmas party. Bob Dylan and Joan Baez record the most popular music.

-1964 -

Now Pine Spring is experiencing a 30% yearly turnover of residents (not unusual in the Washington area). There is again the group order of garden supplies, and the House and Garden Tour. John Mastenbrook protests to Supervisor Babson on his vote to approve 50' high apartment buildings on 36 acres of the Chiles tract prior to the development of a land use plan. There is County-wide dissatisfaction over zoning. Five out of seven supervisors were voted out of office last year (1963)! There are national elections, and the Association's

Fall Coffee and National Symphony Concerts at Woodson High School. Robert Hall is president and Fred Geb treasurer. The Association Arts and Craft Show is held at the Pine Spring Elementary School. The usual children's activities for Halloween and Christmas are a success. Pine Spring Park is acquired by the County for \$50,000. Grace and Ross Cleaves chair the Park Fund Committee. 90% of the residents cooperate in pledging...\$1,800 is collected with \$700 to go. New pledges are needed. Saul Ritzenberg the developer pledges \$2000 for tennis courts contingent on completion by 1965. The County earmarks \$5,000 for the Park and the School Board announces plans to utilize the new Whittier Intermediate School building as a High School (Falls Church High School). Its capacity will be expanded to 2,000 students. The existing Falls Church High School building on Hillwood Avenue will become Whittier Intermediate School.

The New York World Fair, Brezhnev in power after the Khrushchev ouster and the British 'Brain Drain' are all in the news.

- 1965 -

A new uniform street numbering system takes effect in the County. Addresses must be changed to conform by April the first. The Association has the House and Garden Tour. Roy Alexander is elected president with Carol Irvin secretary. The June Party is catered by the Good Earth Chinese restaurant of Falls Church. There is dancing too, all at \$3.50/couple! The Association takes action to restrict picnicking in the park..trash and rodents a concern. Fair housing is a subject for a discussion at a meeting, and resident architects hold a panel for people interested in additions. There is much concern over an 'Industrial Collection' road crossing Lee Highway in the vicinity of the Country Club (now Jefferson Park) south to Melpar and bordering the buffer strip! The Association is active against this plan. Frances Maroni is editing PARADE.

The first new immigration law since 1921 is passed by the Johnson

Administration, average union wages have doubled since 1949, the Beatles continue to be wildly popular, and Ralph Nader bursts on the scene riding on the back of the Corvair.

- 1966 -

Now there is talk of a County Cultural Center on part of the Chiles tract, and the first mention of a grade overpass on Route 50 by the State Highway Dept. There is serious consideration of a 'Northern Virginia Technical College' in conjunction with the proposed 'Cultural Center'. Two tennis courts are completed in Pine Spring Park. Fairfax County is growing at the rate of 1,500/month! Some Park pines are cut and stolen for Christmas trees during the holidays. An access road is approved so Whittier School expansion can be started. (it will become Jaguar Trail High School). Concern is that this access road (now Jaguar Trail) will be extended east of Melpar adjacent to the buffer strip. The Association is adamantly opposed and works to protect the community integrity. Charles Stark is elected to head the Association, there is the House and Garden Tour and the PTA works to get air conditioning in the Pine Spring Elementary school cafeteria. The County growth rate has increased to 2,000/month in the latter part of the year and a Park Bond Referendum is approved. The mini-skirt is in fashion.

- 1967 -

At the first meeting of the Association in 1967, Lt. Wilt of the Fairfax County Police speaks... Fairfax County has grown from 41,000 people and a six-man force in 1940, to 368,000 people and a 262-man force in 1966. PARADE comes out with a question: "Should PSCA be Abolished?" reflecting very real discouragement on recent resident lassitude. The Pine Spring community is 15 yrs. old, and there is talk of 'the good old days' ... a microcosm reflecting a creeping national malaise that will trouble the country as a whole through the 70's and beyond. Fortunately Pine Spring has some basic steadies, and

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John Mastenbrook leads work on an evergreen buffer planting along the northwestern boundary of the community. The Association holds a pot-luck dinner at Pine Spring Elementary School in the spring, and there is serious discussion concerning purchase of one of the properties for construction of a swimming pool..but this is rejected because of practical considerations. John Bessman succeeds in the presidency.

