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Pinewood Village Newsletter



A newsletter for our owners and residents both here and away to let you know what is happening in your community here at **Pinewood Village**.

Pinewood Village

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The President's Corner

Please excuse the delay in getting out this issue of the Newsletter to you. February and early March have been a very busy time for us.

Dominic and Judi Pelle have sold their unit at 206, and Dominic has resigned from the Board. We are actively seeking another member to join our Board. Thank you Dominic for your service.

We have replaced the door handles at the Clubhouse entrance as well as the bathrooms for easier access. Your key still works with the new door handles, although you may have to 'jiggle' the key a bit.

We have replaced the locksets in the Clubhouse Office, the Tool Room and the Pool Room. Too many keys were in circulation, and we must provide confidentiality of many of our files.

As you will see on Page 2, Denny's Plumbing fixed our in-ground water leak at 1303.

Denny's charges reasonable prices for some services—

New Hot water heater—\$750 and up

New toilet— \$365 and up

Garbage Disposal—\$295 installed, includes quality disposal unit.

We have found a vendor that supplies the 'old style' outside front lights that match our current lights.

If you have a front outside light that is not working, please let David Fedash (Ameri-Tech) or Jim Knapp know, and we will get it repaired or replaced. We are STILL looking for a reasonable priced electrician to do the work. In March, we are going to inventory rear unit light fixtures that need attention and hoses that are laying on the ground that need holders. In the future, we will address both issues.

Birdbaths— fine amenities if you live north of the Mason-Dixon line. In Florida, nothing but mosquito breeding grounds. This is a health and safety issue, so please dispose of these if you have one. If you still have one by the end of March, we will help you do this. Thanks.

We have contacted an exterminator and hope to soon be rid of the 'squirrels in the attic' situation.

Baycut, the new landscape company will be responsible for ALL landscape issues including in-ground pests, fertilization, weed control and fungicide control. Please give us a few months to get caught up to where we really should be—and soon the lawn will look much better. Thank you for your patience.

Lastly, I want to thank each of you who come to the monthly Board Meetings to learn what is happening in your community, support your Board, and be an active part of where you live. We appreciate you.

When the only tool you have is a hammer, you tend to look at every problem as if it were a nail.

Safety at Pinewood Village

Health & Safety

Please observe the Speed Limit—10 MPH, when driving in our community. We are fortunate to have many 'walkers', and we want to protect them as best we can.

After witnessing the 'old' cleaning company dry mopping the floor without moving any of the chairs, a new cleaning company has been hired — The **Green Cleaning Company**. Two staff from this company spent seven (7) hours each doing a 'deep clean' in our Clubhouse on March 6. The ceiling fans in the Clubhouse had not been cleaned for eight years. The floor was cleaned, the rug and the chairs were steam cleaned, and the bathrooms are now usable without the odor. The Clubhouse now shines. This became a health priority for the Board.

Speaking of health, the pool Health Inspector on February 22, gave our pool an 'unsatisfactory' rating because our 'flow rate' was below what was required.

This did not mean we had to 'close' the pool. But we did some additional research. It turned out that our Aquatek unit had a defective sensor and was not keeping the water level where it should be. Also, the pool filters had not been cleaned for several months!

We have hired a new pool company—**Triangle Pool Service**. The CPO (Certified Pool Operator) Mike, has spent several hours with Dick Mall and Jim Knapp on how to best maintain our pool and associated equipment. The Aquatek unit will be repaired. The filters will be replaced and cleaned weekly in the future. And we are considering purchasing a pool vacuum cleaner to keep the pool pristine.

Now if we can just keep the ducks OUT!

Social Club Update

The 40th Anniversary Dinner/Dance was held on **February 24th**. The colors for this years Anniversary Party were **purple** and **silver**.



Social hour began at 5 PM and dinner was served at 6 PM. Food was provided by **Banquet Masters**. Both chicken and prime rib were served, and were excellent. The band started just after 7 PM, and played until 10 PM. Many prizes were distributed with Carol Preacher receiving ice cream for a year from **Culvers**

Thank you to all who contributed to our special 40th Anniversary Party with a special shout-out to Candy Choppolla.

Jean Mall (205) led **20** residents to lunch on February 15th to the dining room at the **Safety Harbor Resort &**



Spa. The venue even created a special **Pinewood Village** menu just for us.

Delicious !

New Residents

103 Helen Hios
204 Lisa Cravens

Timothy Brockman

Buildings and Grounds

February brought the end of our contract with Bay Area Grounds (landscape provider). On March 9th, the Board voted to hire Baycut as our landscape provider. Baycut previously serviced our community in 2016, and did a very good job. We are pleased to have them.

Look for new bushes at Blds 3 & 6, and the mushroom farm at 809 will be history soon.

Two rubber trees (very invasive) were removed, one at 703 and another at 809. The last of the 809 rubber tree will need to be removed by professionals.

The water leak at the rear of 1303 was repaired after more than two years of ignoring the problem. The excess water usage cost the community a sizeable amount of money.



The Clubhouse roof was cleaned by H2O, a professional cleaning company. It now sparkles, and goes nicely with the new flowers planted at both the front and rear areas.

Working with our roof vendor Urethane Systems, we will develop a comprehensive roof maintenance plan. On January 18 & 19, Urethane staff walked all 16 of our buildings, and will present us with a report on March 12.



Hanny Barram (Secretary) met with the **Green Thumbs** group on Friday, March 2, and started planting and landscaping the front of the Clubhouse. Please have a look at the new flowers. Also, both Carol Callahan and Debbie Lamparski have been busy trimming our ligustrum trees and ridding them of parasites. We thank both of you for a job well done.

Pinewood Village 40th Anniversary Pictures (Courtesy of Elaine Granata)



Green Thumbs Update (Hanny Barram)



1. About 3 weeks ago, Hanny and Denise tackled the "purple circle" aka the wandering Jew plants, it took a good 4 hours of hard work clearing the area, getting rid of some rotted bush trunks and cutting down some branches off the tree. Area looks cleaner and tidier we will get new things planted there.

2. On the 2nd of March, Hanny and her fabulous **Green Thumbs** team: Carol, Trish, Denise, Suzanne, Angie and Mike who has carried all the bags to the dumpster, did a fabulous job. Thanks Mike.

So we planted new flowers at the Clubhouse such as society garlic, irises, etc.. And it is looking beautiful.

3. About a week ago, Jim and myself set to work at the pool at 7 AM, and cleared the area, dug holes and planted 2 large Birds of Paradise and 6 Heliconias plus other beautiful flowers, do take a look. We have spent 6+ hours doing it. Prior to doing it, we have visited several nurseries before we have chosen the plants we wanted.

4. I want to thank Debbie aka the 'ghost buster' and Carol for tackling all the air plants that leach onto trees and ruin them and for trimming branches etc. They have both been fabulous, working at it for several mornings.

5. We bought some gorgeous flower pots which are going to replace the old ones, by the entrance and along the main drive. I would like to thank Jim for donating the money for these pots.

6. I would like to thank Linda Woodhouse for her financial contribution towards the flowers.

7. I would like to warmly thank all the **Green Thumbs** for your hard work.

8. We need more people to help, so let me know. It's our community and it will be great if more people could help and participate.