



### Qtr 3 2019 Newsletter

Dear Friends,

Did you experience a panic attack when you realized June 1<sup>st</sup> turned up on the calendar and the dreaded 2019 Hurricane Season had begun?

Maybe we can help with that! In a belief that preparation is the key in facing possible emergencies, the HOA will be demonstrating how to **"Build Your Bucket"** at the June meeting on *Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>* at 6:00 at the Lodge. But, **that's not all!** We also plan to organize a **Neighborhood Response Team (NRT)** to serve as a point of contact and help coordinate response activities in the event of an emergency. A big THANK YOU to **Diana Swegman and Erick Arroyo for agreeing to co-chair our Neighborhood PREP –Plan for Readiness and Emergency Preparedness** program. Diana's many years of experience as a Red Cross volunteer at disaster areas and Erick's military background and hurricane recovery experiences in Puerto Rico make both of these individuals a real asset as we start to fully implement a disaster recovery program for Piney-Z. Dee Orgaz and Dave Gilbert also joined the team. Your assistance is needed, too, no matter your background. If you have ever sat back and said "I wish someone would...", well, that someone is **YOU** and the time is **NOW**. Serve alongside us to dispel anxiety by taking actions that will help our neighbors and ourselves. This is part of a city-wide program called Neighborhood PREP- Prepare for Readiness and Emergency Preparedness. We will explain the program in June, so don't miss that meeting. Email me at [pineyzhhoa.pres@gmail.com](mailto:pineyzhhoa.pres@gmail.com) if you'd like to volunteer to help. We are in need of some folks to walk a few blocks to talk to neighbors about Neighborhood PREP.

The Piney Z Plantation HOA Annual Meeting is coming up on July 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the Lodge. Mark your calendars for this one, too. There are two openings on the board which need to be filled

at the election. You may contact Diana Swegman, chair of the nominations committee, at [d.swegman@comcast.net](mailto:d.swegman@comcast.net) if you would like to run for the board. Nominations will also be taken from the floor at the meeting. There is never a better time than right now to get involved in service to our community. In addition to the two board openings, there are other opportunities to serve on the Architectural Control Committee, the Standards Committee, the Hearing Committee, the Landscape Committee, and the new Neighborhood Response Team. Anyone interested in taking on the quarterly newsletter? How about the Social Committee? As you can imagine, it takes a large number of people to take on a small job so a few volunteers don't get burned out quickly by an overwhelming workload. What can you do to help?

Step up beside me.

Cindy



## Enjoy where we live!

We are so lucky to live here in Piney Z, in Tallahassee, in Leon County. We have a gem right here at the end of Heritage Park Blvd in the form of the park and lake access to Lake Piney Z and Lake Lafayette. Take some time to go fishing this summer. I understand the lake is home to some good-sized largemouth bass, gar, and black bass. Adults need a freshwater fishing license that costs \$17 per year. Youth under 16 can fish for free. Take your child or grandchild, grab a rod and reel and spin a yarn or two as you sit under an oak waiting for the BIG one to bite! Oh, and the worms are easily available in your yard or Ace Hardware sells live crickets if you prefer. Hope you catch dinner!

*The Mission of Piney-Z Plantation HOA is to preserve and enhance property values by demonstration of resident-friendly policies, maintenance of common areas and upholding the C&Rs.*

### Piney-Z HOA Officers 2018-19

Cynthia J. Saginario, President

Sam Diconcilio, Vice President

Jane Greene, Secretary

Diana Swegman, Treasurer

Christopher Shoemaker, Committee Liaison

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**We expect the Piney-Z website to be up and running soon. It is under construction.**



## Scouting for Food

If you recall, our neighborhood supported our local Scout Troop 118, under the leadership of Scoutmaster Brad Gomez, for their annual food drive on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Several residents asked me if the Scouts met their food goals. I am happy to report YES! Their goal was to collect 1000 pounds of food and they collected 1,052 pounds of food. They beat last year's Troop record by 257 pounds and broke the half ton mark for the first time. It took the efforts of many Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and adult leaders to canvass our neighborhood and all of you to buy and donate food, but it paid off! The food went to Second Harvest food bank. ***Congratulations!***



## Committee Corner

### Architectural Control Committee (ACC)

As summer fast approaches, homeowners in Piney-Z are beginning to spruce up the yards and around the exterior of their homes. Recently, because of the age of the neighborhood, many owners are requesting approval to repaint their home's exterior.

The ACC recommends that when homeowners repaint the exterior **of their home, that they try to**

**keep the color scheme as close to the original** as possible.

If, however, residents want to change their color scheme to something different, such change would have to be approved in advance by the ACC.

In consideration of requests to repaint exteriors, the ACC will look to make sure the color scheme would fit naturally with the houses nearby, as well as conforming to color schemes predominantly used within Piney-Z.

Overwhelmingly when repainting the home's exterior, customers choose warm, natural earth tones which complement the aesthetics of the Piney-Z community, such as tans, greys, light greens, light blues, taupe's, etc.

When Piney-Z was originally developed 25 years ago, the builders avoided using bright pastel colors on the exterior of the homes and overwhelmingly favored using warm earth tones. A pastel color is any color that has just enough white mixed into it to look pale and soft while maintaining its colorful personality. Pastel colors are commonly used near beaches and coastal towns and are frequently pink, coral, whimsy yellow and creamy mint.

Because these pastel colors were never a part of the original Piney-Z color scheme, the ACC believes that pastel colors on the exterior of homes are not conforming color schemes to the warm natural tones the original builders chose. Residents should therefore avoid selecting pastel color schemes for their home's exterior.