Christian Barnard does the first human heart transplant, and there is the Arab-Israeli six-day war. The school plans are completed. The former Whittier Intermediate School is now Falls Church High School ..and the Hillwood Avenue building in the city of Falls Church has become Whittier Intermediate School.

- 1968 -

Severe discouragement continues. Yves Maroni and John Mastenbrook go to the school to attend a meeting, but the place is dark. No one there! These gentlemen call the officers and they meet in a private home. They will not let the Association die! At subsequent meetings open housing is under discussion and the principles clarified. BB guns are a concern, a pot-luck PTA Dinner is held. John Mastenbrook is named 'Conservationist of the Year' by the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District. He is the Fairfax County member of the Potomac Basin Advisory Committee and is appointed to the County Park Authority. The Association has a Roaring Twenties Party in June and there is discussion concerning vandalism in the Park. Marvin Gordon is elected president of The Association. In the fall a Community Clean-Up is organized.

Subjects at the meetings seem to be slightly less clearly focused..more general, e.g., PARADE carries an article on the national election. Community esprit however is evidenced at the Fun Fall

Cleanup. Irv Greenberg emceeds wittily and there's a lot of community enjoyment. The children enjoy their usual Christmas Party and Joanne Malone organizes Community Carolers. 'The beltway burglars' are active by this time and defensive measures are discussed.

Martin Luther King and Robert F. Kennedy are assassinated. These are troubling times.

- 1969 -

The Association is planning to incorporate. This is necessary since it has been shown in court cases that the officers are liable for damages as individuals and must be protected by incorporation. There are complaints of children running through the yards and 'underground' newspapers in the high schools. It is the drug scene surfacing. 'The grand awakening.' The County urges recreational facilities for six-nineteen year olds. Communities are asked to appoint a 'recreation committee' of at least five members to act as liaison between the County Recreation Department and residents. Pine Spring gets new curbs and gutters, holds a community Arts Festival, a White Elephant Sale, and a June Party. Ty Welles becomes president. There is a proposal for a public housing project just east of Pine Spring on Lee Highway. Pine Spring takes a stand for rent subsidies as an alternative. This plan is intended to disperse the disadvantaged as opposed to ghetto-like concentration. The 'Humpty Dumpty College' (at the northern end of Meadow View Road) is sold and becomes the 'Leary School'. There are to be 170 students. The school specializes in motivation of underachieving students.

Fairfax County is growing at the rate of 30,000/YR population projected for 1985: 1,000,000. Loehmann's Plaza is expanding and Yorktowne Center is open. The Chappaquidick and the Moonlanding events occur on the same weekend.

- 1970 -

A severe flu epidemic strikes, the Association holds a Community Art and Photography show and a problem with unsightly trash and garbage surrounding the dumpsters at Pine Spring Gardens concerns us. Carryl Engler is involved with buying materials to disguise and enclose the dumpsters with an attractive palisade. Melpar gets its wish for a change in zoning and there is discontent with our County Supervisor because of this. Robert Weinland becomes president and Paul Engler treasurer. \$375 is spent on planting between the apartments and Pine Spring. The Association president contacts appropriate authorities to get restrictions on parking on Cedar Hill Road, and also on the northern end of Pine Spring Road. The president chides the community for the fact that the Association "acts in a vacuum for half the homes and as a lightening rod for criticism from the other half". He affirms his belief in the value of the organization. The June Party is a success, but September PARADE again carries a scolding for a "moribund" Association. Melpar is sold to Ling-Temco- Vought steel company. A Community Clean-Up is held in the fall. Concern over consumer-protection ..but less support for community activities is evidence of diffused energies and confused goals. This is 1970. Pine Spring is a community in a troubled nation, but a steady one. The Association is incorporated on October 19, 1970.

