

Tuesday, June 20, 2017

A Message from Pinon Oaks Board Vice Chairman and Long-time Resident,
Nikki Krause

Hello to all Pinon Oaks Residents, Owners and Tenants – Full Time or Part Time – Long Time or New Arrivals.

It doesn't seem possible that nineteen years ago (May, 1998) marked the beginnings of Pinon Oaks Folks with a pot-luck dinner at the home of Mark & Theresa Raisley. There were only 28 homes occupied, and of those, The Raisleys, the Gallos, The Cheneys, Donna Rigby and Nikki Krause are still in residence. We are now an upscale subdivision of over 625 homes. (We will be 646 when completely built out.) Some neighbors have arrived and stayed – others have stayed only a short time and then moved on. In early years we published a printed newsletter that was hand delivered to homes, and now we have a mailer card printed about twice a year, along with periodic email messages addressing current happenings. The Mailer Cards go to all residents, but space is limited and cost of printing and mailing is expensive. The members of our Board of Directors have remained fairly static, and I personally wish to thank all those residents who have volunteered their time and energy to our neighborhood.

We have continued to organize Spring and Fall Garage Sales, and have only had a few signs wander away - only to reappear at the next sale. (???) We have hosted summer picnic-style social events – from pot lucks to catered BBQs to buffet suppers – such as we plan for this year. The Manzanita Grill at the Antelope Hills Golf Course is working with us again to prepare a Steak dinner for our Annual meeting. This is scheduled for Sunday, July 23rd beginning at 4:00 PM with a social hour. Our new City Manager has agreed to speak to us about the state of our city, and reports of other pertinent issues will be presented. You will find a tear slip on the Mailer Card of June 20th to send in your payment and reservation. Or, simply send in your check for \$20 per person and include names, address, phone and email to Marie Maresh, 5733 Cilantro Ct., Prescott 86305 (227-1459). We will have some interesting topics, and an opportunity to make suggestions for additional activities and events.

Many of you have requested forming groups such as knitters, Mexican Train, additional Bunco players, Mah Jong, etc. We have begun a Single Social group which is mentioned in the current mailer card (mint green Summer issue). This group is designed for residents who live alone - whether recently widowed or long time alone –to meet new people who are geographically convenient. Our next get-together will be on Thursday, July 13th at the Manzanita Grill – Lunch at 1:30 pm (to avoid the lunch group and have time to stay and enjoy conversation). If you are interested, please email pinonoaksfolks@cablone.net, or leave a message on 708-9295 with your contact information.

My sincere thanks to everyone who has taken the time to read this message, and has a desire to maintain the quality of our neighborhood. The bottom line in all of our efforts is Communication. Remember we are not a formal and mandated Home Owners Association, but a voluntary organization. At present, we have a paid membership in Pinon Oaks Folks of 211 residences. Cost is only \$12 per year. We have a total of 426 families who have shared their phone and email information with us, but that leaves over 200 who either choose not to belong or be included OR they don't know about Pinon Oaks Folks. The Board is only nine people, and it is just not possible for us to individually contact all new arrivals. Please help us to at least contact new neighbors and suggest they contact us via email to become a part of our data base. We need names, addresses, phone and email addresses – I can figure out lot numbers. They will be included in email news updates as they occur.

Many residents have questioned and commented about the relatively new online neighborhood group – “Next Door” – which has become quite popular. It is a vehicle for posting individual messages, items for sale, recommendations, etc. This group is not allied with Pinon Oaks Folks, and has also grown to include several other neighborhoods nearby. This sort of online connection was not available when we were formed, but certainly fills a definite need for many residents.

Thanks again for your support and participation. We hope you will continue to be a positive and caring neighbor, and follow the Mission Statement of our organization.

“The purpose of Pinon Oaks Folks is to preserve, protect and enhance the quality of life in this subdivision, in matters such as responsible land use, environmental protection, advocacy, communication and social interaction among property owners and residents.”

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PS – I do my best to remember names and faces, but consider that I am only me, and there are over 600 of you!!! If you see me, remind me who you are.