



May 20th, 2020

Dear Community,

Last night more than twenty neighbors and residents participated in our weekly ZOOM council session. In the days before the meeting, our leadership read over two dozen emails and texts expressing concern, support, suggestions, and anxiety about the upcoming decision for the beach and lake over these next unpredictable months.

In the end, Council voted for the following actions (read the [full resolution](#) on the city website.)

including: 1/ the beach and the lake will not be opened to the public; 2/ the playground will remain closed; 3/ diagonal lakefront parking will be reduced by 12 spaces.

Our lake means many things to the community. When Georgia summers stretch nearly into the winter it is a place of blessed cool. For our swimmers, it is daily, chlorine-free rejuvenation. It provides sweet and safe waterplay for the children too small to swim. And it remains, always, restorative and centerpiece.

During this strange summer of 2020, the lake will rest.

COVID-19 continues to be impossibly challenging: the virus is implacable, media coverage is uneven, the policies across states are contradictory. Discoveries about the science itself—the symptoms, the testing, who it affects—require policy makers to be both consistent and responsive (i.e. early mask-wearing advisory that changed).

We—this leadership—will work to stay consistent and responsive. We thank everyone who shared their thoughts and insight this past week. It was deeply appreciated.

Your Mayor,

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Pine Lake City Council Meetings - Zoom - every Tuesday at 7:00 PM

Conference line: 1 (929) 205 6099

Meeting ID: 813 0156 9377

PL COVID-19 webpage: <https://www.pinelakega.net/Covid19Updates.aspx>

Georgia COVID-19 hotline: 1-844-442-2681.

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