- 1971 -

Non-resident parking on Cedar Hill and Pine Spring Roads becomes a more distressful problem. Association officers press for more restricted parking signs. President Weinland proposes only bi-monthly meetings with open executive meetings for interested members. A Spring Tea takes the place of the lost Fall Coffee. The March meeting is better attended. Ken Russel is elected president. In the fall Jim Scott is elected Supervisor for the first time. His campaign has been managed by Pine Springer Vivian Gans. Concerns over alcoholism, drugs, strangers on the streets, child molestation and house break-ins are evidenced by incident reports in PARADE. Eighteen year olds are

now voting for the first time.

- 1972 -

The Association is active against zoning that would allow a service station and corporate offices on the Leary property. Fears continue that the Association is dying, but the June Party is well attended. There are reports of pet-poisoning and 'water-dousing'. Luria Brothers are still available for advice on maintenance and remodeling, Scott Christopher, who had been featured in SPORTS ILLUSTRATED at age 12 for his versatile athletic achievements, is again winning medals in a variety of competitions. Resident David Oakley competes in the British Open. Pine Spring residents assist Manassas flood victims. Drugs among the youth of the County are a concern of the police. A special meeting is called to hear an officer describe the TIP program (Turn In a Pusher). The police department has a special number to call. We have the 20th anniversary community-wide spruce-up. Caryl Engler writes the 20th birthday report for PARADE. Jim Tarrant is president.

George Wallace, candidate for US president, is shot in a shopping center in nearby Prince Georges County.

- 1973 -

There is a 'flasher' report at the school, BB gun complaints, and discontent that Pine Spring Elementary School is left out of the School Board plans for renovation. The extension of I-66 from the beltway eastward to Washington is under debate. The community is divided on the issue, although most anticipate less traffic on routes 50 and 29/211 if the road is built. There is evidence again of a diffusion of energy into 'larger issues' symptomatic of the times. There has recently been a meat boycott protesting higher prices, and there will be discussion of more general and politically slanted topics at some meetings, e.g., utility rate hikes and gas

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deregulation. However the steady practicality of the Association core membership keeps most feet on the ground, and acts in an effective way to prevent a proposed consolidation of Pine Spring Elementary School with the Devonshire and Graham Road Schools. Concern is expressed over Whittier School's poor reputation, but many Pine Spring parents expend energy and talent for its improvement. Use of plastic trash bags begins. There are continuing advisements on combating crime. The Police Department makes etching tools available at County libraries for identifying possessions with social security numbers. Vandalism reports increase. The Police Department says this is caused by 'boredom' and advises residents to report all incidents.

The Melpar buffer strip status report: it is 90 feet by 1,200 feet and will cease to exist if Melpar is no longer zoned industrial or if Pine Spring ceases to be zoned single-family or if a substantial fraction of the properties are taken by condemnation.

Caryl Engler does a magnificent editing job on PARADE . The Pine Spring 20th birthday observance ends with a reception for the 20-year residents after the House Garden Tour. Marriott Corporation is trying to get clearance for a 'Theme Park' in Manassass. A PARADE editorial decries the idea. Melpar Pond and upstream Holmes Run are dredged and rip-rapped to prevent the flooding of Route 50. There is a severe tornado, neighbors at Pine Spring Village are badly damaged. Dave Hull becomes president and Frances Maroni vice president. Yves Maroni is president of Fairfax County Federation of Civic Associations. June Party fare is delicious, thanks to Ingrid Kitts and Donna Vilsak.. Charles Richardson plants 24 pine seedlings on the Melpar buffer strip. Grace Cleaves and Caryl Engler head Community Improvements, Paul Engler Government Affairs, and Ingrid Kitts and Joanne Malone Hospitality. There is a Fall Coffee and a plea for foster parents for teens from a Juvenile Court Judge (sign of the times). A car is stolen from a cul-de-sac, and later found torched. The Association starts a move to get better lighting for the community.

This is the year of the Watergate hearings.

- 1974 -

The year sees more crime reports, and a gas shortage..gas lines. The Englers report 50 fly-over canada geese (soon there will be a resident flock in the cemetery). A Spring Clean-up is held. Allen Johnson becomes president of the Association, Caryl Engler vice president, Frances Maroni secretary, and Leon Maca Treasurer. In cooperation with the apartments, dumpster screening is planned. The House and Garden Tour reception is held at the Cleaves. Honored guests include County Supervisor J. Scott, A. Leary of the Leary School, Police Captain Watts and wife, School Principal Nancy Burleson, Apartment Manager Minette Cartwright, and County head of Planning and Programs Bob Mower and wife. The original owners are also honored again. In June there are new street lights.

