



# THE SPIRIT OF PINE VALLEY

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## “Break-Ins Threaten Our Community”



### Special points of interest:

- New Officers-see list on back page-clip it
- Quarterly Meeting
- Neighborhood Watch
- Dumpster is BACK
- Spring Block Party
- Cattle Out? Call Dusty at 301-9346
- Be a good neighbor, pick up after your pet

With a rash of break-ins and crime to the local community, Pine Valley residents are not exempt. A burglary did occur in Pine Valley although they are uncertain if it is linked to the rash of burglaries since December. Over 15 crimes have been reported for the Village of Oak Creek and Sedona communities as well.

County Sheriff officers were recently dispatched to go door to door to talk with residents about these crimes. They are asking you to be vigilant and very aware of who is in the residential area. Local residents are their best help—we know which homes are occupied, what cars/vehicles are normally parked at or near a home. Anything suspicious should be recorded—write down type of vehicle, license plate numbers, date and time of occurrence and a description of any individuals seen. This information can be reported if you suspect it might be valuable to the investigation.

Reports of more than one individual have been noted. They appear to either know when someone has left the home or are approaching the residence and asking a question of the homeowner, if they answer the door. If they don't answer, they post one person out front and the other individual goes to the rear of the home and breaks in. Numerous entries have been through sliding glass doors. Guns, jewelry and small items have been the most frequent items removed. Often times, they suspect the thieves

are placing small items in the owners own luggage and carrying it out, so as not to look so suspicious. If someone approaches your home and asks a question about something for sale, please note as many details as possible about the individual (s) and their vehicle and then contact the local sheriff. The local sheriff phone number here in the Village of Oak Creek is 928-649-6408. The Yavapai County website has great information on home security and what to do while you are on vacation. They also offer a home vacation check, but you must go into the office and fill out a form to be included in this program.

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Valley hood Watch has not been cently. Volun-the program did their duties. So dent, Steve volunteered to take the program over and make contact with local authorities to get and disseminate information to our residents. He will be looking for the most efficient way to get information to you. Information will be provided in future newsletters and if possible, in emails and at quarterly meetings of the Pine Valley Property Owners Association (PVPOA).

## County Announces Free Services for Clean Up

Recycle paints, batteries, motor oil/fluids, aerosol cans, pesticides, fluorescent lights, acids, household cleaners, lawn and garden products at the Household Hazardous Waste Recycling Event on 14 Apr at 4000 Cherry Creek Rd, 8 - noon. Please limit loads to 15 gallons or 125 lbs.

You can also use the free slash drop-off program to clean up your yard and create a defensible space around your home before fire season. The free drop-off began 1 March and continues until 1 June.. The closest drop off location is in Camp Verde off Hwy 260. ONLY brush, branches,

grass and leaves and yard trimmings will be accepted and must NOT be in plastic bags. They will NOT accept lumber, stumps, roots, cactus, metal or garbage. For additional information, contact Yavapai Public Works Department at (928) 771-3183.



# Hello from your new president

Diana Judson

I was reading the AAA magazine and it said that 10,000 of us Baby Boomers will be turning 65 PER DAY, and they expect that statistic to remain static for 18 years. Hmm-10,000 per day x 365 days is roughly 3.6 million people turning 65 per year! By the time I get there, there will be 36.5 million people ahead of me in line for Social Security and Medicare benefits!! OMG!! While AAA's focus was on driver safety over the age of 65, my thoughts immediately were of looking forward to the day that I turn 65, yet dreading it at the same time. My concerns, which seem to be universal with those I have spoken to, focus mainly on the state of this country and if our elected officials can put down their partisan politics long enough to work together for a positive change to this nightmarish debt situation. I hope so!

I look forward to the day I turn 65, because I know that by then, I will have jumped off the career treadmill and handed the reins over to another, and will be living in a serene microcosm of peace and tranquility, known as Pine Valley, in beautiful Sedona. How lucky we are to live here! If you are reading this in your PVPOA newsletter, pinch yourself and count your blessings, you are incredibly lucky to live in such a spectacular place!! Ever since we drove through this community 10 or more years ago, we knew this was the place! So did you!

