



Pinon Oaks Folks

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Can you recall what your neighborhood felt like when you were young? It was a bit simpler then. Now each generation moves further away from family and from a known support system and community. Many of us in Pinon Oaks are new to Prescott, perhaps new to the entire state. We seek community in new ways, in our social groups, our churches, our new neighbors. Perhaps our “new world” is an opportunity to recreate the best of what community means to us.

What is “PINON OAKS FOLKS” ?

Back in 1998, when Pinon Oaks was only 38 homes strong, Nikki Krause began reaching out to her neighbors because she valued and missed a sense of community and support. Her neighbors agreed. Nikki wrote up a small newsletter, and her neighbors helped distribute it. The seed for Pinon Oaks Folks (POF) was planted. The newsletter acted as our first “social media”, connecting a growing community of people who had agreed to make Pinon Oaks their home.

Pinon Oaks Folks is NOT an HOA and it is not a chat room for the inevitable minor neighborhood complaints. Simply stated, these are Pinon Oaks Folks’ purposes:

- ❖ **Preserving quality of life and property values in the Pinon Oaks development.**
- ❖ **Advocacy in Prescott City and Yavapai County issues relevant to the Pinon Oaks region.**
- ❖ **Informing residents regarding rights and responsibilities.**
- ❖ **Encouraging social interactions among residents.**
- ❖ **Promoting mutual protection and safety.**

How does POF accomplish any of these goals? After all, we are simply an association of neighbors, not an established office with paid staff and deep pockets. Over the years, individual POF members have stepped up to help their neighbors in several ways, such as:

- ✓ **Petitioning to annex Pinon Oaks into the City of Prescott**
- ✓ **Discouraging a nearby go-cart facility and a shopping center next to Pinon Oaks**
- ✓ **Maintaining a website with information –notices & documents, such as our organizational guidelines, the CC & R’s, photos, and a members-only email list**
- ✓ **Acting as a contact point for relevant communications from Prescott City & Embry Riddle**
- ✓ **Sponsoring our annual social with speakers on timely issues affecting Pinon Oaks**
- ✓ **Sponsoring a singles group**

- ✓ Organizing the recent successful FIREWISE community campaign
- ✓ Arranging two Pinon Oaks garage sales per year
- ✓ When possible, advising neighbors on Prescott City codes and compliance
- ✓ Encouraging all of us to report safety concerns we notice in the neighborhood

We are sending this letter to extend a welcome to anyone in the Pinon Oaks development who is not yet a Pinon Oaks Folks member.

All you need to do to become a member is to email

your NAME(S), EMAIL ADDRESS(ES),

your ADDRESS or LOT NUMBER, and your contact PHONE NUMBER(S) to

pinonoaksfolks@cableone.net

We will add you to our email list so you will begin to receive announcements and news from POF. Also, we promise to limit our emails and to *not* provide your information to other entities.

Recently, annual dues have been in the range of \$10-\$15 per address per calendar year to cover operating costs. However, there are NO DUES IN 2019!

**For more information, please visit our website,
PinonOaksFolks.org**

Current members do not need to reply to this letter unless their email address has changed. We will continue to do our best to contact those of you who do not have email but have provided your address.

Thanks to Nikki Krause and all the POF members who lend their support, we continue to help keep Pinon Oaks as the neighborhood we value. In our opinion, Pinon Oaks residents have reason to celebrate this neighborhood as the great, 600+ homes community it has become!



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