



# THE PINE RUN NEWS

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THE SNOWBIRDS ARE COMING, THE SNOWBIRDS ARE COMING!

## ONGOING EVENTS:

Women's Social Club: Every Wednesday at 9:30 am

Book Club: Last Mon. of the month - Pat Cassidy

Cards and Other Games: Every Thursday at 1:30 pm

Chain Gain Bike Ride: Every Friday at 10:30 am – Dan Muss

Tennis Mixed Doubles: Tu-Th-Sa at 8:30 am – Tennis Courts

All are welcome to all events. Events take place at the Clubhouse unless otherwise indicated. If there is a person's name, call or e-mail for details. See you all there!

**Friday Bike Rides** are open to everybody; if you are interested email Dan Muss at the address listed in the masthead. We travel at 10 - 12 mph with stops for rest, water or something to look at every 3 miles or so. The ride starts mid-morning and we ride to some nice place for lunch. Some of the rides start from Pine Run and some start elsewhere; we put the bikes on our cars and meet at some convenient jump-off place.

If the group is large and there are a lot of turns we use the "corner-sweep" system to stay together. The leader is always first and the sweep is always last. At a turn the second rider in line stops and indicates the turn until he or she is picked up by the sweep. The sweep has a mobile phone in case there is a problem.

**The Pine Run/BPW movie program** will begin again in January. The night will be changed to Tuesday and, due to several requests, the movies will begin at 7:30 PM. So....save the date, January 15, 2016 and we will see you all at the movies! – Francesca, Geri, Keenie, Myra

## **WELCOME BRUNCH - Sunday, November 15 at 11:30 am**

It's that time of year again when the Pine Run/BPW Social Club hosts a brunch to welcome in the new season and for us all to meet and greet our new neighbors and get reacquainted with old friends. It will, once again, be catered by Dana's Gourmet Market (yum, yum) with Mimosas and Bloody Marys on the drink menu, along with coffee and juice, of course! **Please bring canned or boxed goods – or a check – for donation to All Faiths Food Bank.** This year, we will also have our new website up on the big screen, so everyone can see what all the excitement is about! See you there.

**Welcome back to returning Water aerobics swimmers.** It is great to see you all returning to our very special exercise. We also want our friends at Pine Run, and Blackburn Pt Woods to

know that you are all welcome to come to see why we enjoy the ease of doing this water exercise. Then grab your towel, swimsuit water shoes, sun lotion and join us.

Did you know that walking back and forth for twenty minutes in chest high water, at any speed will give you the same amount of exercise as 2 miles of walking? And it's much more refreshing, and easier on the muscles. Contact Mary Ann Perry at [JMPMAP@juno.com](mailto:JMPMAP@juno.com).

**Monday, Thursday and Friday at 9:30 AM** in the deep water using belts for support and safety; Shallow water : **Wednesday at 10:30 AM ( after the Ladies weekly meeting)**

### **ALERT:**

A Pine Run historic treasure was inadvertently put in the yard sale in 2014 and perhaps purchased by one of our fellow residents. We would really appreciate having it returned. It is a large, colored, aerial photograph of Pine Run in its earlier days. If you purchased it and/or know who did, please call the Social Club president, Kate Koski (400-9192). We will be forever grateful to have it back in the Club House and to refund the money. Thank you.

**Tennis everyone!** The tennis group is now meeting on the Pine Run courts @ 8:30 AM each Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. All levels are encouraged to come out and join the fun. Haven't played for a while? Come out and try it; this is a very supportive bunch.

### **Landscape Project Proposal Submitted to County:**

Keenie Bugenhagen, Kate Koski and Geri O'Donnell delivered the proposal for removal of invasive species, Phase 1 to the Sarasota County Neighborhood Grant office on Wednesday, November 4. We will be required to attend a meeting on December 1 for the preliminary round - if our proposal makes it then, a final decision will be made by the County Commissioners in January. Work on the project will begin in early May.

Keenie did yeoman's work getting three bids to submit with the proposal. After meeting with the county environmental specialist, she called over twelve habitat management companies and finally got two bids. The third bid came from a tree specialist, which the County ok'd. The three bids were for approximately: \$17,000, \$10,000 and \$4,200 (from the tree company). We selected the latter bid. If we are awarded the grant, we will get \$2,100 from the County. While, Keenie was busy calling and meeting with bidders, Kate wrote up the proposal following County specifications. Thanks to Geri O'Donnell for discovering the Neighborhood Grant information on the County website and alerting us to it.

### **From Owen Hodge on our new Pine Run Website:**

Ten Years ago Dren Geer created the Pine Run website. Since then, he has skillfully negotiated a number of software updates while making sure the constant stream of documents, board minutes, contact numbers, and real estate information was carefully managed. We owe Dren a lot for those ten years of maintaining the site. About a month ago he was informed that there would be yet another major software revision.

