

January 26, 2011

To: Piñon Oaks Folks Members, Neighbors & Residents –

Where has the time gone? Finally got Christmas lights down two days ago, and it is time for Valentine's Day already.

Thanks to all who took the time to attend our Annual Meeting in November. Our guest speaker, Lt. Andy Reinhardt, gave us some interesting information about our neighborhood relative to crime statistics in Prescott. Issues of concern seem to repeat every year, and once again, Dog Owners failing to clean up after the pets, weed control and yard clutter topped the list. Most of the volunteer Board Members opted to continue to serve for the year 2011, and one new member volunteered and was approved. The Piñon Oaks Folks Board members for 2011 are:

Joe Maresh, Chairman, 227-1459 – joe_maresh@yahoo.com
Nikki Krause, Vice Chairman, 708-9295 – nkrause@cableone.net
Diane Muchmore, Secretary (new), 445-7852 – DianeMuchmore@cableone.net
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Most residents attending paid their dues (\$10) for the fiscal year 2011 – Thanks for your support. As of January 12th, our membership was 56. Our Treasurer has been traveling since then, and we will not have an updated number until he returns in early February. Any other residents who would like to pay their dues may download either a new or renewal membership form from our website at www.pinonoaksfolks.org and mail in your check. (Mail to either Will Haverland at 786 Panicum, or Nikki Krause at 1092 Piñon Oak Drive.) Checks should be made payable to "Piñon Oaks Folks." Don't forget, one of the perks of membership is that you will continue to receive email updates of neighborhood news, and preferential prices for picnics and parties; as well as free advertising for the garage sales. Please get your dues in NOW.

At the First Board meeting of the year, several items were discussed and some dates set. Minutes from the Annual Meeting were approved, and we are financially solvent. Our first function will be the Spring Neighborhood Garage Sale which will take place on Friday, April 8th and Saturday, April 9th. It's not too early to start cleaning out those closets and cupboards. There will be another Sale on September 16th and 17th for those who find the Fall more convenient. The picnic is scheduled for Saturday, July 23rd (hopefully at the Heritage Park Ramada), and locations are being discussed for a Holiday Party in December.

The BackWater valve issue was discussed, and it appears that the homes in Piñon Oaks should have them installed. Look for two black pipes about a foot apart near your home (probably on a direct line from one of the bathrooms to the street), and nearby should be a round covered pipe about 8" in diameter.

Recently one of the residents on the North side of Pioneer Parkway questioned the Ham Radio Tower located in the yard of a neighbor. It was verified with the City of Prescott Code Enforcement staff, and for the most part, required permits and building limitations were followed for the construction. Thanks to the city for their prompt attention.

While attempting to clarify this issue, the question of a Homeowner's Association was brought up – again. There seems to be a rumor circulating in several areas of the subdivision that Piñon Oaks Folks is gearing up to become a formal HOA. We have been asked to state, once again, that Piñon Oaks Folks is NOT a Homeowners Association. There will never be a formal Homeowners' Association, because it would require a 100% vote in favor, either for the entire subdivision OR for each Unit and/or Phase of the development. Piñon Oaks Folks is a VOLUNTARY organization which was formed in May 1998 by a small group of residents. The Purpose was later clarified "To preserve, protect and enhance 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. We have a tri-fold flyer available with some general information (although it needs updating), and you can also find information on our website – please check it out at www.pinonoaksfolks.org.

Piñon Oaks Folks makes every attempt to maintain a flow of communication to residents concerning pertinent issues, and the members of the Executive Board all volunteer their time and energy because of their commitment to our neighborhood. We still need volunteers to help solidify the smaller groups we have identified as "NUGs" to update the information of the owners and residents, and to be a central unit for communication. If you are willing to help, please contact any Board member or email pinonoaksfolks@cableone.net

One final note....Current City Councilwoman, Mary Ann Suttles is a resident of Piñon Oaks and resides on Thistle Drive. She has announced her candidacy for the office of Mayor of Prescott, and must submit petitions containing a sufficient number of signatures for her name to be placed on the ballot. (Please note that signing a petition does NOT indicate a promise to vote – it is simply a requirement to be listed on the ballot.) Please check the website in a day or two to find a list of homeowners who are helping to collect signatures, the days, times and addresses they will be available. Then just plan to "drop by" and add your name to the petition. For starters, Nikki Krause will be available Sunday, January 30th from 1:00 to 4:00 PM at 1092 Piñon Oak Drive. (Check www.pinonoaksfolks.org as additional locations are added.

ERAU NEWS....

ERAU is planning a bonfire which is scheduled for Thursday, February 3, 2011 @ 5pm. As with many of their activities, it should not cause any repercussions for Piñon Oaks Folks, but those of you living on Panicum might notice additional commotion on campus.

Also at ERAU, they test the Emergency Broadcast system on the second Tuesday of each month. February's test will be on 2/8/11, at 11:55 am.

Nikki Krause for Pinon Oaks Folks Executive Board