



Pine Ridge E-Press

March 29, 2016

Board Meeting – Wednesday, April 6, 2016

by Fran Wallingford – Vice President

Please join us for our next Board meeting on April 6th at 7:30 pm at the Mantua Elementary School. The main topic on the agenda is to get updates on current projects and to determine what projects the community would like us to pursue next year.

Come and let your views be known or send me an [e-mail](#).

Nominating Committee

by Fran Wallingford – Vice President

The Pine Ridge Civic Association Executive Committee needs to appoint three members to the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee nominates a slate of officers for next year and reports the proposed slate prior to the May annual meeting.

Please help us and volunteer for this committee.

Annual PRCA Dinner Meeting

by Pine Ridge Board Members

This year's dinner meeting will be held at [Grevey's Restaurant & Sports Bar](#) on Friday, May 6 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Grevey's has plenty of parking in front of the restaurant and additional parking behind the restaurant. And it's less than a mile from Pine Ridge.

Watch for the postcard invitation in your mailbox. You should receive it before April 22.

Mark your calendar now. We want to see you there!

Tax Assessments Q & A

by Dixie Richards

At the March 2 Board meeting we talked with two officials from the Department of Tax Administration: Kevin Greenlief, Director of the Department and Rick Harris, Supervising Appraiser, who has oversight for the Pine Ridge area. They provided answers to many questions from residents regarding tax assessments. One resident happily learned that she could have her taxes lowered by reporting that her swimming pool had been filled in!

Another resident asked whether there were any adjustments for wells or sewers, and we learned that there is no overt difference in value between homes with wells or those using septic systems. Flooding probably doesn't make a difference in assessments either because there is no correlation between sales. Nor will having gas installed.

Other things we learned: Assessors are eager to fix errors when they are brought to their attention. All assessments are computed at fair market value, as required by Virginia law. And there is a graduated tax relief program for the elderly. If you are over 65 and make less than \$75K a year, you may be eligible for a 25% reduction in your assessment. We also learned that you can appeal an assessment if you think it has been erroneously calculated. We were given copies of the appeal forms. If you would like one, contact Judi Adams at jbutleradams@cox.net.

If you have questions about your assessment, you can contact appraiser Nicole LaPrise Barlow at 703-222-8234. She conducts assessments for the county in Pine Ridge and Mantua and is knowledgeable about how they are computed.

To better understand your annual Real Estate Assessment Notice and to find answers to frequently asked questions, go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta/real-estate-assessments.htm

For more information on tax assessments, go to the Department of Tax Administration Real Estate Assessment Information site:

<http://icare.fairfaxcounty.gov/ffxcare/main/Home.aspx>

Accotink Stream Cleanup

Saturday, April 9, 2016

by Fran Wallingford – Land Use co-chair

Need Community service hours or would just like to help clean up our stream? Joins Friends of Accotink Creek to learn about our watershed and help keep it clean. Wear long pants and closed shoes.

Questions? E-mail shunansk@cox.net

Where

9 to 11:00 am – Accotink Creek at Pickett Road Bridge –

Noon to 2:00 pm Accotink Creek at Barkley Drive Bridge

3:00 to 5:00 pm Accotink Creek at Woodburn Road Bridge

Pine Ridge Trash Rates

by Fran Wallingford – Vice President

Just a reminder: You must call the Trash Company that provides your service and negotiate the lowest and best rate. Some even provide Senior Discounts.

Ask your neighbors and see what they are paying. The rates that I am hearing about are all over the place from \$20.00 per month to \$35.00 per month.

Scout on the Circle

by Fran Wallingford – Land Use Co-chair

As many of you know the area at the Circle is being redeveloped. Demolition is scheduled to begin mid – 2016 with an expected completion date of 2018.

A stand-alone grocery store is planned for the area at Route 50 and Pickett Road. There will be a new traffic light at the entrance across from Chik-fil-A.

Dunkin Donuts is not moving.

There will be 400 apartments and ground floor retail. For more information:

<http://www.combined.biz/properties/scout-on-the-circle/>



NextDoor Pine Ridge is now up and running.

There is a new service that provides "hyper-local" crime and safety updates to Pine Ridge residents. It is called Nextdoor and is endorsed by the Fairfax County Police Department. It is ONLY open to Pine Ridge residents.

A Fairfax County [police video](#) working with Next Door provides more information.

[Click here](#) to join.

***Note: if the school is closed the day of the meeting
our meeting will be canceled***

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