As a professional art handler, I am incredibly lucky to be able to travel to art havens all over the west as part of my job! From Santa Fe & Taos to Monterey & Santa Barbara, and clear up to our old stomping grounds in Portland, Oregon in the beautiful northwest. While all of these places are fabulous, for one reason or another, whether it was high taxes or property prices, or too far away from our home base of Las Vegas, these other locations were not a feasible retirement location for us. We would travel, yet always, we came back to Sedona. Sedona met our requirements of nature AND culture; reasonable property prices and taxes; AND in Pine Valley, we got all of that, including an unexpected surprise: superb and caring neighbors! How lucky we all are! This little "Box Canyon" community tucked away in "them thar hills" is nothing short of a jewel, that I look forward to coming back to from my hectic other life in Las Vegas. Everyone always asks me, "How long does it take you to make the drive to Sedona?" The answer is now, 4.5 hours with the new Hoover Dam bypass bridge. We come up twice a month for a 2 or 3 day weekend. I look for the signs of Sedona. As I make that final leg up Jack's Canyon Road, usually late on a Friday night, the first thing I notice is the stars. I don't know if we have ANY of those in Vegas! Then I pull up in the driveway and cut the engine. Then I notice an eerie silence. There is no traffic. No whining ambulances. No airplanes buzzing and lighting up the sky to land literally every minute and lined up, one right after the other far off into the distant night sky. At night, when you sit on your deck, (for me, that means with a glass of wine in hand, rapidly shedding the onerous Mr. Hyde, in favor of my alter ego, Dr. Jekyll!) you DO notice the sounds of Pine Valley. Here, you hear the wind coming, don't you? You hear it FIRST, then you feel it second. It's about a second or two delay, but then suddenly, it's right there. On the wind you catch a mingled scent of pine, mixed with sage with a hint of flora in the spring time. It's fabulous! On moonlit nights, you hear our neighboring coyotes braying to each other and praising their

celestial master. During the day, the sounds change to the buzzing, chirps, tweets and cooing calls of the wild.

Pine Valley has them all, from nectar seeking chubby bees, with their legs full of pollen, that pounce and bounce on the first spring blossoms, to sassy, piggy bluebirds who steal ALL my peanuts from my birdfeeders, only to BURY them in the yard, as I discovered recently. This is followed by a stealing ritual carried out by other bluebirds and the big Ravens! We have the startlingly beautiful cardinals; and those headbanger woodpeckers that give me a headache! And what about those darling little quail families with the ONE big daddy quail always on guard? I love it when their little babies run around after mom and dad!! We have black ravens that drop my neighbor's pecans from my roof all over the yard trying to crack them; and hummingbirds; well we can talk for hours about the hummingbirds here in Pine Valley at Lenore Hemingway's home, a recognized hummingbird hotspot by the Hummingbird Society. It's right here in Pine Valley, this year to be visited by hummingbird enthusiasts from around the world! We have all of nature here in Pine Valley, from Javelinas to rabbits to occasional Bobcat. ALL of it is here, plus the spectacular scenery. I guarantee you; we don't have this in Vegas, nor in about 99% of the world, for that matter!

So yes, pinch yourself, you live in God's Country. As this year's President, I hope you got my message loud and clear: **I just LOVE this place and I know you do too!** So, talk with your neighbors, encourage them to join our PVPOA. For \$30 a year, it sure is worth it for the twice yearly dumpsters alone. The cost is over \$500 every time we bring in a dumpster. It's SO worth it! There are many other benefits, including this newsletter to keep you abreast of the news in Pine Valley, and the two parties to meet your neighbors. Getting to know your neighbors, it's a Pine Valley staple here! I see all you dog-walkers first thing in the morning or late in the afternoons, walking, meeting and greeting! I hope everyone will become members of the HOA.

So stay happy and healthy and enjoy every moment of your time here, whether like me you're shooting for retirement, or if you're already there! Pine Valley is a place of beauty and wonder and I sure count myself lucky to live here, (at least part of the time)! Treat yourself well - Check this out: [www.AARP.org/droz](http://www.AARP.org/droz) Dr Oz has a 7 minute exercise routine to start your day. Commune with the nature gods here!

