

Welcome to Pine Lake

The City of Pine Lake, located in central Dekalb County Georgia, is a tiny municipality with less than 800 residents. Its all-female leadership, Mayor, Council, Police Chief, and Judge, are women, women of color, and LGBTQ+ women. Running through the center of the commercial district is Rockbridge Road, a busy main artery road, with more than 7 million cars driving through the city each year.

Pine Lake's police department focuses on an innovative community policing model, issuing only 727 citations in 2019 (~1 citation per 8 hour shift). These citations reflect the composition of drivers, both in terms of race and % of Pine Lake residents. Citation revenue accounted for just 15.3% of city revenue in 2019.

In Pine Lake, the majority of revenue is generated through property taxes. The city has the highest millage rate of any city in Dekalb County. The median household income in Pine Lake is comparable to the four zip codes of its closest Dekalb neighbors.

Pine Lake maintains a public beach and greenspace and welcomes neighbors from throughout central Dekalb, the Atlanta metro area, and beyond. During the summer thousands of Dekalb residents use the beach and lake to cool off. During other seasons, bikers, walkers, picnickers, and runners from across central Dekalb are welcomed to the city-center green space.

Pine Lake leadership is committed to [justice, equity, inclusion and diversity](#) and we continue to do the hard work of understanding how our systems and policies fit into the larger structure of State and Federal Government. For example, the Pine Lake leadership began a study in 2019 to examine the impact that traffic citations given by the Pine Lake Police and adjudicated in the Pine Lake Municipal Court have on the surrounding community. The study situates this tiny city in history and its ongoing work toward a better community in the future. We know this work is never done.

The report was completed in early September 2020: [Report on Public Safety and Judicial Practices in the City](#)