

The O'Pion

Pinon Pines Estates Newsletter

Spring 2004

ANNUAL MEETING

This Saturday morning, May 15, the annual water board and homeowners board meeting will be held at 9:30 AM in the firehouse.

WATER CONSERVATION

The summer puts a heavy strain on our ability to meet the water needs for all of us. Our water supply is dependent upon the water table beneath the ground where our wells are located. There is not an unlimited supply! Lawns do not need to be watered everyday; most landscape plants can get by on a deep watering once a week; most natural local plants are quite draught tolerant and need very little water.

Think about limiting the time that you water (early mornings and evenings), the amount of time you leave the water on, planting draught tolerant plants, etc.

Please don't water EVERY day - that is not necessary.

DOG CONCERNS

There have been many complaints about dogs on the loose, as well as barking. We have had one attack occur already. Any complaints between 8 AM and 5 PM weekdays must be directed to Animal Control. Any other time, the complaints go to the Sheriff. They will respond, unless they are on another call. They can't fix the problem unless you notify them. We all need to be considerate and respect our neighbors by being responsible with our pets.

PROPERTY CLEARANCE AND FIRE DANGER

As you have probably noticed, property fire clearance deadline is June 9. The fire department will be visiting all properties in Pinon Pines after that date, and if proper clearance has not been done, they will tag the property for cleanup. If you do not do the clearance, it will be done by the county at a cost to you, the homeowner.

Additionally, they are bringing a chipper to Pinon Pines on May 22 at no charge. These are the chipper guidelines: All material should be next to the roadway; no material should be greater than 3" in diameter; if it's pine, it should be cut at least 7 days prior to chipping; other material should be freshly cut; all material should be free of rocks, dirt and other foreign objects. Chips may be broadcast back onto your property or collected in a pile next to the roadway.

HANDY PHONE NUMBERS

Sheriff	245-344
Kern County Fire Dept.	245-370
Animal Control	868-710
Code Enforcement	862-8674

SWIMMING POOL?

Interest has been expressed in installing a neighborhood center in Pinon Pines, with a swimming pool. The homeowner board would like to solicit your interest and comments before the time is invested into researching the details and costs of such of project. Please fill out the interest survey and return to a board member or come to the annual meeting on Saturday.

HOUSE NUMBERS

There is a need for clearly visible house numbers at the front of your property. If your house is one that does not have a number which would be easily found by emergency response vehicles, please make that correction as soon as you can.

FIRE EXITS

There are fire exits for Pinon Pines. If you need a map detailing these, come to the meeting Saturday and pick one up.

ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS

Annual assessment notices will be mailed on June 1, 2004. This year the assessment will be \$330.00 with a \$30.00 discount if paid by July 15, 2004. Some homeowners paid two to three weeks after that deadline and attempted to take the discount. The deadline is July 15 and cannot be extended beyond a few days. Please do not push the date!

LIGHT POLLUTION

When installing outdoor lighting, please remember to direct it downward and keep a skirt on it.

WATCH FOR OUR KIDS!

Please, when you are driving, **SLOW DOWN!** Especially in the morning and after school hours. we have school children and strolling neighbors.

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SHOULD WE LOOK INTO INSTALLING A NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER AND/OR POOL FOR
PINON PINES RESIDENTS?

YES _____

NO _____

COMMENTS AND INPUT

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____