Coincidentally, if there really is such a thing as a coincidence, at exactly that time, I looked out from my lanai in the 300's and saw Dren and his wife Mussy clipping,

trimming and then dragging quite a load of dead branches from the little forest out behind their unit. I walked over to help out, grabbed a saw, and while we worked we got to talking. After another conversation the next day, it came to pass that, out of the blue, I was going to be the new Pine Run website manager. It's just how things happen sometimes.

Fortunately, my daughter Zina Jayne, who lives in Sarasota, is a marvelous website designer. She did the design while I worked on content and organization. It was fun. Dren had some good advice for us and helped to make the transition very smooth. Hope you like the new site. We tried to put something together that would keep the Pine Run residents and owners in touch with all of the activities going on here. We also wanted to give people outside of Pine Run a chance to have a look at what a beautiful place this is and to know something about our community. Please take a minute to check it all out. It's [www.pinerunosprey.org](http://www.pinerunosprey.org). If you have things you want posted contact me, Owen Hodge, via [owenmhodge@gmail.com](mailto:owenmhodge@gmail.com). Same goes if you have some ideas about how to make the site work better for all of us. It's a work in progress. Progress is good, right?

### **PINE RUN/BPW YARD SALE IN FEBRUARY:**

Once again, the Social Club will be holding a yard sale on February 6. It is open to the public and in 2014 raised \$1700. The proceeds have gone toward upgrading various aspects of the Club House (new chairs, movie system, e.g.), as well as supporting social events.

So, please **“save your stuff.”** Your throw-away could be someone else's treasure. This year we will have a storage pod available in the Club House parking lot from December 5-February 5, specifically to hold large items, such as furniture, that we can't find storage for around our homes or in the Club House.

And, of course, we'll be calling on lots of volunteers to help out. It is truly a community event – a lot of work and a lot of fun!

### **From our vice-president, Keenie Bugenhagen - LANDSCAPING REMINDERS**

Most of us who live here were attracted to Pine Run in part because of the lush, natural landscaping that blends in seamlessly with the buildings. We all take pride in this beautiful setting, and therefore many of us desire to make improvements by adding our own touch to the areas surrounding our own condo. It is important to remember, however, that plant containers and decorative items may not be placed on the common element. Prior to planting anything, permission must be received from the Board of Directors. This is because all plants become the responsibility of the Association. For more information, please refer to the “Grounds” section on pages 7-8 of the [Community Rules and Information](#) that each owner received last winter. The form that must be completed and submitted to the BOD may be found in Appendix 6, or on the Pine Run website. Please note that no vegetables or fruit trees may be planted, as they attract rats. Because we have recently begun an effort to eliminate invasive plant species to strengthen the native ecosystem, permission will not be given to plant any invasives. A link to a current list

of Florida invasive plants may be found in the landscaping section of the Pine Run website. Preference will be given to native plant species, as they provide the greatest benefit to our environment. We also need to keep in mind that while our maintenance staff has devoted much time and effort to updating our irrigation system, it is still the original system, and drought-tolerant plants should be used in most locations.

To assist you in choosing plants that will be most suitable, a Florida-Friendly link may also be found in the landscaping section of the Pine Run website. The plant database on this site is very helpful. Plants or containers that interfere with landscaping or maintenance activities will be removed. Our landscapers work very hard to try to maintain our abundance of plantings and lawns. Their contract states that they are to take direction from Rick Jackson, Pat Foley and me. It puts them in a very difficult position when residents give them conflicting instructions.

We are now on a regular fertilization schedule, which is improving the health of our lawns, plants and trees. As we remove invasive and undesirable plants which are deleterious to the native flora and fauna, we should see continued improvement to our environment. There are plans underway to organize vine-cutting work parties and social activities that will combine fun with increased awareness about our amazing Florida ecosystem. The slogan on the original sales brochure for Pine Run was “People living in harmony with nature”. An educated and interested population working together will ensure that we are able to continue this legacy.

**Remembering Terry Randall:** Terry and his wife, Jill, lived here at Pine Run for several years. They were from England but eventually settled in the south of France. They were a delightful couple. We do not have any more details other than the fact that Terry has died.

**Fact that you really didn't need to know #34:** The “calories” that we carefully count to keep our weight under control are a misnomer; they should really be called kilocalories. A calorie is defined as the heat needed to raise the temperature of 1cc of water 1 degree C.

**Dan's Dictum Philosophea # 97:** Never put Descartes before Horace!

**Classified Ads (\$3 for 4 lines):**

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