



Piper Glen Subdivision

Winter 2017

<http://piperglenhomeowners.com/>

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 9th, First board meeting of 2018!

Please note this is different from our normal "First Tuesday" meeting date



Dear Neighbors,

It is my pleasure to greet all of you as the new President of our homeowners' association. I decided to join the wonderful team (Members of the Board of Piper Glen Subdivision Association) to contribute to the community that I have been a part of for more than a decade. I am excited to serve my neighborhood association and know more of my neighbors.

I would like to thank Mark Hansen for his leadership over the last two years. In the previous newsletter Mark highlighted key issues that our association is facing. These include a careful review of our budgetary needs and develop proposals to address the future needs of the neighborhood as well as the maintenance of our existing assets. We also need to figure out a way to bring back the most popular dumpster days and the fall party. I will work with our board to be effective and efficient in meeting all our existing functions. Of course, we will not be able to accomplish without the active support of the residents. I ask you to please engage in a conversation and contribute your ideas to continue to make this neighborhood the best in town.

Driving around the neighborhood, you will notice the cheer and festive season on display with beautiful lights and glimpses of Christmas trees. As we are getting ready to usher in a new year, let us all make a new year's resolution called "Get To Know Your Neighbor". Please make sure you introduce yourself to at least two neighbors on your street and add at least two new contacts to your phone or social media. Soon you will see that we will become a highly connected neighborhood. To help develop the network of connections, the board will continue to explore ways in which we can use social media. Our Facebook page now has 395 members. You may want to use a popular smartphone app called **Nextdoor** and invite your neighbors to download it as well. I am confident that within a few months we will make great strides in becoming a highly connected neighborhood.

Wish you all Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year!

Ranjan Karri

President, Piper Glen HOA



Our Board information can be found on both our website:
<http://:piperghenhomeowners.com/> or on our Facebook Page Piper Glen Homeowner's Association.

Please note our Facebook page is only for residents.



Happy Holidays!

I hope everyone is having a wonderful winter season. I am very excited to begin my new role as treasurer for the Piper Glen Subdivision Association. Last year I worked on the Architectural Control Committee and learned much about our property governance. This year I look forward to working with a great group of board members, new and returning. We have a wealth of knowledge and expertise that will benefit our community.

This time of year is busy for the Board as it is the start of budget process. The budget process begins in December with members reviewing prior year's expenses and projecting what is anticipated for next fiscal year. At the January meeting, preliminary numbers will be reviewed and discussed. The Board has no later than the March meeting to approve the new budget. The fiscal year runs April 1st through March 31st.

The best to you and your families in the New Year!

Debra Marines, Treasurer

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Check out our website for current information, General Information/Event Dates, Subdivision By-Laws, Covenants, and Forms, and Historical Documents. You can also find all phone numbers and emails to your Board Members.



Next Pool Season

Next spring will prove to be the best season ever for the pool. We are already planning for the opening of the pool next season and have some exciting things in store. We plan to purchase new furniture and umbrellas and hope to implement night events at the pool with the purchase of additional lighting. We plan to offer food and drink (non-alcoholic) service poolside and the board will review extending pool hours. We hope to make some aesthetic improvements to the locker rooms and address the damp conditions with ventilation or fans. We are continually looking for new programs to offer at the pool. If you have any comments, concerns or ideas for the pool next season, please e-mail to Linda Daniels at ldaniels455@comcast.net.



Thank you,

Linda Daniels

VP Piper Glen HOA

Thanks to Julie Bullard for the beautiful pictures of our lovely neighborhood!!! The pictures we posted on Facebook got the most "Likes" we have ever had.

Safety for the Holidays from the National Safety Council

<http://www.nsc.org/learn/safety-knowledge/Pages/news-and-resources-holiday-safety.aspx>

Enjoy a Safe Holiday Season

Holiday Safety is an issue that burns brightest from late November to mid-January, when families gather, parties are scheduled and travel spikes. Take some basic precautions to ensure your family remains safe and injury-free throughout the season.

Traveling for the Holidays? Be Prepared

Many people choose to travel during the holidays by automobile, with the highest fatality rate of any major form of transportation. In 2015, 355 people died on New Year's Day, 386 on Thanksgiving Day and 273 on Christmas Day, according to *Injury Facts 2017*. Alcohol-impaired fatalities represent about one-third of the totals.

- Use a designated driver to ensure guests make it home safely after a holiday party; alcohol, over-the-counter or illegal drugs all cause impairment
 - Make sure every person in the vehicle is properly buckled up no matter how long or short the distance traveled
 - Put that cell phone away; many distractions can occur while driving, but cell phones are the main culprit
 - Properly maintain the vehicle and keep an emergency kit with you
 - Be prepared for heavy traffic, and possibly heavy snow
- More tips continued....*



More Safety Tips.....

Even Angel Hair can Hurt

Decorating is one of the best ways to get in a holiday mood, but emergency rooms see thousands of injuries involving holiday decorating every season.



- "Angel hair," made from spun glass, can irritate your eyes and skin; always wear gloves or substitute non-flammable cotton
- Spraying artificial snow can irritate your lungs if inhaled; follow directions carefully
- Decorate the tree with your kids in mind; move ornaments that are breakable or have metal hooks toward the top
- Always use the proper step ladder; don't stand on chairs or other furniture
- Lights are among the best parts of holiday decorating; make sure there are no exposed or frayed wires, loose connections or broken sockets, and don't overload your electrical circuits
- Plants can spruce up your holiday decorating, but keep those that may be poisonous (including some Poinsettias) out of reach of children or pets; the national Poison Control Center can be reached at (800) 222-1222
- Make sure paths are clear so no one trips on wrapping paper, decorations, toys, etc.; NSC provides tips for older adults on slip, trip and fall protection

It's Better to Give....Safely

We've all heard it's important when choosing toys for infants or small children to avoid [small parts](#) that might prove to be a choking hazard. Here are some additional gift-related safety tips:

Watch Out for those Fire-Starters

- Select gifts for older adults that are not heavy or awkward to handle
- Be aware of [dangers associated with coin lithium batteries](#); of particular concern is the ingestion of button batteries

For answers to more of your holiday toy safety questions, check out <http://www.nsc.org/learn/safety-knowledge/Pages/news-and-resources-holiday-safety.aspx>

Candles and Fireplaces

Thousands of deaths are caused by fires, burns and other fire-related injuries every year, and [12% of home candle fires occur in December](#), the National Fire Protection Association reports. Increased use of candles and fireplaces, combined with an increase in the amount of combustible, seasonal decorations present in many homes means more risk for fire.

- Never leave burning candles unattended or sleep in a room with a lit candle
- Keep candles out of reach of children
- Make sure candles are on stable surfaces
- Don't burn candles near trees, curtains or any other flammable items
- Don't burn trees, wreaths or wrapping paper in the fireplace
- Check and clean the chimney and fireplace area at least once a year



Don't Give the Gift of Food Poisoning

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services provides some holiday food safety tips. Here are a few:

- Do not rinse raw meat and poultry before cooking
- Use a food thermometer to make sure meat is cooked to a safe temperature
- Refrigerate food within two hours
- Thanksgiving leftovers are safe for four days in the refrigerator
- Bring sauces, soups and gravies to a rolling boil when reheating
- When storing turkey, cut the leftovers in small pieces so they will chill quickly
- Wash your hands frequently when handling food



National Safety Council Mission

The National Safety Council eliminates preventable deaths at work, in homes and communities, and on the road through leadership, research, education and advocacy.



If you have a new neighbor, print this newsletter off and use it to introduce yourself. Invite them to an association meeting or event.

