

PINNACLE PEAK ESTATES III HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

SECOND QUARTER, 2020 NEWSLETTER

Hello Neighbors! I do hope each one of you, your family and friends are healthy, in good spirits and look with a positive mental attitude and optimism to the future after we defeat this pandemic. What an unfortunate way to start this beautiful Spring in Arizona and with our Summer right around the corner. Stay the course and we pray everything will turn out fine.

Here are several topics we on your board wanted to communicate in this our 2nd Quarter, 2020 Newsletter:

FINANCES: Now as we move into this quarter, the HOA's finances are good. Revenues YTD stand at \$27,700 and YTD expenses are running below our annual budget at approximately \$4,400. So far so good. Yes, we're building back the reserve, but we have a long way to go. Thank you all who have paid your annual dues and in a timely fashion.

DUES COLLECTIONS: On the other hand, as usual, out of the 235 homesteads here in Pinnacle Peak Estates III, 34 of our neighbors have yet to pay their 2020 dues of...\$125! **ONLY 125 DOLLARS!** This is roughly 15% of the PPE III homeowners. BTW, the total this group owes is \$6,434.80 including late fees and, in some cases, legal expenses.

Considering we on the board have been constantly working on collecting from delinquent owners and this seems to have become a never ending task, the board has decided to a.) have Cornerstone Properties, Inc. ("CPI") send a letter to each of the owners who haven't paid their dues asking them to pay their dues; b.) give them till the beginning of July to pay their dues; and c.) if those home owners continue to blow us off, we then put a lien on their property (per the CC&R's). Hey folks, life's too short to keep screwing around trying to convince someone to pay the measly annual dues the PPE III HOA charges.

PPE III ENTRY MONUMENTS: Your board has decided to begin the task of cleaning up the areas surrounding the entry monuments to our community. We contacted those neighbors having monuments on their properties and received their permission to undertake this cleanup. Several board members, Randy, Allen and I began this cleanup process this past Saturday, April 25th along with the help of couple of our neighbors, Laura and Gregg. A lot of energy and sweat was expended but I think we did a hell of a job cleaning up seven of the nine monuments...something that's needed to be done for some time. Hopefully by the beginning of May, we'll finish with the monuments and move onto tidying up the areas surrounding several of the mailbox structures. *(Any of you like to help in the future?)* BTW, your board is discussing hiring a landscape maintenance company to routinely clean up around these structures and ensure they look neat and presentable reflecting the best on our community.

We're also thinking about what the community can do to make these areas the monuments are on a tad bit more attractive, e.g. putting in some desert plantings, granite gravel, etc. If you have any ideas, please let me know. I believe its in the PPE III community's interest to take care of these entry areas *(not putting the burden of maintaining these areas on the homeowner these monuments sit on)* and ensuring the entry ways are attractive yet not going over the top cost wise to maintain. Your thoughts?

BULK TRASH PICKUP: Now let's talk about BULK TRASH!!! While some of us in the neighborhood worry about the way our entry way monuments look, it certainly seems that several of you don't give a damn about the crap you put out on the side of the road well ahead of the allowable time frame the City of Scottsdale's ("CoS") ordinances provide; I.e. bulk trash can be put out **NINE (9)** days prior to Scottsdale's

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scheduled BULK TRASH PICKUP SCHEDULE for our neighborhood. *(Please note your board has put the 2020 Bulk Trash pickup schedule for the Pinnacle Peak Estates III community on our website: www.ppe3.com as well as spoken enough about this matter in this newsletter as well as at our board meetings over the past year and half.)* Interesting enough most of us in PPE III abide by the CoS regulation. But then there's those few who don't. And of course, we on the board then get a bunch of complaints from those homeowners who do comply with the CoS's bulk trash pickup schedule about the violators and asking us why we're not doing anything about it.

Well enough is enough! We on the board have authorized CPI to formally cite the offending homeowner by letter, and if further action is needed, then report that homeowner in violation of the pickup schedule to the City of Scottsdale. The CoS then may ticket and levy a fine to those violators. So come on people, let's live within the rules.

BUTTERFLY GARDENS: On a lighter note, I figure a number of us are hunkered down at home and maybe some folks are looking for things to do and which can include the family. Here's an idea: Start a BUTTERFLY GARDEN!