Roger Diedrich becomes chairman of Community Improvements. Donna Vilsak organizes Trimmastics classes and there is a Fall Coffee. Susie Quadt organizes carolers at Christmas. There are the usual children's parties at Halloween and Christmas.

President Nixon resigns. President Ford gives amnesty to Vietnam War draft evaders. The new YMCA near Gallows Road opens, offering convenient year-around swimming. Wolf Trap Farm Park opens...a delight..and so nearby.

- 1975 -

It becomes quite clear the Buffer Strip is Melpar Property. They have it surveyed, and ask that trash be removed. Pine Spring is not immune from the national crime surge. Both High's and the Leary School suffer robberies. A resident is robbed at gunpoint on Rogers Drive. Someone is accosted at knife-point in Loehmanns Plaza. Bank robbers

fleeing police hide in Colonel Geb's yard. The Seganish home is burglarized. A car is vandalized. An arsonist sets fire to materials near the Baskerville's home and alert neighbors put it out even before the Fire Department arrives. Thieves using a taxi are caught red-handed robbing a Pine Spring home. Such incidents are common all over the County during these years, and are painful to recall.

Pine Spring Apartments contribute \$100 to the dumpster enclosure funds, and by March the project is complete. The extension of Route I-66 is still under discussion. The alternative is a 10-lane Route 50 or a 6-lane Route 29/211. Carol Irvin heads a block mother program for the safety and security of the neighborhood children. In April a four-day high wind downs trees in yards and park.

Bill McLaine is elected president and Dick Rogers vice president, but both resign by fall, and Susie Quadt takes on the duty, after an unprecedented maneuver to meet an unexpected emergency. The Executive Council appoints Susie Quadt vice president. She immediately becomes president, because of the vacancy. They then appoint Judy Black vice president. Roger Diedrich, treasurer reports the solution in PARADE. A motorist is killed at the Route 50/Jaguar Trail intersection in a collision with a school bus. The Association is working to get a traffic light at that hazardous crossing. Fairfax County now has vacuum equipment for fall leaf collection. 'Pants Suits' are considered decent attire for women by this time ...a solution to the mini-skirt dilemma for many. Grace Cleaves, Donna Vilsak, Inge Kits, and Ruth Maca organize the traditional Fall Coffee. It is a great one.

- 1976 -

The Chiles tract zoning and planning come strongly to the forefront among the community concerns and will remain there for the ensuing eight years. A committee is formed to monitor the developments. Elizabeth Baskerville, Diane Boyle, Roger Diedrich, Col. Geb, Carol

Irvin, Thomas Kline, Irv and June Greenberg, Brian McDonald and Susie Quadt serve. A planned Wine & Cheese Party fails because of lack of interest. Town House Zoning for the tract across from Cedar Hill Road bordering Route 50 is approved. Sverre Ragde becomes president and Brian McDonald vice president. There is no editor for PARADE. Mobile Oil proposes to build it's corporate headquarters on part of the southeast Chiles Tract. Fall Coffee, Halloween and Christmas affairs go on as usual, owing to conscientious generosity of steady workers. The Gas Company starts using plastic lines for replacement and repair. they are judged to be superior. Judy Black, Grace Cleaves, and Jay Kleinfelt produce the Directory, Mary Diedrich serves as archivist. Paul and Carol Engler and Susie Quadt represent pine Spring Civic Association at the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations. Fairfax County budgets \$50,000/Year for bike trails. The Association by-laws are revised. Six burglaries and a car theft are reported in December. A severe ice storm causes some problems. Elizabeth Baskerville chairs the Providence District's Democratic Committee. This is the Bicentennial Year.

