

# *Pine Tree Villager News*

## **Next Board Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 9:00 AM** in the clubhouse.

## **Maintenance Assessment Due**

The 1st quarter maintenance assessment is due on January 1, 2017. Please have your payment in on time and accompanied by the proper coupon.

## **Condolences**

The Board wishes to extend condolences to the family of Francis (Butch) Axsmith who passed away on November 28th.

## **Welcome**

The Board wishes to extend a warm welcome to the following:

- Mary Colamonica and Trudy Hamor who purchased the property at 10919 GTDS.
- John & Rosemary Kacura who purchased the property at 10635 GTDS

## **Adopt a Family Project**

I am delighted to report that our 2016 holiday project was, once again, very successful! On behalf of the CARIDAD CENTER, Olinda Perez and her four children I extend my sincere thanks to all PTV residents for their support and generosity, especially:

Barb & Phil Barlage  
Anne & Karen Kane  
Juanita & Dan Lichtenberger  
Laura & Kent Monroe  
Audrey & Lou Zotto

Ruth & Enrique Iglesias  
Cathy & Bill Latvis  
Norma & Frank Lohan  
Marie & Diane Torti

Last week, a huge box of wrapped toys, games, books for each child, plus a flat-screen television and many gift cards were delivered to the staff at CARIDAD as our community gift to the Perez family. I have no doubt that our 2016 "Adopted Family" will enjoy a very bright and joyful Christmas celebration – all thanks to the kindness of our PTV neighbors.

*Laura Monroe*

PTV COWBRA Delegate

## **Notes From The President**

Hi Everyone,

As 2016 quickly comes to an end, I would like to remind everyone to try and attend our annual homeowners meeting which will be held on Tuesday evening, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30. This is your meeting and a good opportunity to be heard.

We have 3 seats available for the Board and so far, 1 new candidate has come forward to run and I will be seeking reelection.

I would like to thank the homeowners who volunteered putting up the holiday decorations, your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Also, a special thanks to Jim and Joann Wack and the rest of the volunteers for sponsoring and helping with the Meet and Greet party last month. Not only was the party successful, I'm sure the service people receiving the stocking stuffers from the homeowners at PTV will appreciate knowing they are in our thoughts as well.

Please look for a separate page in this newsletter listing a few of the highlights of the new Comcast Contract which should go into effect on or about February 1, 2017.

Kathy and I extend to everyone in PTV our best wishes for a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season.

*Howie Garber*



## Committee Reports

### Landscaping

Geoffrey Kashdan, Chair

The cool weather has heralded in both our holiday lights and our pest control company. As reported in previous newsletters, "Damage to the turf is possible if treatments are done when the temperatures are above 80-85 degrees.... The effects of the (cool- weather herbicide) treatment will not be fully seen for 14-20 days" (Quoted from 1/8/16 letter from Greg Russell, the Field Representative for Hometown.

The front entrances now have colorful flowers, just in time for the holiday season. This project was completed with the assistance of the Finance Committee. It is our expectation that the entrances now will be easily maintained now that the ground work (pun intended) has been completed.

The Landscape Committee took responsibility for arranging for the repair of the erosion problem at the south bank of the pool canal, Canal L-25. The work was done by the Lake Worth Drainage District and looks great. Most important, however, is not how it looks but how safe it now is. The erosion was significant.

I thank all of the dedicated members of the committee for a year of hard work. And I wish all PTV residents a Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah, Kwanzaa and New Year. The lights around the community look wonderful. All we need is snow.....NOT!

## More Social Items

Please mark your calendars for the following Social events.

December 3, 2016, Meet and Greet Night (Holiday cards for the military) chaired by Jim and Joann Wack  
January, 2017, Casino trip (date to be announced) arranged by Paul and Maryann Carabello

February 5, 2017, Super Bowl Party chaired by Andy and Gail St. Marie

February 14, 2017, Raffle/Valentine Cocktail Party chaired by Paul and Maryann Carabello

March 16, 2017, St. Patrick's Day Party chaired by Bill and Cathy Latvis

A trip to the Morikami Museum and Park is in the works by Bill and Cathy Latvis

Keep an eye on your Newsletter and the bulletin board in the clubhouse and by the pool.

## Social Items

### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

**COME JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS  
AT THESE ACTIVITIES:**

#### BRIDGE

Every Monday at 1:00 p.m.  
Call Joan Wennerholt at 369-1653  
and

Every Friday at 12.30 P.M.  
Call Phyllis Dugas at 734-5348

#### CANASTA

Every Monday at 1:00 P.M.  
Call Maryann Carabello at 734-7818

#### MAHJONG

Every Friday at 1:00 P.M.  
Call Dot Moses at (203) 984-0750

#### MEN'S CARD GAMES

Every Monday and Wednesday Evenings  
at 7:00 PM  
Call Bonnie Price at 739-8774

#### SOCIAL HOUR

Every Thursday evening at 5 pm  
Bring Your Own Refreshments  
Pizza Night  
Every 2nd Thursday of the Month  
Pizza served at 6:30 pm

If you plan to attend for the pizza, you must be in the Clubhouse by 5:30 pm so we can place our order.

#### Ladies Luncheon

The next Ladies Luncheon will be held on January 11th @ Riggins Crab House, 607 Ridge Rd, Lantana. 12:00PM

Sign up sheet is posted in clubhouse.

#### From the Office

There are 3 packets included with this distribution:

1. The December newsletter along with its various attachments.
2. The 2017 Budget packet which includes:
  - A cover letter
  - A 2017 budget summary
  - Your 2017 maintenance coupons. (Please note the second quarter fee is \$470)
3. The 2017 Annual Membership Meeting packet which includes a proxy. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please submit a proxy as early as possible.

# **Comcast Contract for PTV**

## **Effective Approximately February 1, 2017**

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With the new contract from Comcast, all homes in PTV will receive, at no additional cost to our homeowners, high definition service. This means, for homeowners who now have and are paying \$9.95 per month for HD Service, they will no longer be charged this fee.

All homes will, at no charge to homeowners be entitled to receive 1 HD cable box and 2 HD digital adapters.

Homeowner options for this conversion:

For homeowners who already have a HD cable box, no conversion is needed on your part unless you want to add the 2 free HD adapters to other televisions in your home.

How to receive your HD equipment:

Option 1-Bring your non HD box to a Comcast office and swap it for a new HD cable box. Tell the salesperson you would like to have your 2 free HD adapters as well.

Option 2-Call Comcast at 1-800-COMCAST and request your new equipment by mail. You will receive your new equipment and use the mailer to return your old equipment (postage fee applies).

Option 3-Call Comcast and request a technician to make a service call at your home to install the new equipment and take back your old cable box (a \$50.00 1 time charge applies).

**Comcast will pay PTV a onetime door fee of \$15,600 for this new contract. Since this money belongs to the homeowners of PTV, there will be a onetime \$80.00 reduction for your second quarter only maintenance fee (195 homes x \$80.00 = \$15,600)**

**Do not call or exchange your equipment with Comcast until the new contract goes into effect. A voice broadcast will be sent out notifying everyone when you can make arrangements for your new equipment.**

I have a tentative date of Tuesday evening, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 to meet with the Comcast representative at our clubhouse who will answer all questions from homeowners about this conversion. Again, we will send out a voice broadcast informing all homeowners about this meeting.