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# The Pinecrest Post

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Pinecrest Subdivision Homeowners Association

## **BREAKING NEWS!!!**

**Trash Taxi has been selected as the official trash collection service by the Association (see pg 2).**

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## **President's Report (Larry A. Huey)**

We had our second annual subdivision meeting in April. This was the first meeting hosted by the Board. There was a good turn out of residents. The meeting ran over the time limit. We had a lot of good interaction between the Board and Residents. A motion from the floor was made to have two meetings per year; it passed by a significant majority. There will be another meeting in October. On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank all who attended, and thanks for your sincere interest.

Several residents volunteered to start a Neighborhood Watch. We thank them for undertaking this task. We should be hearing from them in the future.

Jeremy Wilking is nearing completion on negotiating a subdivision wide trash pickup discount. Jeremy will explain more detail in this newsletter. All of the trash companies have made the discounted prices contingent on signing up a minimum number of homes. I think Jeremy has done a great job on this. I know that I will sign on, because the savings are significant.

I am still in the process of fact gathering information on our sedimentation pond. It has not been easy, but I am getting close. I do have the engineering drawing. Our pond is 4 feet deep at normal level. During high level it can increase to 8 feet. The water from our storm drains enter the pond at the concrete flow-through, located in the northwest corner. We had a contractor remove debris in April, and besides being a required maintenance item, it looks a lot better. The Board needs to establish a budget for dredging, and inlet and outlet maintenance.

The board recently received a copy of several letters, to some of the homeowners on American Elm Drive, from the DEQ. Copies also went to several others at the Prosecutor's Office, and agencies in County and Township government. It looks like a notice that the DEQ will be out to inspect for encroachment onto the environmental easement. The Board has made its own walk through, and these homes have extended their back yards beyond their property lines, and into the easement.

Our new gardeners, Garden Creations, have completed much of the work at our entrance. I think they have done a great job. At our May board meeting, the Board approved the planting of some annual flowers. Garden creations gave us some attractive options to select from. The flowers will be planted after we get rid of the grub infestation on the small island. Apparently the grubs ate our grass there. Good thing the island is separated by lots of concrete, and the grubs couldn't travel.

This is the first edition of the newsletter that will have paid advertising. We will have to see how this works out. It's not a lot of money. We'll have to see how much work this is for our Editor, Steve Antoski. We were planning on having a "Voice Your Opinion" section in this copy of the newsletter. If you have any for the next edition, please send them along.

Best Wishes and Have a great summer!

Larry

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# Member's-at-Large Report (Jeremy Wilking)

As discussed at the last annual Pinecrest association meeting, I have done a thorough investigation on 3 of the competing waste collection companies. Below is a full breakdown of what they have to offer.

We as board members have all decided that we would like to go with Trash Taxi for obvious reasons. As you will see below we will need at least 100 homes to participate in order to receive the group rate. The contact information for you to sign up with Trash Taxi is below.

One note about the garbage cans is that all the companies will use garbage cans of their competitors. So if you have decide to change companies, you can still use the same can.

Kind Regards,

Jeremy Wilking



## 1) TRASH TAXI (Pick up on Wednesday)

- Participation needed for discount.....100 homes
- Trash and Recycling.....\$39.50 (every 3 months)
- Compost (Serviced April through November).....\$54.00 (per year)
- *Billed in March for the full amount.*
- One Free bulk item per quarter.
- No Surcharges
- **CONTACT: Ms. Shawn Drummy**  
**(248) 822-TAXI**  
**\*Just mention you live in the Pinecrest Subdivision**

## 2) WASTE MANAGEMENT (Pick up on Wednesday)

- Participation needed for discount.....90% (176 homes)
- Trash and Recycling.....\$51.00 (every 3 months)
- Compost (Serviced April through November).....\$75.00 (per year)
- *COMPOST subscribers must use 32-gallon containers or paper yard waste bags. Carts may be purchased for yard waste removal.*
- **CART PURCHASE** \$ 75.00 1st cart, \$ 45.00 2nd cart
- **BULK ITEMS** \$10.00 per appliance
- **SURCHARGE** varies per quarter based on Energy Information Administration of the U.S. Dept. of Energy. ( Linda Goyke from Waste Management said this is approximately \$5.00 per year)

## 3) GREAT LAKES WASTE SERVICE

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## Treasurer's Report (Jonathan Pickett)

Hello everyone,

I just wanted to mention a few quick things. First of all please send in your dues for 2003 if you have not yet sent them in. There are still 44 lots that have not paid. It is most important for us to receive dues from all homeowners. Without dues we cannot keep the Subdivision looking beautiful. Letters have just gone out to those homes we have not yet received 2003 dues from. I look forward to a wonderful spring and summer season ahead.

## Secretary's Report (Steve Antoski)

I would like to thank all of the homeowners who attended the annual homeowners meeting. Also, I would like to thank you for allowing me to continue as the Secretary for another year. It has been a very interesting experience for me to be part of this board and to see the kind of dedicated effort that is needed from board members in order to run a successful association. Let's build on this positive momentum and look to brighter things in you subdivision.



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## **VOICE YOUR OPINION**

Dear Homeowners,

I have observed that several of you have been using vehicles such as snowmobiles, 4-wheelers and other recreation vehicles on our subdivision roads. May I remind you that it is against Michigan state law to operate these types of vehicles in our subdivision without permits. A car driver's license is not considered a permit to operate these vehicles. I have 3 children and am very concerned that these vehicles pose a threat to my children who usually play on my street. While I have resisted to contact the police in the past, I am beginning to see more of these types of vehicles on our street. Therefore, I am formally reporting that I will contact the police the next time I see these types of vehicles on any street in Pinecrest. I also encourage other homeowners to do the same so that our children may live and play in a safe environment. Thank you for your cooperation.

Concerned Homeowner