- 1977 -

January begins with a Bond Referendum approved for the New Court House. The usual Spring clean-up goes on. The Federation of Women's Clubs is sponsoring a National Crime Reduction effort called 'Hands-Up'. They invite Association members to the meeting. The House and Garden Tour succeeds, and the June Party is held at Judy and Bob Black's. The Providence Recreation Center is proposed for part of the Chiles tract as is the development of Jefferson Park. The Washington & Old Dominion RR bed is acquired. It will be a bike and walking trail. Brian McDonald is voted president, Caryl Engler secretary, R. Diedrich director, and K. Rogers is treasurer. Attendance picks up in the Fall. Thirty people come to hear Chairman of Government Affairs Diane Boyle report on the Chiles tract. Much of what the Association has labored for has come to pass. There is to be no Jaguar Trail extension, 10 acres of land has been purchased by the



Park Department for the Providence Recreation Center. The Mobile Oil Plans have been approved. The Silver Anniversary of Pine Spring is celebrated in Oak Glen Court. The very sad news is the death of Grace Cleaves in October. Despite very frail health she has been a cheerful, tireless worker for the community....a gracious woman.

Space Shuttle 'Enterprise' makes its first flight.

- 1978 -

In the Spring, talented gardeners Bernard Deren, Ann Kline and Marjorie Goddard offer advice and guidance on yard maintenance. A proposal to move the County Government offices to the Chiles tract does not meet with approval of most residents, and a letter is sent to Supervisor James Scott expressing concern over projected traffic increase. Joanne Malone is elected president and Roberta Day is treasurer. In September, six people who've made changes in their homes speak at the Association meeting. A Community Yard Sale succeeds and eighty people attend the Wine and Cheese Party. Twenty new families moved in during 1978. The concerns over the Chiles tract seem to spark a 'circling of the wagons' and Pine Spring Civic Association strengthens. The Chiles tract has many suitors and as many diverse proposals. One of these involves an interchange at route 50/Jaguar Trail that would destroy one-third of the houses on Cedar Hill Road. Brian McDonald works very hard on that one.

- 1979 -

A light has been installed at Jaguar Trail, but gives too little time for pedestrian crossing. Supervisor Scott asks for a Pine Spring representative to the Citizen's Task Force to review all proposed changes for the Providence District before they are heard by the Planning Commission. There is another Yard Sale, an Arts & Crafts Show, House and Garden Tour with a reception at Marti Batchelder's. \$1,500 in property is stolen from the Putnams when they are on

vacation. Joanne Malone is reelected president, Bert Doyle vice president, Roberta Day treasurer, and Ruth Maca secretary. The work load on the officers during these 'Chiles' years is heavy. The new Jefferson Park is open and Assistant Director of the County Park Authority L. A. Cable discusses the proposed Providence Recreation Center at an Association meeting. There is concern that all crime in the neighborhood is not fully reported and it is suggested that any incident be reported to the PARADE editor. The consensus is that any a practice will be a help to both Police and neighbors. Tyler-Tremont-Fenwick Association has been formed because of the pressures of development, This will be a help to Pine Spring Civic Association efforts. Jefferson Village has an application in for rehabilitation of the apartments some of which would be subsidized low-income housing.

Wills and Plank Inc., and Western Development unveil plans to develop both the northeast and southeast quadrants of the Chiles tract with a 125 acre 'business complex' for the northeast. The quadrants are to be connected by an overhead road at Jaguar Trail. Many Pine Spring homes on Cedar Hill and Arlington Boulevard would be destroyed or severely affected by the proposal. Joanne Malone, Bert Doyle, the Greenbergs and John Mastenbrook help to form SCORE (Save and Conserve Our Residential Environment), an ad hoc committee of residents in neighborhoods surrounding the Chiles tract. Six public hearings are held before the County Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors. The Board rejects the proposal largely because of the pressure exerted by SCORE. The vote is seven to one against and the date October 22, 1979.

- 1980 -

A speaker involved with the Jefferson Village rehabilitation addresses a meeting. At another, Investigator Art Lilje informs us on the crime prevention program called 'Neighborhood Watch.' Yet another meeting hears a speaker on bricklaying and patio construction. Some

Association members express concern that the 'Park Fund' is shrinking fast in value because of inflation. We have a recommendation to spend or invest. Investment is selected and plans are made to move the money into a high-yield money market fund.