Now you're probably saying to yourself, this dude has really gone over the edge. No, not yet. I'm serious. Over the years, as residential and commercial development of our beautiful Sonoran Desert expanded, less and less natural areas exist to foster the regeneration of our butterfly and bee populations. PPE III is one of the few communities in Scottsdale let alone Maricopa County which still has an abundance of NAOS ("Natural Area Open Space") space between homes **AND** our CC&R's rightly protect this space from any type of development. Yet, as we all know especially those of us who enjoy gardening, Nature sometimes needs a helping hand. That's why I'm promoting planting a BUTTERFLY GARDEN. Those butterflies, bees, and one of my personal favorites, Hummingbirds, can use certain plants to help propagate as well as feed themselves and their progeny. So if you have the time and the inclination to add color to your back or front yards, plus develop a population of colorful flying insects and birds, here's a planting chart or palette you can use to put in your own **BUTTERFLY GARDEN:**

Plant	Plant Type	Size	Flower Color	Bloom Period	Purpose
Desert Willow (<i>Chilopsis linearis</i>)	Tree	15-30' x 15-30'	White, Burgundy or Pink	April - September	Shelter and Nectar
Chaste (<i>Vitex agnus- castus</i>)	Tree	20' x 20'	Lavender	Late Spring/ Early Summer	Shelter and Nectar
Desert Milkweed (<i>Asclepias subulata</i>)	Shrub	4' x 2-4'	Pale Yellow	Spring - Fall	Required for Egg Laying
Woolly Butterfly Bush	Shrub	4' x 4'	Orange	Spring Through Fall	Nectar
Globe Mallow (<i>Sphaeralcea ambigua</i>)	Shrub	3' x 3'	Orange	Spring - Summer	Nectar
Red Fairy Duster (<i>Calliandra californica</i>)	Shrub	4'- 6'	Red	Throughout the Year; Heaviest in Spring & Fall	Nectar
Autumn Sage* (<i>Salvia greggii</i>)	Shrub	2' - 3'	Red	Fall	Nectar

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INVASIVE PLANTS: One of our neighbors pointed out to me the other day the City of Scottsdale is attempting to convince those of us living here to work to eliminate what are considered “**invasive plants**”. Some of us call these “invasive plants” weeds. Some of us think these “invasive plants” are just part of the natural landscape. And then there are others like me who just call their landscape service and tell the dudes to just spray the damn things to get rid of them! Whatever, we all have these “invasive weeds” on our property. If you want to know more about them, the CoS has set up a website which tells you all about these puppies. Go to: <https://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/fire/wild-fire-prevention/remove-invasive-plants>

This site will tell you about these “invasive plants”; i.e. how to identify them; why they threaten our desert environment including plants endemic to the Sonora Desert; their potential as a fire hazard; and last but as important.... how to get rid of them.... **ROUNDUP ANYONE?** If you are so inclined, please look at this site and discover why we collectively should work to rid our desert environment of these plants.

PIMA ROAD WIDENING PROJECT: For your information, the board has heard from a reliable source that the road widening project on Pima from Pinnacle Peak Road and up to Happy Valley should start approximately June 1, 2020. The CoS has been allocated the monies for this project so its just a matter of time when the widening work will start. Interesting to note that some of the foliage along this stretch of road has already been tagged for removal.

2nd QUARTER HOA MEETING: At this time, your board is discussing if we should hold the 2nd Quarter HOA Board Meeting scheduled for May 13, 2020. With “social distancing”; prohibition of gatherings and frankly the COVID-19 health risks that may be involved bringing in large group of people together, we asking why bother with a meeting since there aren’t any serious community issues to be addressed or discussed. If you feel differently, please let me know. You can contact me at: rkmarach@gmail.com *(And as I’ve requested in the past, please no nasty name calling or vulgarity. As many of you know I’m a sensitive fellow and get real upset and despondent when some of you berate me! Now you don’t want that...do you???)* Ha!)

That’s it for this newsletter. All of you Neighbors take care of yourself, your loved ones, and each other. Please remember to be positive, be optimistic, maintain a sense of humor and understand we’re all in this together and together we can persevere. God Bless America!

Warmest regards,
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