

Pinewood Country Estates Home Owner's Association

"Working for a Great Community for Great Neighbors"

New Years 2020

Thank You: On behalf of the entire Board of Directors I'd like to extend Best Wishes for a prosperous and healthy 2020 and offer a big "Thank You" to all owners for your efforts to make Pinewood a great place to own and live! Properties are looking better than ever and, based on recent sales, our values have increased accordingly.

Simple Things: Please continue to do the simple things like hiding bins, edging sidewalks, trimming your yards. These items take little effort and make the whole community look good. Power washing houses and walks, painting and keeping bushes trimmed are a little more effort. But these are the most common items on violation lists.

As every owner knows, Pinewood is a deed restricted community with documents filed with the State of Florida. The rules are part of every owner's purchase and can be viewed on the community web sites. The HOA has retained Garrison Property Management to monitor properties in accordance with the documents. As part of those efforts Garrison sends notices to owners whose property has fallen short of regulations. If you get one of these notices, please do not ignore them. Without action after 3 notices the item is reviewed by a Fining Committee for allocation of fines of \$50 per day.

Board members: In order for the community to prosper there is a need for community support and input. In particular, the HOA Board and the Fining Committee are in need of new members. The HOA Board is made up of three members with staggered three year terms. Current Vice President Stephanie Cossom has a year left on her term while Secretary Tanya Tellings term is expiring. My term was up in 2019 but, due to a lack of quorum, there was no annual meeting in 2019 and I've continued as President in accordance with the documents.

After ten years on the Board I will not seek a seat this winter, leaving the remaining two years on my term to be filled. With the completion of the irrigation system for the picnic area and electrical service for the west wall at the entry, all projects I envisioned ten years ago have been completed. Being a snow bird who spends eight months of the year 1300 miles north of Pinewood in Michigan it has been a challenge giving the effort needed for the HOA. An owner who is in the Estates year round would be a better option.

The Fining Committee has a vacancy also. The Committee fulfills an important role by reviewing documentation and representing owners who are facing fines that have accumulated based on Garrison's monitoring and procedures. Help is needed to fill the opening and even add more members to the committee.

Please consider volunteering for the Board or Committee to help our community by contacting Garrison with the form included. Elections will take place at the annual meeting at 6:30 pm on Tuesday February 11, 2020 at 622 Pinewood Drive.

Trash pick up: Again please note that our current schedule is Monday for recycling and yard waste and Tuesday for trash. According to the Declarations, bins must not be put out until the night before and must be hidden from sight the night after pick up. Also remember that the driver will not get out of the truck to pick up excess materials. Large items or debris is picked up by a separate Polk County truck that must be called to arrange removal. The phone number to call is 863-484-4319.

If you have suggestions for more improvements please contact Valerie at Garrison, the Board via email or attend a Board meeting. Together we can continue to make Pinewood a great place to live, own and visit.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Earl Hartman".

Earl Hartman, President
Pinewood HOA

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