Most importantly, when submitting requests to the ACC for exterior repainting, it is required that wall and trim color samples (paint chips) be included with the ACC form for the committee members consideration. This is true for wall colors, trim, exterior doors and garage doors.

If you have additional questions exterior repainting in Piney-Z, or if you are in need of an ACC form, please contact the ACC at [shoe0825@gmail.com](mailto:shoe0825@gmail.com).

### **Standards Committee**

We have a new Chairperson! Welcome to Phillip Worts. There are some changes in the way this committee works. Any neighbor may report a violation to [pineyzstandards@gmail.com](mailto:pineyzstandards@gmail.com). The

violation will not be told who reported. A committee member will investigate, and, if confirmed, a friendly Reminder Postcard will be mailed to bring the violation into compliance. The committee will follow up and send a First Notice of Violation and Second Notice of Violation, if necessary.

A special thanks goes to Ola Joyce who devoted many years on the Standards Committee. We appreciate your dedication and perseverance.

Need a helping hand? The City will provide premium residential service at standard residential service costs to customers who are physically/medically unable to take residential waste and recycle containers to the curb for collection. Eligibility is based on an application, which includes certification by the customer and a physician. Periodic re-certification is required. Call 850-891-4968 and ask the operator to connect you with "Helping Hands".

### **Hearing Committee**

#### **Change to the 2<sup>nd</sup> violation process:**

Homeowners who receive a Second Notice of Violation **must contact the Hearing Committee** to set an appointment to appear if they want to dispute an alleged violation in which the HOA Board has assessed a fine. The email is [pzhearing@gmail.com](mailto:pzhearing@gmail.com).

### **Landscaping Committee**

Mulch cools the roots and provides visual interest. Create a *DONUT* of mulch 2 to 3" deep, 12-18" away from the tree trunk. Do not mulch to the curb or sidewalk. Avoid cypress mulch and "volcanoing" the mulch to prevent rot and disease in the trunk. How much to buy? a cubic yard = 27 cubic feet. A 3 to 4" layer of mulch will be 2 to 3" when settled. One cubic foot will cover 4 square feet to a depth 3".

Ugly utility boxes in your yard? *Blend it into the landscape* by creating a plant bed. Plant low /medium shrubs, with simple growth habit, and soft foliage. NO flowers/bees/thorns. Be sure to allow room for access when the need arises.

Prepare for hurricane season NOW by checking trees for damaged or weak branches and pruning if needed. Azalea, Camellia and other spring blooming plants should be pruned no later than

mid-July to protect next spring's flowers. Remember applying fertilizer during the following periods is prohibited by City Code: a flood watch or warning, or a tropical storm watch or warning, or a hurricane watch or warning, or a three-day cone of uncertainty in effect for any portion of Leon County, issued by the National Weather Service.

We are looking for committee members, ideas and questions. Please contact: [pzlandscapecommittee@gmail.com](mailto:pzlandscapecommittee@gmail.com).

### Reminders:

- We are seeing a number of vehicles parked on grass and across sidewalks, even totally on the sidewalk! Cars, trucks, motorcycles, etc. should be parked in driveways, or during the day, on the street.
- No yard signs are allowed, including advertisements for lawn maintenance companies and political signs of any type.
- Keep our neighborhood from looking trashy! Garbage cans should not be put by the curb until the day before pick-up (Sunday), and should be removed from sight of the street on the day of pick-up (Monday). All bulky pick-up items should not be placed by the curb before Thursday of the **Blue** weeks. That includes tree trimmings, furniture, etc.
- Repetitive violations may result in large fines, liens, etc. being placed against the homeowner/property. Fines are \$100 per day, up to \$5000.
- If you have not paid your annual assessment, please remit it immediately, including the interest and late fee that was added on. Questions on the amount owed should be addressed to Lewis Property Management, 850-668-1173.

## STORM PREP-Get Ready Now



The Florida Division of Emergency Management maintains a confidential registry of persons with special needs who might need extra assistance during a disaster. Anyone who has physical, mental, cognitive or sensory disabilities and will need evacuation and/or sheltering assistance may register. If you require a high level of medical care or depend on electricity for life-sustaining medical equipment, you should consider registering. There are 3 ways to register:

- Access the Online Special Needs Registry Personal Survey Form via the Florida Division of Emergency Management's Statewide Special Needs Registry website. <https://snr.floridadisaster.org>
- Fax the completed Special Needs Registry Survey Form to the Leon County Division of Emergency Management at 850-606-3701
- Mail the completed Special Needs Registry Survey Form to: Leon County Division of Emergency Management, 911 A Easterwood Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32311

Individuals who do not have a computer may request paper forms at 850-606-3700.

**Please do not contact the CDD Office at the Lodge about a matter regarding the HOA. They are unable to help you.**

**Rather, contact Lewis Association Property Management at 850-668-1173, or through email at [lewis@lewispm.com](mailto:lewis@lewispm.com). You may also email the HOA directly at [pineyzhua.pres@gmail.com](mailto:pineyzhua.pres@gmail.com)**

# Annual Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Notice

## The Annual Meeting

of the

## Piney-Z Homeowners Association, Inc.

is scheduled for

**July 16, 2019 at 7:00 PM**

Location: Piney-Z Lodge

950 Piney Z Plantation Rd

Tallahassee, FL 32311

If you would be interested in serving on the association board, please email the treasurer for the board and chair of the Nominating Committee, Diana Swegman, at [d.swegman@comcast.net](mailto:d.swegman@comcast.net). Nominations will also be taken from the floor at the meeting.

Also, please look for the proxy form with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Notice of Annual Meeting. .

If there are any questions related to these materials, please contact Lewis Association Property Management at [lewis@lewispm.com](mailto:lewis@lewispm.com).

Thank you. We hope to see you there.