

PINEWOOD HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT: Happy Holidays and best wishes for a great 2013.

Hard for me to believe but I am finishing my third year on the Board, 2-1/2 as your President. Although I am a "Snow Bird", living in Michigan and being at Pinewood less than 5 months a year, I enjoy helping make Pinewood a great place to live and own property. Many thanks to other Board members Yvette Edmonds and Richard Harrison for their support and efforts. We are particularly blessed to have Yvette as a full time resident who cares deeply about our property and puts in many unselfish hours into Board work.

During 2012 we were able to install the community well and provide low cost water to provide full green grass in the common areas. We also established a web site and email address for information and communication with the Board. Visit the Board website at www.pinewoodcountryestates.com and contact the board by email at pinewoodcountryestates@hotmail.com. Additionally, we successfully petitioned the County for a revised entry into our sub-division. Work on the entry revision has been delayed until March 2013 but we will end up with a 500 foot travel rather than a half mile when they are complete, saving us time and money.

And finally, the Board established Florida Friendly Guidelines to provide guidance for landscaping within the Pinewood community. The established Guidelines are attached for your review and reference. Please remember, if you are making any exterior changes, whether landscaping, fencing or to the home itself, you need to submit an application for approval prior to doing the work.

I really appreciate the efforts of owners who have taken steps this past year to improve their own properties including new sod, fences and trimming. This has helped create a much nicer environment for all of us.

The Board's main effort in 2013 will be to develop and implement a plan for plantings in the two community corners at Pinewood and Bayhead and Pinewood and Cypress Landing. We will also address the land along Ronald Reagan Parkway after Progress Energy completes the project they have underway up there.

Again, best wishes for 2013. I'll see you in Pinewood!



Earl Hartman, President, PINEWOOD HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

PS: There are still some homes within our community that are in need of yard restoration – weak turf, yard weedy instead of grassy, dead areas and/or bare areas, etc. Although this is not the optimum time to be doing yard restoration it is time to start planning for the spring growth. If you have had a weed problem in your yard, please think about putting down a "pre-emergent" treatment in the early part of the year – this will discourage growth of unwanted weeds, including some crabgrass.

If you have had dead/bare areas – think about re-sodding or even plugging those areas come spring. The first of the year is a good time to prepare the area by removing the dead grass, weeds, etc., and putting down weed killer. Then when spring comes you will be ready to provide the needed weed and feed treatments for the entire lawn, sod as needed, irrigate as needed (with the increased watering times), etc. so that next summer you will have a much improved yard of which you and your community can be proud - and not receive one of those reminder letters from the Association Manager asking you to address the issue!

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