

Dear Fellow Pinecrest Property Owners,

We hope this letter finds you and your family well. The pandemic has given many of us, and some for the first time, the opportunity to explore the trails and ponds and the open space of our neighborhood. Many of us have met our neighbors for the first time on our walks or while fishing or boating. With nearly 200 acres, two ponds, a beach, lodge, two playgrounds, and miles of trails, we consider ourselves lucky and appreciate having so much space at our disposal. We hope you are able to explore all our neighborhood has to offer.

We appreciate everyone who joined us at the Annual Meeting on October 18, 2020. We were able to accomplish a lot at that meeting, some of which we will summarize below. Full minutes are available at PPOA.info.

The Pinecrest Property owners voted for some overdue pond maintenance to be done this year. A pond survey was conducted to see what should be prioritized to renew and invigorate one of our most precious resources. The Pinecrest Property owners voted to hydro-rake in order to remove accumulated organic material, concentrating around the beach and creating swimming/boating channels. Because the board was able to coordinate equipment deployment with work being done with other ponds in the area, significant savings will allow for additional time allocated to our pond. And each land owner on the pond will be able to, if they wish, pay to have work done on their shore. Further information will be forthcoming as permitting requirements are finalized. Once the harvesting is done, the entire pond will be chemically treated to reduce the number of nuisance species and overabundant native species and a small area of non-native invasive species. Dates and further information will be provided in the spring.

The annual membership and deed assessment fee was determined by a majority vote of the members at the annual meeting. For the fiscal year 2021-2022, the fee will be just \$200 a year. Payment is due April 1, 2021.

This year's annual meeting will be Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm at the Lodge. We will also have our annual spring beach clean-up and put in the floats on Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am at the beach. Please mark your calendar. Both events will follow state guidelines for Covid safety in effect at the time of event.

We had a wonderful annual Pinecrest beach party in 2019 and we regret that we were not able have one in 2020, but we sincerely hope we can once again have our annual Pinecrest beach party in 2021.

The Pinecrest Property Owners Association Board meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at the Lodge at 7:00 pm. Currently, they are being held remotely on Zoom and information on how to attend is on PPOA.info.

The Board is always looking to have more people to get involved and help keep this neighborhood special. We have a wonderful Board that has worked together to make our Association better and more financially sustainable. There are positions available on the Board of Directors. If you are interested and would like more information, contact anyone on the Board via the web site or please contact Bill Homans at 978-928-5442 or mobile at 978-479-1471 or by email at Homans778@gmail.com

Respectfully,

Bill Homans PPOA President and the PPOA Board of Directors