

# WELCOME To Pinecrest



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Dear Pinecrest Members,

Hello, my name is Kevin Hazel, I am the current president of Pinecrest Property Owners Association. Please allow me a few minutes of your time to discuss the Pinecrest Property Owners Association (PPOA).

In today's day and age most people rarely meet or even get to know their next door neighbors. In Pinecrest our events allow new members as well as seasoned members to not only meet their immediate neighbors but families located several streets away. I challenge you to find that old fashioned sense of community anywhere in Massachusetts? We are extremely fortunate to have such a wonderful organization. As members we have so many resources right in our own neighborhood. I also challenge you to find a neighborhood association with membership fees as low as ours? Some of you may know families who live outside of Pinecrest and belong to a neighborhood association. Their association or condo fees's can be as high as several hundred dollars a year. You may also find that other associations do not provide any family related events, do not have a lodge, do not have a beach, do not have 180 acres of common land with hiking trails and most importantly do not have a sense of community that we all share in Pinecrest. It's a nice feeling when you are outside taking a walk or in your front yard and a neighbor drives by and waves to say hello. Well ask yourself this question, "If I were not involved in the Pinecrest events how many people would I actually know in my own neighborhood?"

With that said I would like to move onto the topic of volunteers, dedication and survival. It's a fact that without the volunteers and dedication of our volunteers we simply would not survive. PPOA will not run itself. Mean while behind the scenes several members volunteer to keep this organization running as if it were a business. Unfortunately over the last few years we have experienced a decline in volunteers. The results from this will in turn impact the number of PPOA family events. If this trend continues it will eventually lead to the demise of Pinecrest as we now know it. We simply need your help! This help can vary in degrees from attending a Spring or Fall clean up, volunteering to run a party, helping out at a party or dedicating 2 hours once a month and become a board member or associate board member.

This year was the first time in several years that our annual Easter Egg Hunt was not held. This was a direct result of a lack of volunteers and or anyone willing to organize the event. These wonderful parties not only bring joy to our children, but also build lasting family memories.

Over the last several months we have posted an advertisement on the Pinecrest web site [www.ppoa.info](http://www.ppoa.info) looking for a Party Organizer. Our web site lists all the potential parties for the

year. We encourage any member to come forward and organize any one of these parties. Please keep in mind the Board of Directors budget for several party events each year.

The Pinecrest web site [www.ppoa.info](http://www.ppoa.info) was restructured last year by a few of our members/volunteers. If you have not yet seen this site please take a minute to do so. Our new PPOA site is very informative. It is updated on a weekly basis with Pinecrest and local information and includes a link to the local weather forecast. Our web masters welcome your feedback and are always looking for new information to post. We also have an extensive Pinecrest member email list. Emails are sent out to members informing them of neighborhood alerts, such as local bear activity, local newspaper articles of interest and upcoming Pinecrest events. If you wish to be included on this email list please contact Walter Ducharme via email at [wducha8411@aol.com](mailto:wducha8411@aol.com)

Earlier I discussed a real need for volunteers. The Pinecrest board of directors has some upcoming positions that need to be filled at the 2010 Annual meeting, which will be held Sunday May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2 pm.

The openings include two board of director positions, a clerk position and several associate board member positions.

- A Board of Director's duties consists of attending the monthly board of directors meetings, voting on various decisions, following through with voluntary tasks, etc.
- A Clerk's duties consist of recording meeting minutes, voting on various motions, submitting of annual filings with state and town government. Updating and keeping current the PPOA Operating Procedures Manual.
- An Associate's duties consist of voluntarily attending monthly board meetings. Joining in on discussion's with directors regarding items on the monthly agenda, etc.. Volunteering to research topics of concern and reporting their findings back to the board of directors.

If you are interested in any of the positions and would like more information please feel free to contact me at 978 928 5027 or [kevinhazelusa@yahoo.com](mailto:kevinhazelusa@yahoo.com).

Again I would like to thank you for your time.

Please remember that it's your membership payments and dedication that provide a future for the Pinecrest Property Owners Association.

So please set aside 2 hours of your time to join us at the 2010 Annual meeting.

Respectfully,

Kevin Hazel  
PPOA President