Development of the Chiles tract is proposed again ..this time by Cadillac-Fairview, a Canadian corporation. Plans are disclosed at a meeting on June 5 and SCORE again comes into action. Both the northeast and southeast quadrants are in the plans with linkage via an overpass across Route 50 west of Melpar. This is a significant change from the last (1979) proposal ..but SCORE is cautious.

We are planning the formation of a 'Neighborhood Watch'. Pam Young edits PARADE. Judy Black and Jay Kleinfeldt produce the Directory. The rabies epidemic is severe and the County requests that all dogs be vaccinated. Pedestrian crossing on Route 50 is so difficult, neighboring communities propose an overpass walkway. Pine Spring Civic Association confers and cooperates with Jefferson Village, Tremont Association, Jefferson Association, Falls Church High School PTA, and St. Phillips PTA. The recommendation is for push buttons at Allen St., Jaguar Trail, and Graham Road. Teenagers Christina and Audrey Weinland, Elizabeth Tarrant, and Joyce Costello organize the Halloween entertainment for the children.

- 1981 -

In January the Park Department is taking bids on a tennis practice backboard that had been sought by the Association.

SCORE reluctantly drops opposition to development of the Chiles tract as Cadillac-Fairview promises to place a buffer of residential town houses in the northeast quadrant adjacent to Pine Spring, restrict building heights so that office buildings cannot be seen from existing residential communities, locate the road connecting the quadrants west of Melpar, and to complete all necessary road work prior to

construction of any homes or office buildings. The Board of Supervisors approves the Cadillac-Fairview plan on May 18, 1981 with profers to guarantee compliance with promises. Bert Doyle becomes president in July, Roger Diedrich vice president, Dave Florence treasurer, Dave McIlhane secretary. Joanne Malone chairs the Government Affairs Committee. Paul Engler and Joanne Malone are delegates to Fairfax County Federation of Civic Associations. Joanne Malone is presented with a plaque in appreciation of her hard and effective work as president for '79 - '81. Jay Kleinfeldt takes on PARADE duties. A Fall Wine and Cheese is celebrated at the Diedrich's. Providence Recreation center will be open in January of 1982. The town houses along the service road across Route 50 from Pine Spring are nearing completion. They will be called 'Berkeley Place' and 50 more townhouses are to be built west of Hollywood Road. Ten of these will be offered to the County Housing Authority. The Police Department institutes the 911 emergency number. The 'incident' reports reflect a great improvement ..the 'incidents' are mostly trivial ones. The seventies are gone.

- 1982 -

The Association's January meeting is held in the wonderful new Providence Recreation Center, and there is a tour of the facility. A yard sale is planned for Oak Glen Court. In the Spring, preparation of the Chiles tract is progressing.. The forests are disappearing and there is much earth moving. The result is some truck traffic through Pine Spring. Complaints to the Police Department do not result in a truck ban, but do reduce the annoyance. The Association's actions culminated in a Virginia Department of Highways 'traffic count', which action alone seems to have been a deterrent. The House and Garden Tour is enjoyed as usual. Rabies continues a worry and the first gypsy moths are seen. Pine Spring resident and EPA biologist Dick King addresses the meeting in regard to these destructive pests. In June Bert Doyle consents to remain in office, as do the rest of the executive staff, and Supervisor Scott appoints Bert to co-chair the

Jefferson Village Citizens' Task Force. The June Party takes place in the Malone yard and the Fall Wine and Cheese at the McIlhaney's. A set of house plans for the Pine Spring homes is found to be missing. The planning Commission Okays Melpar's request to add 273,000 sq.ft. on their west side.

