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# Sno-Bird Connection



A newsletter for our owners both here and away to let you know what we are working on to save money and make things better at Pinewood Village.



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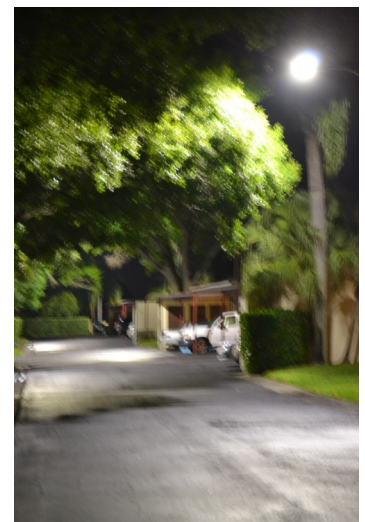
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## Street Light Project

In February, the Board of Directors wanted explore the possibility of switching out our outdated mercury vapor street lamps with high efficiency LED lights. We have seen these bright lights on Hercules Ave and all over the City of Clearwater and wanted to see if we could have them at Pinewood Village. Bill Mc Neill approached Duke Energy and found that we could save money on our monthly common electric bill, but the cost of the bulbs was higher. Overall, we should be able to save a bit of money on our common energy charges each month with Duke Electric. The most dramatic benefit is the

amount of bright white light these new bulbs produce with no heat. The roads in front of each building are now well lit making it safer to walk after dark and making the carports much brighter to deter theft from cars and condos. Those owners that have seen the new lights in action are very pleased with the results. The lights are definitely brighter, but easier on the eyes. We will monitor monthly electric usage and let everyone know the savings once we have



A view from the far end of building 6 past building 3 to building 1 with the new lighting.



some data.



## Our New Property Manager Update

We have successfully transitioned to Ameri-Tech from Resource with few issues. Giancarlo Gonzalez, our property manager, has been effective in dealing with our transition issues and is a wealth of

knowledge concerning Florida Condominium Law. He is on property several days a week. Our financial reports now reach us before the board meeting on the third Tuesday of the month. We

are beginning to explore opportunities to save money and make our property better as we get closer to developing a budget for 2017.

Giancarlo can be reached at (727) 726-8000 ext. 256

## Pinewood Village Website

Something that has been on our wish list for a long time has been a website. A website affords us the opportunity to communicate with everyone with a computer vital



information concerning Pinewood Village Condominiums. Although in its early stages, the website will become a critical tool for providing things such as our condominiums documents filed with the State of Florida, monthly board minutes, financial reports, budget information, sales information, Points of interest covered in "Did You Knows?", and things we have yet to realize that would be beneficial to our condominium community.

Thank you Jim Knapp and the Ameri-Tech IT Department. They have spent many hours on this project to produce a professional website. Because of them, we now have a professional looking website. The site is up and running.

Please check it out!

[www.pinewoodvillage.org](http://www.pinewoodvillage.org).

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## Trash Collection Update

We are now on our summer trash collection schedule. Trash is collected Tuesdays and Fridays except the dumpsters at building #1 and #6. The dumpsters at buildings #1 and #6 are picked up on Fridays only.

Cutting back on pick up of those two dumpsters has saved our

association \$1,100 in the last 5 months without impacting the health and well being of our owners.



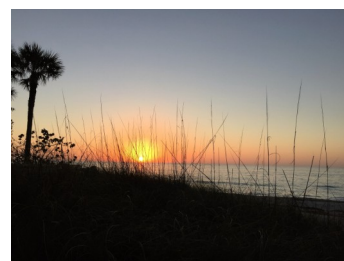
We continue to look for savings that will have a positive impact on our condo community.

## *"Did You Know?"* Quick and Easy Way To Receive Important Information

In my previous life, before Florida, I was a Director of Sales and Marketing for NY State domiciled insurance company. I found that many of our customers were very unhappy because there was no road map to unlocking services and benefits. I remember what Insurance Salesman Ben Feldman of Youngstown Ohio once told me.

"If you have a problem, make it a procedure and it won't be a problem any longer." Using his advice, I created what I called "Did You Know?" They are single sheet easy to read documents that provide necessary information. I took this concept and developed several for Pinewood Village Condominiums to help relieve the confusion about what we need to know

about our community. The first two are part of this newsletter.



Missing our glorious sunsets?

# Did You Know?



## **Building Permits Are Required In The City of Clearwater**

A building permit is required for any building or other structure that is proposed to be constructed, moved, added to, or structurally altered to any property located within the corporate limits of the City of Clearwater. (City of Clearwater Code Chapter 47)

### **Most common residential permits for Pinewood Village are:**

- Air conditioning/heating
- Electrical Alterations/Changes/Additions
- Plumbing
- Rehabilitation of existing structures
- Remodeling
- Roofs
- Screen porches, patios, or enclosures
- Swimming pools and spas
- Tree Removal
- Water heaters, new water softeners
- Windows & doors including same size



### **If someone is doing the work for you, they need to be *licensed and insured.***

- If you hire an unlicensed contractor, you will be held responsible for the work, not the contractor and may be prosecuted in court for aiding and abetting an unlicensed contractor.
- Ask to see the contractor's license and insurance certificates. Make sure the contractor's license and insurance are current.
- Beware of contractors who ask to be paid in cash, or ask for large payments before work begins.
- Never deal with anyone that appears unannounced at your door.

*(For further information, required forms and assistance, contact City of Clearwater Planning and Development at (727) 562-4567 or [www.myclearwater.com](http://www.myclearwater.com))*

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# Did You Know?



## Pinewood Village Rules for Service and Emotional Support Animals

An owner must apply, in writing, on provided forms, to the Board. When the application has been received it will be read, confirmed and then voted on by the Board who will then approve, disapprove or request more information.

### **DOCUMENTS REQUIRED:**

- SCRIPT FROM PHYSICIAN
- REGISTRATION FORM FROM ASSOCIATION
- COPY FROM VETS OFFICE OF CURRENT SHOTS
- PICTURE OF ANIMAL
- ANIMAL WEARING PROPER ID



- A small dog or cat as a service animal or ESA. No breeds that are considered dangerous, combative or noisy are allowed.
- 20lbs., at maturity, weight limit; exceptions to be approved by Board.
- Limit of 1 dog or cat per residence; unless sufficient documentation has been supplied to justify the need to have more than one.
- Any injury or damage to the Association's common property or to the private property or body of any other resident is the responsibility of the animal owner. The Association will be held blameless for any costs arising out of an animal owner's negligence or liability, including legal costs.
- Each animal shall be leashed at all times, when outside and on property, and cannot be walked outside except in designated areas. (Marilyn St. side, or grassy area in front of Bldg. 13 and 10)
- Each animal may never be left unattended outside or leashed or not.
- Owner is responsible for cleaning up after their animal and disposing of such waste. It should be double bagged and placed in the dumpsters.
- Animals are not allowed in the pool/clubhouse area. Service dogs are permitted for the purpose of guiding the Owner or for other purposes substantiated in writing by the owners treating physician.

*(This is an overview of rules pertaining to Service and Emotional Support Animals. Please see the complete rules on the Pinewood Village website for all the details.)*