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The Official Newsletter of the Pine Ridge Estates Homeowners Association



In between newsletters, we use Facebook to share community updates. Have you liked our page yet?

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Community Updates

Have you been following our community updates on Facebook? If you have, then you know – there's quite a bit to report on lately! From Pine Ridge Estates HOA activities and plans, to news and developments with the surrounding areas, we're doing our best to keep you informed. We'll recap a few



of the hot topics below, but be sure to like our Facebook page if you haven't already. Our website, pineridgehoa.org, is a great resource as well, but for every day, real-time updates, we're using Facebook. Here are just a few of the latest developments, in case you missed them:

PINE RIDGE ESTATES NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Late in 2014, as an action item from discussions at our HOA Annual Meeting, we re-formed the Pine Ridge Estates Neighborhood Watch committee. The first order of business for the committee was a meeting with McKinney Police Officer Randy Haak to review our plans and learn how best to partner with the McKinney Police Department. When we think of "neighborhood watch", we think of neighborhood patrols – don't you? However, Officer Haak quickly made clear for us that, in the interest of keeping residents out of harm's way, the McKinney Police Department would like for patrols to be left to them.

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DON'T MISS IT!

**DISTRICT 2 CITY
COUNCIL CANDIDATE
FORUM ON APRIL 20TH
AT RJE, 7PM-8PM.**

**SEE "MCKINNEY HOA
COALITION" DETAILS
ON PAGE 2!**

**PRE Dates to
Remember!**

Pools Open: 5/15

Summer Party: 6/27

National Night Out: 8/4

Pools Close: 9/29

Helpful Tid-Bits

Street Light Out?

www.coserv.com

Click on "Contact Us" and select the Street Outage Form

City Sidewalk Repair?

972-547-7350

(for the portion that runs parallel to the curb)

Need to Check Your HOA Acct or Register for SBB Emails?

<http://www.sbbmanagement.com/>

(have account # handy!)

NON-Emergency #s

Police: 972-547-2700

Fire: 972-547-2850

City Code Enforcement

(issues w/ vehicles parked on streets, animal control, nuisances, etc.)

<https://www.mckinneytexas.org/Index.aspx?NID=153>

972-547-7440

Environmental Info

<https://www.mckinneytexas.org/DocumentCenter/View/4457>

GREAT DOC!

McKinney Water Restrictions:

<https://www.mckinneytexas.org/index.aspx?NID=511>

Current restrictions & schedules

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Instead, Officer Haak advised that the most effective strategy a neighborhood watch group can adopt is to gain commitment from its residents to be alert, and to be consistent in reporting suspicious activities. In that vein, we began recruiting Neighborhood Watch members for that very purpose – with no add'l commitment of time! ...just a willingness to be alert, and report suspicious activity – easy, right?



Those who sign up will receive a regular email update from the HOA with area crime statistics, as well as helpful tips for ensuring a safer environment.

Interested? Email us at member-at-large@pineridgehoa.org. And see a few of those tips now on page 5!

MCKINNEY HOA COALITION

The PRE HOA board has joined with 8 other HOA boards and formed the McKinney HOA Coalition (MHC). MHC's goal is to keep our community's updated on current city business and communicate common community concerns to the city/City Council with one strong voice. As a first step toward improving community awareness, MHC is sponsoring a District 2 City Council candidate forum on Monday April 20th from 7-8pm at Reuben Johnson Elementary. District 2 has two candidates on the ballot for the May election. Both Matt Hilton and Rainey Roger will be present to introduce themselves and answer prepared questions focusing on improving communication between city government and the community. If there is time left at the end, the floor will be opened up for questions. MHC activities and updates will be posted to Facebook and NextDoor.

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Around Town

Looking for fun, new experiences around town? McKinney is the place to be! Keep you money in McKinney ~ support local businesses whenever you can!

Good Eats!

Hutchins BBQ – Voted Best BBQ in DFW 2014 (Readers Choice)! Between Tennessee & Kentucky, just off the square, (972)548-2629.

<http://hutchinsbbq.com/>

Blue Olive – Casual Mediterranean cuisine – pizza, sandwiches, wings & more, University Dr. (380) just West of 75, (972)548-7050.

<http://www.mckinneyblueolivegrill.com/>

Mesa's Mexican Grill – Fresh, delicious Tex-Mex, Eldorado just East of Stonebridge, (214)726-0251.