- 1983 -

Route 66 opens and Pine Springs is now 12 - 15 minutes from Washington...with the added advantage of some relief from congestion on Route 50. Cable TV is coming and the Association hears a talk by a liaison officer from Media General. Police want volunteers for the Auxiliary Police Unit. A raccoon in the area is diagnosed as rabid and gypsy moths are still a worry. Supervisor Scott appoints Leon Maca to the Upper Holmes Run Environmental Monitoring Advisory Committee, and Bruce Zivic to the Providence District Land Use Task Force. A Town House development in the northeast quadrant of the Chiles tract is under way..to be called 'Lakeford'. Eventually the name will be 'New Providence'. Construction is by Carr Properties which has bought the residential portion of the Chiles tract from Cadillac-Fairview. An asphalt trail will link Pine Spring Park with New Providence and its trails. We are assured there will be no other Pine Spring access to the development. The entrance will be on 29-211 in the vicinity of Jefferson Park. A speaker from the new County Horticultural Center at Green Spring Farms addresses the Association. A Fairfax County Festival is held. The Association organizes a 'Neighborhood Watch'. Jane Zivic and Debby Mastropalo are heading the effort. Bert Doyle, Roger Diedrich, Joan Leslie and Bruce Condit's serve as president, vice president, treasurer and secretary respectively. We enjoy the usual social affairs and children's entertainments.. Wine and Cheese and good company at the Cerwensky's and picnicking at the Malone's. Other generous residents open their homes for the House and Garden Tour. The National Recreation and Park Association names Fairfax County a Gold Award Winner for their programs. A 'scatter' test for National Airport begins.

- 1984 -

A Nostalgia Night with Bruce Condit as narrator of Pine Spring's past is held and brings out a good attendance. The development of the Chiles tract is astoundingly rapid. Town houses are going up fast in the southeast quadrant along Jaguar Trail. The past few years have seen the addition of the Glen Apartments on Route 29-211 across from the Safeway, the enlargement of the Safeway property to West Falls Church Shopping Center, and a four-lane widening of Gallows Road to Tysons corner. These and other developments nearby bewilder us. The 'Nostalgia' success is understandable. We seem to be swept along ..in danger of being engulfed ..and somehow 'Nostalgia Night' reminds us we're still here ..as 30 years ago. Bert Doyle continues as President, and Joan Leslie as Treasurer. Dave Mastropaolo comes in as vice president, and Bill Butler as Secretary. Roger Diedrich succeeds Paul Engler as Fairfax County Federation of Civic Associations delegate. The Cerwensky's again host the Wine and Cheese.

- 1985 -

Metro Station construction on Gallows road reminds us how close to completion the project is for Fairfax County. The almost daily changes in traffic routing along Route 50 and Gallows Road are fascinating as well as frustrating. We hear that Prosperity Avenue is to be cut through to the Metro Station on Gallows road. Lee Oaks condominiums are going up east of the Glen apartments. Pine Spring Village East goes condo and is renamed Dover Park. The other half remains rental and is called Pine Spring West. If we vary any usual route, we find some new building we had not even known had been begun. Still Pine Spring continues as usual. The children have their fine little school and the security of a steady and pleasant neighborhood, with a tradition of community activities that make holidays safer and more enjoyable. This year the Association joins the PTA in sponsoring new equipment on the school playground. All surrounding communities

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Join in a four-day construction effort. The neighborliness continues. We enjoy the May House and Garden Tour with a reception in Pearl and Bert Doyle's back yard. The June Party is held in Joanne Malone's yard and the Fall Wine and Cheese at the Jay Johnson's of Oak Glen Court (newly arrived in '84). Sherry Bolding and Felice Desautelle are the latest in a 33-yr line of hospitality committees. .essential community ceremonial 'hearth keepers' .often unsung, especially generous people. We are saddened by the loss of Allen Johnson, past president and treasurer, resident since 1958. .John Orosch former PARADE editor .a 30-yr resident. .Donald Baskerville good neighbor for 21 years .all these just a few years after Florence Pauley .here from the beginning, 1953. Soon, Sally Ann Brown, 20 years.

This year all the officers consent to serve once more..so Bert Doyle's the one that keeps track of Melpar's storage of inflammables, the lack of curbing on the strip between the service road and Route 50, and other problems. We enjoy again the hospitality of neighbors who make the House and Garden Tour such a delightful tradition. PARADE is still in the hands of Jay Kleinfeldt who keeps us in touch with essential news, and who also produces yet another Directory with the help of Joan Leslie, the Diedrichs and Sally Brown.

Crime is down, thanks in good part to our Neighborhood Watch. Only ten events are reported this year with no forced entries as compared to 21 reported in the previous year, two of which were forced entry burglaries.

