



## Is Your Home Wireless Network Secure?

More than 70 Piney-Z homes have unsecure wireless networks.

If you are running a wireless computer network in your home, that network extends beyond your walls to the street or nearby park. If your network is not protected by a hardware or software firewall, anyone could access your network and internet connection.

**A Piney-Z resident and Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) systems administrator drove around the neighborhood and determined that over 70 wireless networks were easily accessible using a laptop computer in his car.**



A firewall is a program or device that sits between your computer and the Internet, so all traffic in or out must flow through it. Firewalls work like security guards to protect a computer. If your computer has no firewall, nothing is controlling who and what can enter and leave. When you connect a computer to a network, including the Internet, your system can be a target. Some things that can happen include:

- Exposing information from your computer to others.
- Allowing resources, such as disk space, to be used by an attacker, who could conduct illegal activities in your name, such as hosting child pornography, which is a felony.
- Causing your system to be unusable.

Fortunately, there are ways to protect your data. The FDLE web site, [www.secureflorida.org](http://www.secureflorida.org) is an excellent resource for all computer users, not just those with wireless networks. Visit the site for more information on avoiding scams, identity theft, and predators by following a few simple rules.

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## The Lowdown on Curb Height

According to Eddie Carswell with the City of Tallahassee Streets and Drainage Division, the official policy is that residents with a tall "Type-A" curb where their driveways meet the street can, at their own expense, hire a contractor to modify the curb to a "drop-curb". This change requires a permit. The City will not change the curb for the resident.

[www.pineyz.com](http://www.pineyz.com)

### HOA Board

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### HOA Board Meetings

April 12, 6:30pm in the Lodge  
May 10, 6:30pm in the Lodge  
June 14, 6:30pm in the Lodge  
July 12, 6:30pm in the Lodge  
Everyone is Welcome

### The Scoop

If you walk a dog, city ordinance requires you to pick up the dog droppings. Respect your neighbors' lawns!



## New Security Cameras Now Installed

For your protection and the protection of the amenity facilities and equipment, new security cameras have been installed in a variety of places around the amenities. The cameras, which were installed by Certified Security, are located indoors and outdoors. Signs on doors and other areas clearly indicate that cameras are in use and areas are being recorded. If you have questions concerning the cameras please contact Lance Rogers, Property Manager, at 656-4007.

## Questions, Concerns, Compliments

When you have questions, concerns, or compliments related to Piney-Z, the Community Development District (CDD) Property Manager and Homeowners Association (HOA) are happy to try and direct you to the proper person, organization, or authorities for assistance.

The CDD Property Manager manages the Lodge and all the Amenities near the Lodge. His office is in the Lodge. He does all the scheduling of parties and events and can provide you with information about the services and amenities provided by the CDD which you pay for through assessments added to your property taxes. The CDD assessments and regulations can be viewed on the web site.

The HOA and HOA Committees handle all issues related to the Piney-Z Covenants and Restrictions, as well as the planning of neighborhood-wide events and the crime watch program. Please keep in mind that the HOA Board and Committees are volunteers and do not maintain an office or keep specific office hours. They are available by appointment, by phone, and at the monthly Board meetings. The HOA Covenants and Restrictions, and much more can be viewed on the web site, [www.pineyz.com](http://www.pineyz.com).

Sometimes the CDD or HOA will refer residents to the proper authority, for example, the City of Tallahassee, the developer, law enforcement, etc. Please keep in mind that the CDD and HOA cannot place certain calls for you. For example, if you have an issue that requires the intervention of law enforcement or the City of Tallahassee, you will need to place the call. Helpful phone numbers are provided on our web site as well as information about how to reach the CDD Property Manager and HOA Board and Committees. Contact information is also posted on the bulletin boards located on the front of the Lodge.

## Have Your Own Pool Party

You can schedule a private pool party after regular resident swim hours. For example, you could rent the pavillion for a late-afternoon cookout followed by a swim party after resident swim time ends. This opportunity is only available to residents, lot owners, and pass holders of Piney-Z. For more information, contact the Property Manager.



### Piney-Z CDD

#### Property Manager

Lance Rogers 656-4007  
[lance-piney-z@comcast.net](mailto:lance-piney-z@comcast.net)

#### Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 10am-6pm  
 Fridays 10am - (varies due to schedule)  
 or by appointment

#### Board Members

Ed Livingston, Chair  
 (850) 914-3242

Jim Ward, District Manager  
 (954) 753-5841

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#### CDD Corporate Offices

10300 NW 11 Manor  
 Coral Springs, FL 33071  
 (954) 753-0380

#### CDD Board Meetings:

July 11 at 1:00pm in the Lodge.  
 September 12 at 6:00pm in the Lodge (Budget Hearing).

### 2005 Pool Season

April 16 -May 22  
 Saturdays and Sundays  
 10:00am - 8:30pm

May 28- August 14  
 7 days per week  
 10:00am - 8:30pm

August 20 - October 16  
 Saturdays and Sundays  
 10:00am - Dusk

All residents, lot owners, and pass holders, must register as an amenity member and obtain a proximity key fob from the CDD Property Manager in order to use the pool.



