

Pine Ridge POST
Pine Ridge Civic Association
September 2021



President's Message

Sue Wassermann

We Want You!

We need people to step up and volunteer for Civic Board positions. We need an Election Committee who will find candidates to elect in December: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and to serve as Membership Committee and Directors at Large. Our current board has been in place for several years now and needs a break. We're all willing to help in the transition.

Autumn is such a tease

According to the calendar, Autumn (or Fall, if you prefer) begins September 22. If you've lived in FL for a while, you know that it's a bigger tease than your sibling ever was. Nonetheless, it's nice to get even a little break from sweltering August.

10 digit dialing

Starting Oct 24 we'll have to include the 352 area code when dialing local numbers. May as well start reprogramming your stored phone numbers now.

Last month's speaker

Gerry Mulligan had lots of insights into the current state of Citrus County. While he's retired from the Chronicle, he remains an active member of several county boards and charities, so he's not slowing down.

He gave us his top 10 challenges and good things in Citrus County. Among the challenges were the BOCC's and city governments' lack of proactive planning for the changes that extending the Suncoast Highway extension will bring. The housing boom that will result will need additional roads and other infrastructure as well as consumer services. Also, since the county was marketed for a long time as a cheap place to retire we are now populated by residents who don't really want to reinvest in their communities. Florida is ranked lowest of all states for the amount of public resources dedicated to mental health, and Citrus County is the lowest in Florida :-(. With the majority of local crime being drug related (heroin or meth), the lack of mental health care means many miss out on care that could have made them into productive citizens.

On the good side, Citrus County's school system still ranks in the top 10 of Florida's 67 counties. 3 Sisters Springs is one of the top wildlife refuges in the US. Residents in the county are caring and generous. \$75K was donated to help a woman who ended up raising her grandkids after her daughter died of cancer. \$400K has been raised for the animal shelter. 3 Sisters Springs was going to become a housing development but locals raised enough money to buy the land for the refuge. Still, civic-mindedness seems to be an older person's thing and we need to get the next generations involved.

Upcoming speakers

See page 2 for our monthly speakers

See you soon!

Sue

NEXT PINE RIDGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING
Mon, Oct 11, 2021, 7:00 PM Hybrid of in-person and Zoom. Details on page 2.

NEXT BINGO and CHICKEN!!

Sat, Oct 16, 6PM We plan to have fried chicken, salad, ice cream, and tea/coffee. We will continue to monitor the health situation and adjust if necessary, see Page 3 and monitor civic.pineridgeassn.com/calendar/ for updates.

RSVP REQUIRED! RSVP to president@civic.pineridgeassn.com

Citrus County Solid Waste Assessment



Earlier this year you received a letter from the county regarding an increase in your Ad Valorem assessment for Solid Waste. This is a \$27 per household assessment (up \$2 from the previous \$25) that will go to the Solid Waste Division. Many people wondered what the assessment is for.

Per their website, “The Division operates as an enterprise fund, where revenues are generated by user fees charged at the landfill. A Solid Waste assessment on each residential unit in the County (\$27 per year), and a fee charged to businesses with waste disposal service allows the County to provide non-revenue generating services such as Bulky Item disposal, Household Hazardous Waste Programs, County-wide Solid Waste Code Enforcement and Litter Pick-up, Adopt-a-Highway and Snag-n-Bag Aquatic Litter Programs, Future Solid Waste Planning, Construction and Capital Projects.”

PRPOA Report

Michael Perry

Please note, upcoming and past Board meeting agendas as well as meeting minutes (after BoD approval) can be found at <https://pineridgeassn.com/bod-agenda-and-minutes/>

Anonymous Deed Restriction violation or other complaints will no longer be received. All complaints must include resident’s name and address to ensure the complainant is a Pine Ridge resident.

Board approved purchase of an upgraded laptop computer for the Manager, price NTE \$2000.

An Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) will be purchased and installed in the Community Center. The device will be donated to the Civic Association who will arrange training sessions. Note, training is not necessary, as the device is fully automatic with pictures and voice prompts for the user. There is no way for a shock to be administered manually, and the device will administer a shock only if it detects a shockable heart rhythm in the patient.

Acquired permits to relocate and replace the damaged Pine Ridge Estates sign at 486. The new sign will be installed farther back to avoid future damage. Still waiting to receive the County’s permit for closing parts of the road during the work.

PREV

Louise Mathis

Games nights—Every Friday at 7pm sharp. Join the fun with Mexican Train Dominos and card games.



Bingo and Chicken—Saturday October 16, 6:00.

You can now purchase up to four sets of five cards. \$5 for each set of five Bingo-cards (3 games per card) with all the funds distributed to the winners. A great way to meet your neighbors.

RSVP by Tuesday October 12 to Sue:
text, call, or vmail at 352-300-0890,
or email: president@civic.pineridgeassn.com

PRPOA BOARD MEETINGS, 6PM

October 27, 2021

November 17, 2021

December 15, 2021

**PINE RIDGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION
P.O. BOX 640115
BEVERLY HILLS, FL 34464**

Next meeting 7PM, Monday October 11, 2021

COME JOIN US

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL
PINE RIDGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION**

Please mail to: Treasurer
Pine Ridge Civic Association
PO Box 640115
Beverly Hills, FL 34464-0115

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is **INDEPENDENT** of
The Pine Ridge Property Owners Association

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NAME(S): _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY/ST/ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

PINE RIDGE ADDRESS (if different): _____

AMOUNT: _____ CHECK #: _____ CK DATE: _____

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