

## **Pine Lake aims to slow speeders**

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**Pine Lake** police will soon have radar to help them catch speeders on the city's streets. Despite **Pine Lake's** reputation as a speed trap, its police have issued less than 10 speeding tickets in the last five years, according to Chief Samuel Schlesinger of the **Pine Lake** Police Department.

But for years, **Pine Lake** residents have complained about speeders on the city's many hills and curves.

"My wife and I jog, and sometimes it seems like we have to almost dive out of the way," resident Keith Baker said.

One resident became so fed up as he washed his car that he threw his sopping wet rag at a motorist after a procession of speeding vehicles, Chief Schlesinger said.

The city considered speed bumps, deciding later that they were a hazard to emergency medical services.

They then considered stop signs at every street corner, the police chief said, but the state Department of Transportation (DOT) responded "no way."

The city has now resorted to radar in hopes that "it will slow the traffic down around the city," Chief Schlesinger said.

**Pine Lake** has a large population of children, he said, and with the city's hilly streets, and no sidewalks, it's important that the drivers abide by the 25 mph law.

Radar will only be allowed on certain streets that are chosen by the DOT, and it will not be permitted on Rockbridge Road.

Four officers have the required certification to use radar, but the other nine will eventually be certified.

Speeders in **Pine Lake** face fines of \$3 for every mile over the limit.

"The cost of operating will exceed the revenue we make from it in my opinion," says Chief Schlesinger in response to those who may feel the measure is just another attempt at increasing the city's coffers. "We are really concerned about the public's safety."

Information for this column is a matter of public record and was obtained from police files.

Disorderly Conduct. Oct 4. **Pine Lake**. An officer reported that as he walked up to a house looking for the friend of the owner, he allegedly witnessed the owner unzip his pants and urinate from his porch into his yard. The man did not see the officer and he was possibly intoxicated, the report said. The officer talked to the owner and left.