



# PIRCA NEWSLETTER

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## PINE ISLAND RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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### Save The Date - Saturday July 7

The Pine Island Board will once again be holding a Kiddie Patriotic parade on Saturday, July 7. Please refer to our website for future updates.

Any homeowner interested in volunteering their time to plan this event or having additional questions should contact Committee Head

Cheri Aleksic @ 286-5250. Parade line-up at the North end of Matthews and Pine Island Drive @ 9:45 A.M., parade starts at 10:00A.M.



### Spring Is In The Air !!!!

And so is the desire to go outdoors and start cleaning and preparing for a garden. Before gardening, we ask homeowners to check their plots to ensure they are not encroaching on Common Ground property or their neighbors property with their gardens and/or sheds. Also, trash and other discarded items are not to be put out until 24 hours before scheduled trash collection day. Trash containers should be removed from the street the same day of pickup. Please be considerate of your neighbors and the neighborhood.

### Release of Domesticated Ducks in the Pine Island Ponds

It has come to the attention of the Board that domesticated animals, specifically ducks, are being released in the common areas and ponds. We have received several complaints, both recently and over the years, regarding this practice because each year these ducks are released and then left to defend themselves from natural predators in the area. Many home owners are disturbed by the thought that these indefensible animals are being killed. Just this past winter season, a resident tried in vain, to save the ducks from a cruel end to their life.

According to the Department of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Preservation it is illegal to release domesticated animals into the wild. We encourage those individuals to refrain from releasing anymore ducks into the common areas and ponds so that we do not have to witness anymore unnecessary cruel deaths. There are local farms that will accept these animals and care for them.



## Electronic Delivery of this Newsletter

Many thanks to the nearly 60% of homeowners that provided their email address so that this newsletter could be delivered electronically, greatly reducing our cost of production and mailing. If you are still getting this newsletter by mail and wish to receive it via email, simply email the Board your email address and we will make the change for the next newsletter.

Email: [PIRCABOARD@PINEISLANDRIDGE.ORG](mailto:PIRCABOARD@PINEISLANDRIDGE.ORG)



## Monthly Board Meetings

All homeowners are welcome to attend our monthly board meetings. We meet the 3rd Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at Rosatti's Restaurant (located in the same strip mall as Walgreens and Subway on the corner of US30 and Burr Street).



*Speeding continues to be a problem in our community.*

***PLEASE SLOOOOOW DOWN!!!!!!***

***STOP SIGNS MEAN STOP !!!!!!!!!!!***

## Anonymous Tip Line

Anyone with information about suspicious activity in our subdivision or Schererville in general, can call the police department's anonymous tip line at (219) 865-4646 or the non-emergency line at (219) 322-5000.

## Suggestions

If you have any ideas or suggestions on how to improve our subdivision, please contact any member of the PIRCA board, or better yet, email your thoughts or suggestions to our email address ([PIRCABOARD@PINEISLANDRIDGE.ORG](mailto:PIRCABOARD@PINEISLANDRIDGE.ORG)). Remember all board members are volunteers and might not be immediately available to answer your concerns. You, as a homeowner, are always welcome to attend our monthly board meeting.





## **Assessments**

As you are aware, the 2018 assessment letters have been sent out. The deadline for payment was January 31st in order to avoid any late fees. Many thanks to those who have paid promptly. For those not paid, late fees will be assessed until payment has been paid in full. Unpaid assessments will be turned over to PIRCA's attorney for collection, an expense for all homeowners. Any questions, please email to [PIRCABOARD@PINEISLANDRIDGE.ORG](mailto:PIRCABOARD@PINEISLANDRIDGE.ORG)

## **By Laws - Covenants**

The current board is taking a very active look at the By-laws and covenants governing the homeowners association. Many of the original covenants are either outdated, no longer apply to current conditions, or are superseded by Town of Schererville ordinances. This tends to lead to much confusion. We are hoping to implement a rewrite of the By-laws to remove the contradicting and outdated portions. If you have a comment, please contact a board member or email the board at: [PIRCABOARD@PINEISLANDRIDGE.ORG](mailto:PIRCABOARD@PINEISLANDRIDGE.ORG).

## **Email Us Please!!!**

We are also asking for your email address if available strictly for PIRCA use to communicate with homeowners in an attempt to reduce mailing costs. Your email address will not be sold or marketed to anyone. Thank you for your consideration. Simply email us at [PIRCABOARD@PINEISLANDRIDGE.ORG](mailto:PIRCABOARD@PINEISLANDRIDGE.ORG) with your name and address included in the message text. Again, to be used only for communication between the board and you, the homeowner.

## **DOG WALKERS**



When walking your pet, hopefully on a leash, please remember to bring along a pooper scooper for those unexpected 'accidents'.

**Driveways, Sidewalks, Children and safety** With Spring in the air and Summer just around the corner, when parking by your driveway, please do not block the sidewalk with your vehicle. Remember most of the sidewalk traffic is typically small children who may be forced into the street to avoid your vehicle. This is an extremely unsafe situation for a child who may not be versed with the knowledge to look for traffic. Let's keep our children safe in the neighborhood.

**Trash Pickup** Please place your trash containers curbside the evening before or morning of the designated pickup day, they should be removed the same day they are emptied. Keeps the neighborhood looking tidy and neat.

## VOLUNTEER PIRCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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### Moving or refinancing:

You must contact the PIRCA Treasurer at least 10 working days prior to your closing date to receive a confirmation letter regarding your assessment status. If the Treasurer does not receive the adequate notice, you will be charged \$25-which will be exchanged for the letter.

For other helpful information, check our website,

[www.pineislandridge.org](http://www.pineislandridge.org)

To communicate with the board via e-mail, please send suggestions, comments, or complaints to:

[pircaboard@pineislandridge.org](mailto:pircaboard@pineislandridge.org)

These email will be directed to all current board members to assist you with your requests.

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