

Spring/Summer 2010 NEWSLETTER

PLEASE Give the Enclosed Survey a Moment of your Time... The board is trying to get a bit more information on the association's members. For example, there were some incidents not only of break-ins but also damage to homes (from the now-infamous winter storm of 2010). In many cases, we do not have enough information to contact homeowners. Our data base is strictly private and confidential. So please respond to the survey - there are 3 ways to respond, so no excuse!

Meet Betty. Many of you know Therese Bibeau, who served as clerk of the Board for 20-plus years. At the end of 2009, Therese had to resign her post for health reasons. We are happy to report that she is now recovered from two surgeries. (You can send her a note at P O Box 1393, Pinetop 85935). We have a new association clerk, Betty Tuccio, who is handling the day-to-day tasks such as dues billings/payments, answering the association's phone, etc. Betty can be reached at the association's phone number or by e-mail at: clerk@pinetopcommunityassociation.com.

Mark your calendar for the annual meeting, August 7th. The only other reminder will be an announcement with the proxies that go out about 3-4 weeks beforehand. It's at PTCC at 9 a.m. with pastries and beverages. Members will be voting on the slate of officers (the Board) plus there will be other items/speakers of interest and importance.

Board membership. Speaking of Board elections, your current Board is getting very frustrated at the lack of owners willing to serve. Most of the current Board members have been serving at least five years or longer, some for up to 20 years. It's way beyond time for others to take a turn. There are only seven officers, yet from a membership of over 500 we can't even keep those seven slots filled! It's way beyond time for others to step up to the plate and volunteer.

Important Reminders.

- »Those of you who ride ATVs around the country club streets are reminded of the Sheriff's new "zero tolerance" policy for breaking ATV laws. No more "Mr. nice guy" - it's strictly fines or worse.
- »If you are rebuilding or adding on to your houses, especially those whose homes were damaged by the winter snows, remember to get the required permits - one from the association and possibly one from the county. Failure to do so may end up costing you much more to redo what you've done.
- »If you rent out your home, be sure that renters have a copy of the CC&Rs. You, the owner, are responsible for any violations of the CC&Rs, and they can be costly to correct.
- »This winter was especially harsh on our properties, and spring/summer cleanup will be more critical than ever to keep our neighborhood fire safe and attractive. Be a good neighbor and fix those knocked-down mailboxes, pick up debris and fallen trees/branches, and remove infested or dead trees.

Fire Safety. A strong snow pack doesn't ensure that we are protected from fire, as witnessed by the recent wild fire near Flagstaff. The Forest Service never conducted the controlled burn on the east side of the club last fall because conditions were never favorable. They will try again in October. The fire exit road is critical to us all if fire should break out, and the association works with the Forest Service to make sure it is safe and maintained. Illegal dumping on that roadway is always a problem, so be sure to report any that you see.

Read this if you think "bad" trees don't matter. The Board is constantly checking out the condition of trees and asking owners to remove damaged or dead ones. In an early May wind storm, a large tree was sheared off in the wind, causing damage to two residences and power lines. Fortunately, no people were injured. When a tree is weak from infestation or dead, it's a hazard and must be totally removed from the property. It might cost you a whole lot more to fix the resulting damage than remove the tree(s).

Have a healthy and safe summer season !