



# Pinecrest Post

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## GREEN LAWNS AND A PEST-FREE HOME

BY ANN MARIE SCHNEIDER

It is the time of year when everyone dreams of a green lawn, as well as a pest-free home. While spraying pesticide to ward off weeds and ants is not an uncommon practice, at least one Pinecrest neighbor (also a family health ecologist) wants people to be well informed when deciding how to control these intruders.

Did you know that researchers across the globe are linking the environment to today's health challenges? Both environmental scientists and health professionals warn against the use of chemical pesticides. They make these suggestions for simple things you can do to protect your health and that of your family and neighbors from such toxins:

- Use a doormat to help reduce dust and pesticides tracked in on shoes from entering your home.
- Twice a week, damp mop or use a vacuum cleaner equipped with a HEPA filter, which capture 95% of all particles.
- Find out about organic pesticides as an alternative to chemical toxins.
- Take measures to keep pets and young children off the lawn. Aside from skin contact and breathing in weed and bug-control chemicals, both children and pets have frequent hand to mouth contact, thereby ingesting the pesticide.
- Remember to not only wash your fruits and vegetables; also peel them.

Many communities are coming together to share information on healthy living environments. For more information about your neighborhood and your health, go to [www.thegreenguide.com](http://www.thegreenguide.com) or The Green Guide. Both provide practical information on a wide variety of environmental and health topics.



## OVERLAY DISTRICTS DISCUSSED AT LAST MEETING

BY JOHN GODDEERIS

Our thanks to Annette Irwin, Operations Administrator of Code Enforcement and Neighborhood Conservation for East Lansing for providing an overview and answering questions about overlay districts, a process by which neighborhoods can restrict or prohibit new rental licenses. Ms. Irwin explained that while some neighborhoods in EL have taken advantage of this process, the rental licenses in Pinecrest are all long-standing (and are almost entirely limited to Lake Lansing

Road, Coolidge Road and Wolf Court). There have been no recent license applications. The Association decided not to actively pursue an overlay district at this time, but the President will be informed about any new rental license applications.

For more information regarding the Overlay Ordinance 1035C you can go to the City's Website at: [www.cityofeastlansing.com](http://www.cityofeastlansing.com) Or

## NEWS ALERT: NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE

Pinecrest Neighborhood will hold its annual garage sale on **Saturday, June 18th**.

An announcement will be placed in the Lansing State Journal during the preceding week and signs will be posted on Coolidge and Harrison on the 18th.

All residents are welcome and no advance sign up is necessary.

Information will be placed on the website as it is needed.

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## Pinecrest Neighborhood's Sign

Pinecrest Neighborhood would like to thank **Judy Tant** for all of the hard work she puts into making the Pinecrest Neighborhood sign so lovely with all the flowers.

The sign is located on Crown Boulevard off of Harrison. She has agreed to do this for a few more years.

It is people like Judy who truly make Pinecrest Neighborhood a great place to live. Thank you again Judy!

## ASSOCIATION DUES

Pinecrest Neighborhood Association requests \$5 per each household as dues for being a part of the Association. These funds go toward neighborhood activities and general upkeep for the neighborhood as a whole. For example the Pinecrest sign on Crown Blvd., the street name toppers, flowers, garage sales, and picnics.

Please make checks payable to: Pinecrest Neighborhood Association. All dues and donations can be sent to 1353 Ramblewood Drive, East Lansing, MI 48823. Questions should be directed to Treasurer Steve Ueberroth.



**Ann Marie Schneider** has nominated Woodingham Drive resident, **George Lafkas**, who remembers the founding of the Pinecrest Neighborhood Association.

"Detachment of part of East Lansing was being considered by a portion of Whitehills neighborhood and our neighbors wanted information on how such a move would affect the rest of the city." George said, "In trying to get city speakers to talk to our neighbors, we found that Pinecrest was the largest area in the city that did not have a neighborhood organization." That was in the early 90's.

Originally from Muskegon, George moved to his current residence in 1976, sent three children to Pinecrest, then to Hannah, and onto

## PINECREST WEBSITE

We are excited to announce the launch of the Pinecrest Neighborhood Association Website. The address is:

<http://pinecrest.core.com>

You will find all types of information, such as past newsletters, minutes, board members, and informational links.

There is still some work to be done and we would like to know what you think. If you have any suggestions for links, articles, something that is missing, please email either:

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## ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Annual Elections were held at the last association meeting on April 11. Nominees for President, Secretary, and two Member At Large positions were filled, each untested and by unanimous approval.

President John Goddeeris, Secretary Doug Pearsall, and Member At Large Kathy Simmons were each re-elected. Bree Allen was elected to fill the vacant Member At Large position and agreed to take on the responsibility of publishing the Pinecrest Post.



## NEIGHBOR SPOTLIGHT

East Lansing High School. His oldest son, Alexander, now resides in Traverse City, while his daughter, Demetra, teaches in Chicago, and his youngest son, Andrew, is a musician in New York City.

After a career in Cardiovascular Health and Health Promotion with the State of Michigan's Department of Public Health (Community Health), George retired in 2002. He continues to work on health-related projects on a part time basis, and is involved in Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church and the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA).

He enjoys contra dancing (folk), tennis, golf, and bicycling.

George remains in the area for the same reasons he moved here, "The location is convenient, the community is diverse both ethnically and in an economic sense, and this street is beautiful all year round."

**If you would like to nominate someone for the Neighbor Spotlight, please let Bree Allen know. Thanks.**

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## Area Happenings

Michigan Parade	May 14
Make-A-Wish Foundation Walk for Wishes	May 21-22
East Lansing Art Festival	May 21-22
Memorial Day May	May 30
Project Pride	June 4
PineCrest Neighborhood Assoc. Meeting	June 13
Summer Solstice Jazz Festival	June 24-25
Independence Day	July 4
Ele's Race	July 24
Great Lakes Folk Festival	August 12-14