

## 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. Requests to : PIRCABOARD@PINEISLANDRIDGE.ORG

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, projects, or complaints to: [pircaboard@pineislandridge.org](mailto:pircaboard@pineislandridge.org) Emails will be directed to all current board members.

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).

*Thank you for supplying your email address so PIRCA can save the expense of mailing this newsletter.*

*Please attend the annual meeting and bring some thoughts and ideas for improving Pine Island with you*

# Pine Island Ridge Community Association Fall 2021 [www.pineislandridge.org](http://www.pineislandridge.org) **Annual Meeting - Tuesday Oct. 19**



The Pine Island Ridge Community Association Annual Homeowners meeting will be held on October 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Schererville Town Hall, 10 E. Joliet St., Schererville. We are in need of interested and devoted home owners to join the volunteer board. The Board meets on the 3rd Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. Nominations will be accepted at the Annual meeting.

Please attend and be prepared to voice your thoughts and ideas on any improvements or projects you would like to see in the subdivision.

### We Like Where We Live

We have lived in Pine Island Ridge for twenty-five years. And we like where we live! We like our house, our neighbors, and our PIRCA area. We plan to keep on living here for more years to come. In 1996 we moved here from a nice hilly part of Pennsylvania, and so it took me a while to get used to the change in terrain. But after about the first year I began to really appreciate living in Schererville, Indiana. I got used to the flatness of Indiana and actually found it easier to get around.

Earlier this year I volunteered and was added to the PIRCA Board. I have gained a deeper appreciation for the good work Board members do on behalf of our community. There are always challenges, but they stay abreast of conditions and attend to the needs of our neighborhood and common areas, ranging from pond maintenance to play-grounds. We are committed to a high standard for the quality of life and property values here in Pine Island Ridge. That is good for all of us and our families.

Pine Island Ridge is a great community for families. We love seeing kids playing outside, riding bikes, shooting baskets, and playing catch. So, please, drive carefully and watch out for children around parked cars. As grandparents we are kind of fussy about this. We are glad Pine Island is where people can enjoy walking and jogging. We enjoy seeing pet owners walking their dogs. And, please, remember to bag up your dog's business. Most are very considerate about this. I appreciate that we have a mostly litter-free neighborhood. Once in a while I have to pick up cans or other nasty stuff along our part of the street, but most of the litter comes when the wind is blowing on trash pickup days. Speaking of trash pickup, I like how Schererville handles this and has a code that trash cans are to be stored out of sight from the front of our properties. It makes things look nicer.

As your neighbors, we try to do our very best to do our part to keep Pine Island Ridge a great place to live life, enjoy community, raise a family, and invest in home ownership.

Thomas and Donna Wolfe

### Special Assessment Proposed for 2022 Budget

The Board is proposing a hopefully one-year additional assessment of \$50.00 to repair the damaged shoreline at the Twin Lakes Pond. The erosion has caused the shore to change from a gentle slope to a severe drop, causing soil to fall into the pond and create a condition of disappearing shoreline and ultimately will continue to reduce the effectiveness of the pond as a water retention device. The current Board has strived to maintain a stable assessment for the past few years but we feel this problem needs to be addressed as soon as possible. The most economical approach is to install "riprap" along the shoreline, similar to what has been done at the other two ponds. We are still attempting to reduce the cost, but as of this time, the cost appears to be approx. \$100,000. We have modified various categories in the budget in an attempt to reduce the impact to the assessment. We hope for your understanding in this major project.



(Photo of a section of shoreline breaking off and falling into pond)



TENTATIVE 2022 BUDGET

Budget reflects a one-time additional assessment of \$50.00 to repair the Twin Lake Pond

Table with 4 columns: Category, 2021, 2022, Diff. Rows include Tax Prep, Landscape Mulch, Lawn Care, Weed Kill/Fertilize, Tree Cutting, Beautification/Tree Repl., Pond Maint., Maint. Reserve, Insurance, Legal Fees, Postage/Supplies, Newsletters, Website Maint, Monthly Meetings, Annual Meeting, Utilities, Social Committee, Computer, Assessment Mailings, Accounting Audit, Welcome Packets, Proj. Non-Payment, Totals, Unused Assessment, Net Totals, Assessment, and Assessment Rounded.



Proxy Vote for Pine Island Ridge Community Association Annual Meeting October 19, 2021

To the PIRCA Board of Directors: I/We Property Owner(s)

Names(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Who resides at \_\_\_\_\_

Hereby authorize (Check the appropriate line):

\_\_\_\_ PIRCA Board of Directors

\_\_\_\_ Name(s) (A PIRCA resident) \_\_\_\_\_

To vote my/our PROXY on the following agenda issues:

\_\_\_\_ All voting before the Board

\_\_\_\_ Board of Director Elections only

\_\_\_\_ Other(s)..... Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature(s) of lot/title holder(s): \_\_\_\_\_

The proxy must be signed by the owners whose names appear on the lot title. Proxies will be checked with the PIRCA records. Please mail or email or hand deliver the above Proxy to any PIR-CA Board member. Proxy must be received prior to the October 19, 2021 meeting at 7:00 pm. The mailing address is: P.O. Box 316, Crown Point, IN 46308. Email: PIRCABOARD@PINEISLANDRIDGE.ORG

Nomination for PIRCA Board member for the year 2022-2023

\_I, \_\_\_\_\_ residing at \_\_\_\_\_ place

into nomination the name(s) of \_\_\_\_\_,

a Pine Island Ridge lot/title holder.