

SUMMER 2009 NEWSLETTER

Annual Meeting & Special Guest Speaker

This year's Annual Meeting has been set for August 1, 2009, at 9 a.m. at Pinetop Country Club with brunch to follow. Our guest speaker is Jim Paxon, "the fire guy" and author of "The Monster Reared His Ugly Head." He will be talking about, among other things, the **controlled ground burn** planned by the US Forest Service this fall bordering the east side of the Country Club. You **MUST** RSVP for the annual meeting breakfast ... see the enclosed announcement. Please note that a proxy is also enclosed, so if you won't be attending, send in your proxy.

Speaking of the controlled ground burn, the Forest Service has asked that we caution all residents who may be affected by the smoke. For info on when the burns will take place, how to take respiratory precautions, etc., contact the Forest Service, not the association. Here's how: call 368-2100 M-F 8 am to 4:30 pm, leave name and phone number and ask to be notified about the Fall 2009 Country Club controlled burn.



Don't forget to use the web site, pinetopcommunityassociation.com, for all your questions or suggestions. There is now a place on the site where you can submit any name/address/phone changes, and it's so easy. You'll also find a section on local resources for yard cleaning, tree removal, etc., as well as a printable permit application form, which you must submit if you are planning remodels or improvements to your home.



The Board is again hiring off-duty sheriffs to patrol the Country Club streets this summer in our effort to be proactive and prevent a major ATV accident. The first weekend of patrols was a huge success because literally hundreds of riders got a good safety lesson and a warning. Please ride your ATVs with care and follow the rules, or you might face a fine. And please report any ATV violators you see to the Sheriff's office, 928-524-4050. Our web site lists ATV rules and fines.



If you think you can undertake a rebuilding or new construction project (even a deck, fence or porch) without a permit, think again. We've had several

homeowners who have incurred unnecessary expense and inconvenience because they built/remodeled without a permit and were not in compliance with the CC&Rs, then had to redo their work. It's very simple to get a PCA permit, and it costs nothing. The web site has the permit application as well as the CC&Rs and Guidelines for each unit, spelling out what is allowable. The Board reviews your permit request and, if all is well, issues the permit. In some cases, you may also need a County permit.



Thanks to your Board, the County, the Pinetop Lakes homeowners association, and the Forest Service, the emergency fire exit road (which is at the intersection of Country Club and East Lane Drives) has been greatly improved and more steps are in the works. Remember that illegal dumping along the road can bring a steep fine. Summer is here, so the Board is again on the lookout for CC&R violations, including dead or diseased trees that need to be removed. Homeowners can even receive up to \$500 in **grant money for tree removal** - just contact certified arborist Jan Mathis at 367-4588 for information, or e-mail her at jmathis@cals.arizona.edu. Please be aware that the Board has the authority to take care of any CC&R violations -- whether it's yard cleanup or tree removal or inoperable vehicles or anything else -- if the owner does not comply within a reasonable time. And we also rely on all the owners to inform us, preferably in writing, of any violations you observe.



Reminders: The association needs to have phone numbers for all owners, so please go to the web site or call or write the association with your current phone number(s). Owners are only permitted one garage/yard sale per year, so please be mindful of your neighbors and follow this rule.