



The O-Piñon

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2010 Election Results

We are pleased to announce the HOA reached a quorum in the June 2010 HOA elections. Results are as follows:

Water Board:

Lee Benda	245-3636
Mike Hall	245-2144
Roger Huff	245-3078
Debbie Smith	(818) 703-6333
Kim Volkmar	245-2877

Homeowners Board:

Kevin Lundin, President	245-0150
Laura Raymond, Vice Pres.	245-1815
Janine Tominaga, Secretary	
Michi Knight, Treasurer	245-1070
Greg Hughes, Member-at-Large	245-1003
Bernice Trojahn, Manager	245-2276

PLANS TO IMPROVE OUR COMMUNITY!

Your HOA Board has been brainstorming to come up with low-cost, productive ways to improve our Pinon Pines quality of life. We are hoping to spruce up the main entrance by cleaning up the message board with a new cork surface, minor landscaping in the spring, and hopefully some solar-powered lighting to help see our sign at night. We are also planning to do some landscaping on the firehouse, which is our only community building. Hopefully, we can hold some fun activities in 2011, like barbeques and outdoor movie nights in the summer (monthly or bi-weekly movies projected onto side of the firehouse).

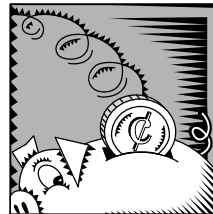


We would love to hear your ideas on how to improve our neighborhood and build a stronger sense of community and goodwill. Send us an email, give us a call, or even better, come to one of the monthly HOA meetings. Also, if you would like to volunteer to help with planting or any other improvements, let us know.

Need a Little Neighborly Assistance?



Keeping up with that pesky weed and brush clearance can get a little overwhelming, especially if you have some physical limitations. If you are having difficulty with keeping your yard clear, let the HOA know. We have some wonderful homeowner volunteers who will assist in weed-whacking the front of your home. Also, if you are interested, we can always use more volunteers!



Those (\$!%!) Annual Assessments...

We are extremely fortunate to have a low annual assessment, even with the recent increase, especially if you compare it to those charged in the L.A. area. However, like many, you are probably wondering where exactly the money goes.

Operating expenses currently tend to average about \$5,000/month. That is for road maintenance, repairs, insurance, vehicle upkeep, etc. Detailed monthly financial reports are shared at the board meetings.

A very important area your assessment contributes to, is our reserve fund. Our HOA is evaluated annually by an independent company, which advises us on the 'health' of our HOA. Right now, our reserve is very short of where it should be. Big expenses, like repaving (versus repairing) roads come out of the reserve. So, we need to increase the reserve to ensure future needs of our community will be met. For example, it is pretty certain several roads will need to be repaved in 2011.

Having Trouble Paying the Assessment?

If you are experiencing a financial hardship, contact Bernice Trojahn, the Pinon Pines manager. You can arrange a payment schedule, and avoid late charges or going to collection.

Be Prepared for Emergencies!

Make sure your house number is prominently displayed in front of your house, (at least 4 inch high lettering), and is reflective, and/or lit at night, in case fire or police services need to come to your aid.

