

Pine Ridge News

Pine Ridge Property Owners Association

POA Board President's Message

The hot weather is gone and those who came from the north think that this is the best time of the year. It's the time to do things outside.

Hopefully you have noticed the new numbers on your mailboxes and the new message board signs at the entrances that will give up to date information.

That brings me to another subject: *volunteering*. In previous years, our POA Board consisted of 5 members. When I was elected to the board in 2015 I was one of five members. Since 2018 there are only three members on the board with no community members interested in running in the last two elections.

It is important that community members play a part in decisions made for the community, giving all of the residents a voice in the decision making process. Our election submission deadline has passed for this year, but I urge you to please consider running for next year's election or volunteering for one of our committees.

It is disappointing that more people do not want to take an active part in community events & improvements. Over the years a handful of people volunteered on the various committees to help me with projects, but in recent years those numbers have dwindled very few and none.

For example, I had to ask friends to help install the new numbers on the mailboxes. This year over 25 homes were purchased in the community and over 20 last year. As Board President I would like to personally invite all of our new community members and all of our existing members - *owners or tenants* - to join at least one committee or volunteer their services in any way to help the community.

One of my volunteers was a renter last year who helped me with the Christmas decorations at the entrances. This year she and her family purchased a home in Pine Ridge because she liked living here. Please get involved! Making our community a great place to live helps everyone & makes it inviting to new residents!

Have a Great Holiday & Be Safe!

IMPORTANT DATES

December 1 - 31

Winter Inspections

December 14

Annual Meeting

6:30 - 8pm

December 14

Santa / Fire Truck Visit
presented by BTFD

6 - 8:30pm

December 1- 25

Holiday Lights

Nominations

January 1, 2021

POA Assessments
issued

January 11

POA Board Meeting

January 31

POA Assessment due

February 8

POA Board Meeting

Hargray Winner!



Congratulations to Deborah Clifton who won The Free TV Community Event sponsored by Hargray!

Fifty-two Pine Ridge residents took the time to watch the video and answer a short survey to be entered to win a 65" Smart Flat Screen TV.

In previous years Hargray has sponsored many events in our community. We look forward to them sponsoring future events post-COVID in 2021!

Don't forget - Hargray provides special pricing for Pine Ridge residents.

- 200 mbps for \$60.00 monthly
- 300 mbps for \$70.00 monthly
- 500 mpbs for \$80.00 monthly
- 1 gpbs for \$120.00 monthly

Please note this is a community specific price for Pine Ridge residents only. You must call our Special Projects team at 843-815-2216 to take advantage of the Pine Ridge Community offer.

Additionally, when we have you on the phone, we will be able to assess the current equipment that you have in your home. If new equipment is needed, our techs will upgrade your equipment at the time of the visit

Annual Board Meeting

The Pine Ridge Property Owners Association will hold its 2020 annual meeting on Monday, December 14, 2020.

Annual Meeting Packets were sent out November 17th. If you have not yet received yours please contact kathy@bundyinc.com to request a new one be sent via postal or email.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions the annual meeting will be held via Zoom. Meeting information was included with your packet. You **do not** need to use a computer, tablet or smartphone to access. You can dial in via telephone and access like you would a conference call.

YOUR PROXY AND BALLOT MUST ARRIVE PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL MEETING. A **pre-addressed stamped envelope was provided in your packet to expedite sending.** Both the proxy & ballot must be filled out and returned. We need a minimum of 20% represented by proxy in order to move forward with the meeting. If we do not have a quorum, we will need to reschedule a second meeting, at additional cost to the association.

Please fill out and send your proxy and ballot today!



Did you know there is a Facebook group exclusively for Pine Ridge residents? Join the group to buy & sell and discuss community matters!

facebook.com/groups/pineridgeblufftonsc



Holiday Lights

Take a drive around the community to enjoy all the holiday lights and decorations! Make a note of the address of your favorite holiday lights display. Use the form located on the PineRidgePOA.Com website or email Betty Black at bettyb518.bb@gmail.com to nominate a home for Holiday Lights Display Award!

Prizes

- ▶ \$100 First Prize
- ▶ \$50 Second Prize
- ▶ \$25 Third Prize

All nominated homes will be reviewed and winners will be selected by Holiday Lights Display judges.

Reminder! According to the Pine Ridge Design Standards: *All holiday lighting and decorations may not be installed more than 30 days prior to such holiday and shall be removed within 30 days after such holiday.*

Santa Claus is Coming to Pine Ridge!

Santa is scheduled to visit Pine Ridge riding atop a Bluffton Township Fire Truck on **Monday, December 14th between 6pm & 8:30pm!** (Weather permitting.)

Because Santa is on a tight schedule he will only be doing the main streets of our neighborhood. Check the Bluffton Township Fire District Facebook page for a route map the day of the visit.



Parking Reminders

With the Holidays approaching, now is a good time to review the basics of the parking rules so you're prepared to tell visitors where & how they can park.

All residents must display a Pine Ridge decal on their lower driver's side windshield.

PLEASE DO NOT PARK

- On the street – unless a registered guest – towing will be enforced.
- On or partially on the sidewalk.
- Within an intersection or on a crosswalk.
- On or partially on the lawn, all four (4) tires must be on the driveway.
- At the end of a driveway blocking pedestrians from use of the sidewalk.
- In the driveway such that the vehicle extends past the curb into the roadway.
- Facing the opposite direction of traffic.
- Across from another vehicle on the street.
- Blocking use of any driveway.
- Within 15' of a fire hydrant.
- Within 20' of a crosswalk/intersection.
- Within 30' of a stop sign.
- Around a cul-de-sac: This is prohibited – towing strictly enforced.

