

January 30, 2012

Dear Piñon Oaks Residents –

Already 1/12 of this New Year is almost over – I hope you are keeping up. I am not sure I am!!!

A few items for your information and attention, and hopefully action.

Memberships are very slow coming in, and technically they are delinquent on January 31st. We only have 65 as of this date. Orders for a Directory update were also requested during January, and that number is less than we had planned. So – if you do plan to take advantage of the best deal in Prescott, search your couch for loose change, find a spare \$10 bill in your wallet or write a check – but get your dues in ASAP. You will find the 2012 Application renewal form (and new member form) on our website at www.pinonoaksfolks.org – then click on the button “Notices” or scroll down to the bottom of the Home Page for a link to a PDF form to print out. Mail them in to David Davidson at 5802 Cinnamon Drive, or deliver to Nikki at 1092 Piñon Oak Drive.

We are still hoping for volunteers for the Neighborhood Umbrella Group Leaders – (NUGs) to assist in maintaining a correct resident list. We hope to continue mailing out the colorful cards to keep you posted of happenings, and it is costly to have the list re-checked each time. Volunteers???

Embry-Riddle Annual Winter Bonfire; Thursday, Feb. 2, 2012, 4:30 to 7:00 PM. In addition to the bonfire, there will be music, and intermittent pyrotechnics (NOT fireworks; There will be 15 foot flames triggered next to the stage only a few times during the event).

Do you know your neighbors? The Internet does. Try this. Just go to the website and put in your address and you will get EVERYONE'S name and address around your neighborhood. <http://neighbors.whitepages.com/>
Enter your address, and up comes a map of your area...and a list of all neighbors and their phone numbers! Say hello to someone new, welcome them, and let your Piñon Oaks Folks Board know.

Future Dates for Planning. I am already hearing from people who need to clean out closets – the Spring Garage Sale will be April 27th & 28th – Friday and Saturday – and this year we'll shorten the hours from 7:00 to 2:00 PM. (Most of you are sold out early in the day since the shoppers hit the streets very early.) Advertising will be in the Courier and on Craig's list, and we only ask that you sign up – NO COST for taking part. More on this in a future email.

There will be a summer picnic in mid-July and the Fall Garage Sale is the end of September.

Look for a Color Card in the mail by mid-February with concise info as to “who” “what” “when” “where” etc., to place on your fridge! A tear slip for dues will be part of this card.

Thanks to Bunny Sherman who recently resigned from the Board for her participation the last few years. She has decided to return to the warmer weather in Sun City – we wish her well. Also, welcome to our new Board Members – Al Slenczka, Cheryl Barton and Pam Peters.

We will make every effort to send out emails on a regular monthly basis, and also quarterly mailings. Please contribute items of interest to all as you may see fit. We are NOT able to send out personal notices at the drop of a hat, but we will do all possible to help solve your problems. A clearing house type of contact for some issues would be a great help – is there anyone who

would volunteer to be the “Lost Pet Person?” Whether to report lost or found, one call might be all that is necessary. Let us know!

A couple of additional notes:

Spring is really just around the corner, and with it comes WEEDS. Consider pre-emergence spray to avoid those pesky green things, and avoid unhappy neighbors.

Watch your speed through the neighborhood – we have many more children and walkers as we grow. The limit is 25 MPH!

The Javelinas and Coyotes are still roaming the neighborhood during any part of the day. Please do NOT leave food out for them.

Remember to clean up after your pets as they take you for their walks. Keep plastic baggies (newspaper sleeves?) in your pocket!

Finally, I hope you all enjoy the festivities celebrating our 100th Birthday of Statehood for Arizona – February 14, 2012.

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