

**Tuesday, August 30, 2016**

**Good Morning Pinon Oaks Neighbors and Friends,**

It's almost Labor Day, and 2016 is almost  $\frac{3}{4}$  gone. Please take a few minutes to read through some of the items and issues that Folks have taken the time to share with us. Something might be of importance to you or a neighbor.

**Today is Primary Election Day** – don't forget that your ballot must be turned in no later than 7:00 PM.

**School is in session** – please watch for students walking to and from bus stops. Also, it appears that some of our Embry Riddle students are using motor bikes to and from classes – our streets are narrow!

**The Pinon Oaks Fall Garage Sale** is scheduled for Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, from 7 to 2. As always, there is no charge to participate, but you are requested to sign up so that we know where to place signs to help direct shoppers. We have over 40 signs which help those of you who live off the main roads, so please take a few minutes to either email [pinonoaksfolks@cablone.net](mailto:pinonoaksfolks@cablone.net) or call Nikki Krause @ 708-9295 or Jim Zimmerman @ 713-0542 by Wednesday 9/21, and give us your name and address. We place an ad in the Daily Courier beginning Thursday, 9/22. By the way, any unsold items may be placed at the curb after the sale, and will be picked up by Stepping Stones, which is our charity for this year.

Here's a good thing to do – Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> is the **"Empty Bowl"** event on the Courthouse Square. You can purchase a hand-made bowl for \$15, and this entitles you to two helpings of delicious soup. You keep the bowl! Time is from 11am to 2pm. Have a wonderful time and support a charity!

Several homes have been sold in recent weeks. Please **welcome our new neighbors**, and pass along any names, phone numbers and email addresses to [pinonoaksfolks@cablone.net](mailto:pinonoaksfolks@cablone.net). One of our new residents, Ann Ramsey, is forming a **Book Club** and already has several people signed up. "You are cordially invited to join the newly formed Piñon Oaks Book Club, which meets at 1:00 on the second Monday of the month in book club members' homes. Please email Ann Ramsey at [ramseyakc@yahoo.com](mailto:ramseyakc@yahoo.com) for meeting details. September 12 is the next meeting, and the book is All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr."

Pinon Oaks has been in the news in recent weeks. Hope you saw the nice write up several weeks ago in a new column highlighting "Neighborhoods in the News." Thanks to Ray Newton for the nice interview. We were also mentioned in a recent article about the property adjacent to the realigned Willow Creek Road. There will be a City Council meeting to discuss this issue on 9/13. That date also happens to be the date of the Pinon Oaks Folks Board meeting at 2:00 PM.

Another article about our neighborhood appeared last Thursday, 8/25, regarding the question of fire insurance coverage and the definition of defensible space – or lack of. Evidently different insurance companies have different requirements, as well as difference locations of homes. I recently asked a

tree service owner about my home (on Pinon Oak Drive) and he said our subdivision was in good shape. I guess a conversation with our homeowners' insurance agent may be in order?

We are sorry to learn about the passing of residents in recent weeks, and offer our Sincere Condolences to their family members during this difficult time.

As noted above, our next Pinon Oaks Folks Board meeting will be held at 2:00pm on Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. These meetings are open to any resident, but please contact Jim Zimmerman at 713-0542, if you wish to attend, to make sure there is adequate room for visitors. At this time, the Agenda has not been published, but it seems that the same items appear with some regularity. Please remember that Pinon Oaks Folks is a Social Organization – NOT a formal Homeowners' Association and we have no authority to control the actions of our residents. Our final authority is the City Code, if you are questioning an issue, and we sincerely hope that all residents adhere to the directives as listed in the CC&Rs for your individual property, (which you should have received at your closing).

The following issues appear fairly frequently.

**Barking Dogs** – Please be aware that this can be a severe nuisance.

**Speeding** – The speed limit for ALL streets is 25 MPH – Please SLOW down.

**Weeds** – With all the moisture we have received, the weeds are a bumper crop – not good.

**RV Parking** – Please make sure your RVs and 5<sup>th</sup> wheels are properly parked behind the front line of your home. (Often Real Estate personnel indicate a rather open policy about RV parking, which may or may not be accurate.) Also be aware of your parking habits if you are not using your garage for your cars. (Occasionally a home can resemble a used car lot!)

There seem to be a few vandals roaming the streets, and items have disappeared from porches and yards. Be sure and make a police report to keep such actions on the records, and keep an eye out for people and vehicles who don't belong.

Occasionally we receive questions and requests through our website from people who do not identify themselves (except by the return email which may or may not be accurate). We do not reply unless we have names and addresses, since we have no way of verifying that the person lives in the subdivision, and is entitled to receive the information.

Thanks to all for helping to make our neighborhood one of the nicest one in town!!!

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