Please see info graphic at the end of this document.

All guest must be registered. Please notify prior to 10pm to ensure notice is received. Email PineRidgeParking@bundyinc.com with the following information: *Year, make, model, color, tag number, state – guest of and address.*

If a Vehicle is Towed...

Vehicle owner will pay the towing company in order to retrieve their vehicle, CASH ONLY, currently \$230.

Call United Towing Company (843) 987-0800, after 8am: M-F, after 9am: S-S, to retrieve vehicle.

If You Need Assistance This Holiday Season...

Several local organizations are available to help with almost every need including food, gifts, medical assistance.

Agape Family Life Center

843-784-6008

agapeflc.org

Bluffton Self Help

843-757-8000

blufftonselfhelp.org

Church of the Cross

843-757-2661

thechurchofthecross.net

Deep Well Project

843-785-2849

deepwellproject.org

First Zion Missionary Baptist

843-757-3129

firstzionmbc.com

Low Country Food Bank

843-747-8146

lowcountryfoodbank.org/findhelp/

Salvation Army

843-524-3727

salvationarmycarolinas.org/beaufort

Volunteers in Medicine

843-706-7090

bjvim.org

Committee Volunteers Needed

Improvements in the neighborhood and providing fun, safe events for families takes time, effort, and lots planning.

Imagine if one family member from every household volunteered for one committee or to serve on the POA Board for one year, we could create a better, more desirable place to live!

Please consider donating a little bit of your time to help improve our community!

ACC Committee

Responsible for the review and approval of any proposed installation, construction or alteration of any structure on any home site.

Community Improvement Committee

Responsible for researching and presenting ideas to the Board for improvements within the Pine Ridge Community.

Communication & Social Committees

Responsible for writing & publishing the newsletter and website and the planning of social gatherings.

Grounds & Lagoon Committee

Responsible for matters dealing with the common areas and the lagoons. If you have a green thumb or are interested in helping with the landscape, please join these committees.

Parking & Security Committees

Responsible for matters dealing with parking & security.

If you would like to volunteer for any committee or would like to see a new committee established, please email pineridgepoa@gmail.com or use the form on our website at <https://bit.ly/PRCommittees>

COMMUNITY VOICES

ALL residents are invited to submit articles of 500 words or less for the community newsletter with a topic that is pertinent to our neighborhood and residents.

Send article submissions to: PineRidgePOA@gmail.com

Tips to Increase Home Value on a Budget

by Lisa G Newton

Tip 1 - Paint

One of the simplest, most cost-effective improvements of all is paint! Freshly painted rooms look clean and updated — and that spells value. When selecting paint colors, keep in mind that neutrals appeal to the greatest number of people. This will make your home more desirable.

Tip 2 - Energy-efficient options

If your appliances are at the end of their life span, start looking into energy efficient options. Investing in energy-efficient appliances is important but think one step further and research the overall saving if you install a tankless water heater or add spray foam insulation to your attic to lower your heating and air bill. Money upfront can save you plenty in the long run.

Tip 3 - Replace outdated lighting fixtures, accessories, and cabinet hardware

Time to get rid of that old chandelier and replace the plain bathroom mirror with framed mirrors. A quick trip to a discount home accessory store and you can leave with new mirrors for a fraction of the cost of a custom framed mirror. Removing and replacing your cabinet hardware is also a project so simple even novices can DIY it.

Tip 4 - Power wash your house

Are you tired of hearing it yet? Power washing the siding, doors, porch, sidewalks and driveway can quickly remove years of dirt, grime, and mold—cleaning up the outside can help you reap major rewards.

Tip 5 - Landscaping

Healthy trees, plants, and flowers along with a well-manicured lawn can improve the home's appearance. Simple items as small as trimming



bushes and trees spruce up your home's exterior. Adding a pallet of grass to the front yard or edging out an area and spreading fresh pine straw will give it a fresh look. Let's get our community back to a well kept area and work to get rid of the dirt-filled front yard.

Tip 6 - Finish up any minor repairs around the house

You may think those little repairs around the house are a waste of time, but if you don't attend to them in a timely manner, you could end up losing a lot of money. Make minor repairs around the home - repair leaky faucets, patch sheetrock damage, attend to broken windows, unclog drains, re-caulk tubs and showers, clean grout, change air filters, and re-screen torn screens, are good places to start

Dedicate one or two weekends a month to tackle a few home improvement projects. If you aren't sure which renovations you should and shouldn't invest in, just look to your neighbor's house for inspiration. Spending a bit of time to put sweat equity in your home is rewarding and will pay off in the long run.

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GUEST PARKING REMINDER

Register your overnight guest parking with an email PineRidgeParking@bundyinc.com with **your address** and the *year, make, model, color, and tag number* of visitors vehicle. Email must be received prior to 10pm.

Guests should park in front of your residence whenever possible. Do not park on grass. Do not block sidewalks.

If your car is towed contact
United Towing Company
(843) 987-0800

Call after 8am M-F, after 9am S-S
 Towing Fee to be paid at time of retrieval

WASTE MANAGEMENT RECYCLING SCHEDULE

■ PINE RIDGE (TUESDAY)

■ HOLIDAY

December 2020

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Pine Ridge parking guidelines are based on the Town of Bluffton parking ordinances. You can review the Town codes on the [Municode website](#).

PINE RIDGE PARKING GUIDELINES

