



The Pine Spring

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Pine Spring neighbors,

A new year is off and running, a year laden with opportunities and challenges. Thanks to your generosity during our dues drive last year, we have several projects on deck in Pine Spring, including a new print directory coming your way soon. We also have exciting ideas that need your volunteer energy! While we look optimistically toward social events and neighborhood meetings later in the year, we are busy, busy bees in the meantime. Read on to see what's coming and how YOU can be involved with the neighborhood TODAY!

Yours truly,
Jenn Stofferahn

President, Pine Spring Civic Association
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TRAFFIC CALMING UPDATE – BALLOT

The time has (almost) come for neighbors along Pine Spring Road to vote on the county's proposed traffic calming initiative, namely three proposed speed humps. The initiative was started 1.5 years ago by neighbors concerned about the cars speeding along Pine Spring. The street qualified for a traffic study by the county, which showed the road is eligible for curbing measures.

If you live along Pine Spring Road or its cul-de-sacs, please keep your eyes peeled for hard copy voting materials to be delivered to your homes, along with project details and instructions for voting.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

PSCA officers are currently reaching out to confirm household information to be included in our new directory. If you receive a call or email from one of us, please reply! We have new families moving into the neighborhood all the time, and household profiles sometimes change too. If someone has recently moved in near you, please help put them in touch with us ASAP. We plan to disseminate copies of the new directory this Spring.

We are currently lining up advertisers for the directory. If you know a local business who may like to be featured, please email:
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Questions? Email pinespringcivicassociation@gmail.com



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CALLING ALL ARTISTS

Remember the beautiful fox and mid-century house design from the 2018 directory? That could be your art on the next cover!

We are now accepting Pine Spring directory cover art submissions from neighbors of all ages! Get those creative juices flowing and submit your cover art to us at: PineSpringCivicAssociation@gmail.com

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: BLOCK CAPTAINS

We are searching for new block captains from around the neighborhood. If you are unsure in which block you reside, consult the directory, or send us a note. Responsibilities mostly include helping officers distribute hardcopy materials like the PARADE and the new directory. If you enjoy a good walk now and then and would like to represent your area, please email: PineSpringCivicAssociation@gmail.com

Note: Zone 5 already has a volunteer!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: MASTENBROOK SHADE GARDEN REVITALIZATION

The Pine Spring neighborhood has only one - that's ONE - public green space adjacent to it, and that is the Mastenbrook Shade Garden at the end of Willow Lane. While this lovely slice of woodland is a Fairfax County Parks Authority property, it is small and therefore overlooked. Our neighborhood has a long history of helping keep this special outdoor space (named for past longtime Pine Spring neighbor John Mastenbrook) in good condition, but in recent years it has been virtually forgotten. As you can tell, trees are being choked to death by invasive ivy, poison ivy has run amok, and there is often litter.

For this park to remain a nice, safe place to stroll, let alone support our immediate watershed health, it needs our help. The county has a matching grant program, but we need someone to spearhead the grant pursuit. If you care about the Shade Garden, environmental issues, and/or want to flex your leadership muscles, please check out the county's website here: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/mastenbrook-grants>. If you're interested in helping lead the charge, please email us at PineSpringCivicAssociation@gmail.com

PINE SPRING PERSPECTIVES

In honor of the neighborhood's 35th anniversary in 1987, our Pine Spring neighbor Jane Marlatt compiled a retrospective of those years, in part from a review of the PARADE. *Pine Spring – A Retrospective 1952-1987* is now uploaded on the PSCA website and is the indispensable history document for the area. Visit our website, www.pinespring.org, and give it a read!

- 1952-1953 -

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.

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