Our beautiful Pine Valley has it all going ON...uh.....except ONE thing. And you know what it is. Come about mid-May or so, we get 'em, every year. Yup, you guessed it, the Noseeums! If we could eradicate those suckers, indeed, there would be no reason to ever leave. THIS year, I HAVE a plan! Check out the fashionably pink bug-hat ([www.bughat.com](http://www.bughat.com)) - a Christmas present from my other half, Dennis. This year they will NOT eat me alive! Cheers to you all, and let me know if I can assist you in any way. Diana Judson, [Diana@gatlv.com](mailto:Diana@gatlv.com), Office: 702-365-8136 x23, Cell: 702-521-3366, Local: 928-284-4664 (no messages unless you want them returned 2 or 3 weeks later!)





## Spring Party Being Planned as Block Party

This year's spring party is scheduled for 28 April at 2pm on Redrock Court. It is a dead end cul-de-sac and will be the location for the first "block party" event. Please plan to attend and enjoy one of the benefits of your annual dues. As is normal, the PVPOA will supply the meat and nonalco-

holic drinks for the event. You are asked to bring lawn chairs, a dish to share and if you want alcoholic drinks, you must provide them. If the weather is not cooperative, the party will be moved and a sign will be posted at the entrance of the subdivision and at Redrock Court location to direct

everyone to the change of location.

If you have not paid your dues for this year, please plan to bring them to the party. If you have new neighbors, please invite them to come along and participate also.

### Past Treasurer Says Farewell

Diane Dieckhoner has been involved with the association for approximately 20 years. She most recently has been the treasurer and had a few words of farewell.

"As outgoing treasurer I wish to thank those of you who have supported our association. It has been a pleasure to be part of the PVPOA board again over the past several years. I encourage you to join and enjoy everything your dues pay for, such as the dumpster, parties, fence and entrance maintenance, newsletter, social functions and the neighborhood watch. Thank you, Diana Dieckhoner"



"Nope, he doesn't smell like us, must be a foreigner!"

# New Board Members Elected

At the annual board meeting in December 2011, new board members were selected and they were selected for the following positions at the first meeting of 2012: President is Diana Judson, Vice President is Bob Herring, Secretary is Judi Kizzier and Treasurer is Rosemarie Licher. Additionally, members volunteered for special committees and other volunteer positions. Membership directory will be handled by Rosemarie Licher. The group handling fence repair is Gary Lamb, Steve Fiedler, and Bob Herring. You can help them out by continuing to check the fences near your home and report and breaks before the cattle are in the area. The welcome committee will be chaired by Dee Chadwick and assisted by Kat Bramblett. If you have a new neighbor who has moved in, contact Dee so she can go over and say hello and invite them to join the PVPOA for this year. The Big Park Regional Coordinating Council will be represented by Steve Fiedler as primary and alternates are Bob Herring and Al Thiele or Bob Carlisle. The newsletter which is now published twice a year, will continue to be written by the current editor, Lenore Hemingway. The Neighborhood Watch Program will be headed by Steve Fiedler. The front entrance sign maintenance is accomplished by Ron and Irene Schneider.

A special thanks to all of these members who so kindly give of their time and assistance to make this association a success.

There are always additional opportunities to participate in the association, please contact a board member if you will be available to assist with the upcoming party set up and tear down.



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## New Board Members Tackle By-Laws

The current by-laws are outdated and needed to be redone. The current board has undertaken that effort and are rewriting the by-laws to accommodate the lack of CC&Rs and incorporate current activities for the association. If you would like to participate, please contact one of the board members listed to the left. Changes will be discussed at the next board meeting on 7 April at 45 Rabbit Court at 9am. Once finished the by-laws will be voted on by the membership.

## Dumpster Scheduled for 1 May at Ridgecrest Ct

Once again your dues will pay for a dumpster in the subdivision so you will have access to dispose of yard waste. The dumpster will be on location for a few weeks and is only available for yard waste and not trash. Please clean up after yourself and do not leave the door open, it can create a mess on the street and wild animals can get inside the dumpster.