



Pine Ridge Civic Association

On behalf of the Pine Ridge Civic Association (PRCA) and all our residents and property owners ...
Welcome to Pine Ridge!

This “first contact” from the PRCA is intended to give you some introductory information and ways to keep in touch even if you’re not immediately moving to Pine Ridge. Once you move in to your new home, our Welcoming Committee will visit bearing gifts and a personal welcome. The PRCA is currently run by volunteer Board Members Alan Brown, Elona Dreni, Joan Ginsberg (Vice-President), Carol Girardin (Treasurer), Al Jones (Pine Ridge resident since 1990 & our “Mayor”), Margot Kaufman (Secretary), Bob Kaufman (Past President) and myself, Caroline Martino (President). **Annual PRCA membership dues are just \$50 per household, and we strongly encourage you to become a member.**

Communication – our website stays current at www.PineRidge34108.com and our email address is PRCA@PineRidge34108.com. PRCA sends email notices, alerts and updates to all Pine Ridge neighbors who have provided us with their current email address. For neighbor-to-neighbor communication, please do join the online community for **Pine Ridge at Nextdoor.com**. Over the past year, Nextdoor.com has brought our neighborhood closer through immediate notification of everything from lost pets to information pre-, and post-Hurricane Irma, neighbor’s references for vendors (especially helpful after Irma), items for sale, and so much more. There’s also a Pine Ridge page on **FaceBook** – let us know if that’s somewhere you’d like to help us become more active – but hopefully we can continue to avoid the Twitter-sphere!

We have an **Annual PRCA Meeting** (usually in February) and **Monthly Meetings**, currently held at Covenant Presbyterian Church on Trail Blvd (**3rd Tuesday of the month; 6pm refreshments, followed by 6:30pm start**). We regularly have **Guest Speakers**, addressing issues of interest to the Pine Ridge community, and encourage all Pine Ridge residents to attend. Our 2017 and 2018 meetings (so far) have been “boosted” by the addition of guest speakers including Commissioner Andy Solis, County planning chief Mark Strain, cane toad expert Jennifer Southall, North Collier Fire District Executive Director Sal DeAngelo, and swale & stormwater expert Jerry Kurtz. Reminders of the meetings are emailed (if we have your email address!), posted on www.PineRidge34108.com and NextDoor.com.

Minutes of the PRCA meetings, as well as **Residents** and **Pet Directories** are available on our website www.PineRidge34108.com (password protected for PRCA member-only access). You’ll also find a wealth of additional information on the website for both PRCA members and non-members, including a **directory of businesses owned by Pine Ridge residents, Pine Ridge Covenants and Restrictions, tips on Florida landscaping, maps of Pine Ridge, contact details and much more...**

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Community Party: Please watch for emails from the PRCA, posts on Pine Ridge at NextDoor.com, and even possibly via “snail mail”.

Sidewalk on Trail Blvd – After years of planning, the Florida Department of Transportation is now working on a sidewalk on the east side of US41. PRCA Board Member Al Jones organized a meeting of Trail Blvd residents in January 2018, attended by representatives of FDOT and Collier County to answer questions regarding the project. Email PRCA@PineRidge34108.com for more.

Stormwater - Jerry Kurtz, Collier County surface water & environmental planning manager and his team have developed a storm water survey in various Collier County neighborhoods including Pine Ridge. A link to the survey, together with any updates, will be published on our website www.PineRidge34108.com; and updates communicated to all Pine Ridge owners via email.

Speeding – speed control and safe driving in Pine Ridge is subject to on-going awareness. Reminder for new residents and construction crews alike – **the speed limit in Pine Ridge is (still) 30mph and the Florida Three Foot Law applies to grateful bicyclists, pedestrians and dogs !**

Construction of new homes continues in Pine Ridge Estates. It has been brought to the attention of the PRCA that some building code violations may be taking place that warrant a review or reminder to Collier County authorities. Some of the more common issues are: 1) concerns for lack of land management for water control - no berms or swales to contain water on property, 2) enforcement of legal set backs/easements - (i.e. 30 ft on each side, 10 ft at back and 50 ft for front of property), 3) blocking of, or non-compliance with, necessary culverts for safe run off and drainage and 4) construction work being performed outside Collier County designated times or on Sundays and Holidays. If you are building a new home in Pine Ridge, we encourage you to contact our Architectural Review Committee to ensure your plans dovetail with our entire community’s desire to preserve the unique nature of our area. The County can then confirm building code requirements and expectations. If you have a question or concern that may deserve clarification, please communicate it to PRCA@PineRidge34108.com.

We’ve included a **PRCA membership form** with this letter, together with a flyer on the **Nature of Pine Ridge**. The latter includes a little of our community’s history, and a great deal of helpful information and guidance on planning and planting your garden to enhance the natural beauty of our unique neighborhood.

In conclusion, we encourage all Pine Ridge residents to “plant some natives”, become PRCA members and we welcome your involvement!

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