

February 13, 2018

Dear Pinon Oaks Residents and Neighbors,

Happy Valentine's Day (tomorrow) and Welcome to the RAIN this morning!

A lot has been happening in these early days of 2018! Many of you have already heard about some of the news items, and my information is only as accurate as my sources. Thanks to residents who share their concerns and ideas with us to pass on. It is often difficult to reply individually, but we do make every attempt to follow up.

Many of you have contacted Pinon Oaks Folks regarding our FireWise participation, and thanks to everyone who made a financial contribution. As time goes on, we will be passing along more information, as well as pamphlets and information about individual efforts for their own properties.

On the FireWise topic, Mary Ann Suttles – a long time resident of Pinon Oaks, former City Council Member and radio personality – will be hosting Dr. Michael Orr on her radio talk show this Friday morning, February 16<sup>th</sup>. Call Letters are KYCA at 1490 AM. or 103.4 FM. He will be available to reply to live call-in questions, so feel free to call in – 541-1700 - ....

We have had a number of calls regarding the “Next Door” neighborhood online website. Many of you are involved with “Next Door” which allows individuals to post information, questions, pictures and comments. (There are many other small neighborhoods that are also on the Pinon Oaks site.) For those of you who are contributors to this site, you are aware that the BIG NEWS these past several days is Coyote Sightings. They are present throughout the neighborhood in greater numbers and coming brazenly closer to homes than long time folks can remember. We can't really do anything to control THEM, but we can certainly make things difficult for them. Top of that list is: DO NOT FEED/WATER THE WILD ANIMALS! We know that there are some residents who set out food and this is not a smart idea. It is against the LAW – and it is one of the reasons we have so many this year. I have had comments from more than one neighbor who plans to call the Police to report anyone still feeding them. Pass the word along.

On this same topic – there have been two small dogs which have fallen prey to the coyotes so far. I don't have many details other than the pets were loose and were attacked. One was badly mauled and had to be put down. Please make sure that you have adequate protection for your animals – be careful with Doggie Door use – keep your pets on a leash when you are walking them, and be extremely aware of activity around you.

Continuing with “Next Door.” Many residents are under the impression that this is a service of Pinon Oaks Folks, but that is not the case. A forum for complaints and comments was not on our agenda in the formative years of our organization. Over the years (twenty since our inception) Pinon Oaks Folks has become the “go to” organization for our community, without drawing in a long line of other communities whose position and policies are different from ours. That is not to say that there is no place for the exchanges and advertisings which are now taking place, but that is not in the mission of Pinon Oaks Folks.

On a positive note, I heard from a neighbor on Lemonmint recently, and she advised me that they have put up a “Little Free Library” at their home. Anne checks it every day to make sure there is nothing inappropriate there. Take a book – leave a book! What a wonderful idea! So far they have a good variety, and several categories. Check it out at 5673 Lemonmint Lane! Thank you!

PLEASE SLOW DOWN! We are still receiving daily reports of speeders along the major roads, AND some of the side streets as well. One or two more minutes are not going to matter....

We are also adding to our social group of people who are living alone. We meet on Thursday mornings at 10:00 AM at the Manzanita Grill at Antelope Hills. Breakfast, Coffee, Conversation, etc. We intend to add to our activities, such as dinner out or day trips, as time goes on. If you wish to be on our contact list, email a note to [pinonoaksfolks@cablone.net](mailto:pinonoaksfolks@cablone.net). We have over 15 listed so far, and 2 or 3 more who are ??? – we usually have 6 to 10 on any Thursday. We can't contact you - if we don't know who you are!

Our Membership is only 153 out of 620+ homes, and we are way behind last year. We have names and email addresses for approximately 400 +/- families. It appears that a large percentage of our residents have email and internet access, but we are missing telephone contacts for over 300 families, and no emails for over 200. We attempt to keep this information private, and don't flood your in-box with unnecessary emails. It is rather disappointing that so many folks choose to remain out of the information loop. Please help us to get all our neighbors contact information.

Thanks, as always, to those of you who maintain your support of our organization, and I look forward to finding more envelopes in my mailbox.

Pinon Oaks Folks  
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