- 1986 -

Smoke alarms are required in all homes sold, leased or rented after March, 1985. The Association complains to Cadillac Fairview about lack of lighting and signs on Route 50. Three separately developed communities near completion within the 400-unit Sequoia Village complex in the southeast quadrant of the Chiles Tract: The Cove, The

Yacht Club, and Willow Point.

The County Health Department cites Pine Spring Gardens apartments for a solid waste violation based on the Association's complaint. Melpar constructs a seven-foot-high barbed wire-topped fence in the landscaped buffer strip adjoining Pine Spring, and refuses to move it. Bert Doyle files a complaint with the County Zoning Administration. Melpar (actually GBA Associates) is cited. They are given 30 days to remove it, but refuse to do so. They are going to fight the County in court.

Pine Spring thanks Supervisor Jim Scott, who resigned June 3, for his good work on behalf of our and other residential communities. Kate Hanley succeeds him in a special election held July 15. Bert Doyle steps down after five years as president of the Association. At the June Party, when he is thanked for long and effective service, he points to the concomitant work of other officers; Dave and Deb Mastropolo, Joan Leslie, Bill Butler, Donna Cerwensky, Felice Desautelle, Paul Engler, Roger Diedrich, Jane Zivic, Joanne Malone and Jay Kleinfeldt during those years.

Newly elected President Dave Mastropolo is transferred by his company, and Vice President Bill Butler becomes president. Richard Lyon serves as treasurer and Felice Desautelle is secretary. Supervisor Hanley appoints Bert Doyle to the Citizen's Advisory Committee of the County's Community Improvement Program. John Mellinger becomes Neighborhood Watch coordinator, and the Association obtains a new set of original architectural drawings for Pine Spring homes. Bill Butler arranges for duplicates of these to be available to residents at a cost of \$1.00 a sheet. We are saddened by the death of long-time resident Emily Moore.

- 1987 -

A one-man crime wave hits in late '86-early '87. Ten incidents are



reported in Pine Spring alone. Others occur in nearby neighborhoods. A courageous young mother in a condominium in nearby New Providence is responsible for Police detective success after three months of frustrating effort. She calls them on hearing sounds of break-in in a neighboring condominium unit. Unfortunately the judge reduces the police recommended high bail to a ridiculously low figure, and he is back on the streets. Only his arrest in the District for similar offenses a short time later assure us his activities will stop. No incidents were reported after his arrest. A great House and Garden Tour is held. Sverre Ragde is elected president of the Association. He held the office eleven years ago, in 1976. Richard Lyon becomes vice-president, John Schuster, treasurer, while Felice Desautelle continues as secretary. However, before he takes office, Sverre decides to move away from Pine Spring, and Richard Lyon becomes President. The Melpar fence is still standing, and the County files suit in Fairfax Circuit Court demanding its removal. In October the Court rules against GBA/Melpar, but allows them a chance to file a new proffer with the County, which they do on December 31. Work is started at Pine Spring Elementary School that will greatly enlarge the school, as well as double the number of parking spaces. Sadly, approximately thirty large trees, some planted in the 1950's by the PTA and the Pine Spring Civic Association, must be destroyed to make way for the parking lot. Several pine trees are planted by the County to help screen the parking lot from Pine Spring. Pine Spring Park is cleared of the underbrush and poison ivy, opening the way for the County to turn it into a "groomed" park. The elementary school children can now use the park for nature studies.

Mary Johnson, here since 1958, passes away in August. Sad news.

Pine Spring is 35 years old, mature now, with only a few wrinkles. Good design, oversized lots and respect for the land are enduring basic virtues. As the surrounding area becomes more and more urbanized, its unique qualities are that much more precious to us.

- AFTERWORD -

Almost all of the above history has been gleaned from the pages of PARADE..published without interruption since 1954. One cannot read those pages without a sense of awe at and gratitude for the gifts of energy and time that literally hundreds of our past and present neighbors have given and continue to give. Without their efforts, it is unlikely we would be enjoying this oasis in an almost urbanized area. They have succeeded in preserving a very special neighborhood character. We can show our appreciation by participating in the Association meetings.