<http://m.mainstreethub.com/mesasmckinney>

Green Living!

Texas Trash Off – help keep McKinney beautiful! Free t-shirt! Waiver required. Bonnie Wenk Park, 4/11, 8am thru lunch.

www.mckinneytexas.org



McKinney Shred Day – free shredding services, front parking lot of McKinney High School, 4/18, 9am-1pm.

Seminar: Irrigation Efficiency – learn ways to conserve water, and learn about the latest irrigation technology, John & Judy Gay Library on Eldorado, 4/30, 6:30pm.

www.mckinneytexas.org

Fitness!

Bike the Bricks – Largest bike race in Texas! 6th annual – with food, craft beer and festivities. Historic Downtown, 5/22, 3pm-11pm.

<http://www.getracing.org/>

COVENANTS CORNER

Would it surprise you to hear that the most common HOA violations in the Spring are:

- Landscape issues – 68%
- Debris in the yard – 15% and
- Fencing issues – 14%?

Don't wait to hear from us! Help keep PRE beautiful by addressing issues as soon as they surface. Check out the Spring 2014 newsletter on our website for yard maintenance tips. And, as always, be sure to get any upgrade/improvement plans approved first!

Visit our website to review our "Covenants" and "Design Guidelines" documents, and to access the "ACC Request Form":

<http://www.pineridgehoa.org/forms-and-downloads.html>

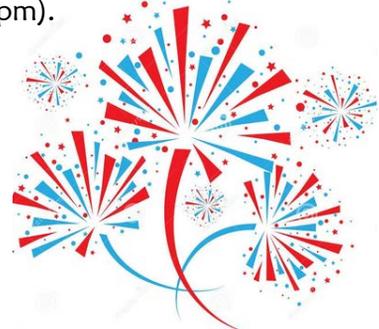
Arts & Entertainment!

Neighborhood Night at the Movies – "The Boxtrolls" (PG), Dr. Charles McKissick Park, 4/24, 7:30-10pm.

Jammin' in June – free concerts, Bonnie Wenk Park, 6/11, 6/18 & 6/25, 7:30-9pm.

Second Saturdays – an evening of art, music, food, and spirits. Historic Downtown, every 2nd Saturday, 7-10pm.

Red White & BOOM! – McKinney's Star-Spangled July 4th celebration, Craig Ranch Soccer Complex, 7/4, 7-10:30pm (fireworks at 9:45pm).



www.mckinneytexas.org

CHECK WEBSITES FOR PRICING & DETAILS!

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ELDORADO/RIDGE DEVELOPMENT

We recently sent all PRE residents a letter with an update about development plans for the land on the SE corner of Eldorado & Ridge (which is currently zoned for commercial). In case you missed it: a development group has plans to build three fast food restaurants along Eldorado, and then rezone the rest of that lot in order to build high-end town homes behind the restaurants. Updates will be posted to our Facebook page and in the “News” section on our website. Important dates:

April 7 – Plans for the three restaurants will go before City Council for final approvals

April 14 – Planning & Zoning meeting to review the plan for town homes

May 5 (tentative) – City Council meeting to review plan for town homes

Your HOA Board supports these plans, and feels that the town homes are likely to increase property values for PRE. Residents are welcome to attend these meetings to voice support or opposition; and we’ll be sure to update you as we learn more.



Meet your neighbors! We’re proud to highlight the businesses of some of your Pine Ridge Estates neighbors. Talk about “keeping it local”! If you’re in the market for these products or services, we hope you’ll consider them.



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Neighborhood Watch Tips

We hope you'll join our Neighborhood Watch efforts as a Watch Member (see page 1-2 for details). The more participation we have throughout the neighborhood, the more effective we can be at decreasing crime and inappropriate behavior in our community.

Ever wonder about crime statistics for Pine Ridge Estates? Check out McKinney's Police 2 Citizen ("P2C") system: <https://www.mckinneytexas.org/index.aspx?NID=490>. OR... sign up as a Watch Member, and receive area statistics in your inbox!

Watch Members also receive safety tips, like:

- Calling 9-1-1 is appropriate if there is chance of injury, a chance of damage to property, or a risk of a suspect fleeing a scene
- Details are key when reporting suspicious activities (color/type of clothing, color/type of vehicle, location/direction of actors involved, etc.)
- and more tips every month!



Join us in keeping Pine Ridge Estates safe!



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