## Celebrate Spring by Planting the Right Plant in the Right Spot

After a long, cold winter, spring is finally here, and many of us cannot wait to revive our gardens. Part of the fun of gardening is selecting the right location for new plants or transplants so that they will be both healthy and beautiful. Think of a beautiful, disease resistant, ever-blooming rose such as the 'Knock-out' covered with red or pink blooms under the hot Florida sun—the right place. Conversely, no amount of water or fertilizer will make a plant thrive if it is planted in the wrong spot. A delicate, red Japanese maple in that same full, scorching sun would shrivel up. Whether you are caring for a single houseplant or maintaining a bed of ornamental or edible plants, the basic considerations are the same.



**Planning:** Note the existing features in your garden. See how it looks from inside the house, from the street, and other vantage points. Note the sun and shade at different times of day. Consider drainage problems, poor soil, deer, a giant live oak tree etc. Analyze your garden lifestyle. Consider children, pets, and entertaining. Do you have time to deadhead and water or is low maintenance essential?

**Plant Suitability:** Ensure plants are zoned correctly for this area (zone 8b plant hardiness, zone 9 heat zone). Choose plants that can tolerate your natural environment: heavy shade, deer or other wildlife, swampy areas etc. Check pruning requirements and avoid planting any invasive plants such as Chinese Tallow Tree—no matter how pretty.

**Soil:** Plant roots need to take up water, oxygen and nutrients from the soil. Try to match plants to your soil. Put drought tolerant plants in quick draining, sandy soil and plants that don't mind wet feet in clay soil. One of the two most plant friendly things you can do to any soil is to add organic matter such as composted cow manure or mushroom compost before planting. The other is to spread organic mulch such as pine straw or chipped wood on the surface around the plants.

**Light:** Note whether plants prefer full sun, partial shade or full shade. Because Tallahassee's summers are exceptionally hot, you may find that some sun plants grow best when protected from the sun for a few afternoon hours. Also note that many plants thrive under light shade such as that provided by a high canopy; dense shade such as that in deep woods is an environment for different plants.

**More Information:** Utilize the many horticultural resources available to you: local nurseries and garden centers, gardening books, especially those written for the Southeast or for North Florida. At the Leon County Extension Center, Master Gardeners answer gardening questions by phone (487-3004); or visit their website at <http://leon.ifas.ufl.edu>. You can also visit area gardens to see plants thriving in perfect conditions and note what may be contributing to their success. Maclay Gardens and the Demonstration Garden at the Extension Center are good places to garner ideas and horticultural tips.

Lori Stokvis would like to organize a neighborhood stay-at-home mothers' group. Please call 671-2295 for more information.

### Welcome New Residents

On behalf of the Homeowners Association (HOA) and the Property Manager for the Community Development District (CDD) we welcome you to the neighborhood. Although we are rarely notified when new residents move to Piney-Z, we are glad you have joined our community.

The office of the CDD Property Manager is located in the Lodge. Please visit the Lodge so he can register you to use the amenities and issue you a key fob for the Fitness Center and Pool.

All residents are welcome to attend the HOA Board meetings on the second Tuesday of each month. If you have any questions or concerns, we are happy to help. The HOA Board handles all issues related to the Covenants and Restrictions, additions or changes to homes and landscaping, and social events for the neighborhood. The CDD is a separate Board that handles issues related to the amenities and the CDD assessments that are added to your property taxes for services provided. The Property Manager rents the amenities for private functions for additional fees.

We encourage you to visit our web site at [www.pineyz.com](http://www.pineyz.com) for a complete orientation to our community. Contact information and phone numbers for the HOA and CDD are provided on the web site and on the bulletin boards located at the front of the Lodge.



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### FDLE Recommendations for Cyber Security

1. **Use anti-virus software:** Your anti-virus software should be set to constantly monitor your system using “real-time monitoring,” and you should be sure your virus definitions are kept up to date.
2. **Install hardware and software firewalls:** Your network should be behind a hardware firewall, particularly with a high-speed connection. Install a personal firewall to block any content that the hardware may miss.
3. **Create strong passwords:** A strong password is one that has at least 8 characters including letters, numbers, and other non-alphanumeric characters.
4. **Establish a back-up schedule for important data:** Creating and maintaining a set schedule for backing up your data can prepare you for any unfortunate breach that could occur despite your best efforts to remain secure.
5. **Maintain up-to-date security patches:** Carefully review and install software patches as soon as they become available. This will help to reduce the amount of time that you are vulnerable to an attack.
6. **Use password-protected screen savers:** Reduce the chance that others are able to access your data by using a screen saver that activates after a short time and requires a password to return to the desktop.
7. **Check the settings in your e-mail client and web browser:** In your e-mail client you should use content filter settings to block unwanted e-mail. You can also set your Web browser to block cookies and unwanted JavaScript.
8. **Use safe e-mail and download practices:** Most computer viruses spread through e-mail or direct downloading to your computer. With this in mind, you should think carefully about everything that you download.
9. **Increase your awareness of Internet security:** Become aware of the dangers surrounding you on the Internet. You can do this through formal training, or by simply keeping up with the latest Internet news and alerts.
10. **Establish policies and rules for information security:** Policies or rules should be established in your home, providing guidelines for secure computer use.

For More FDLE Cyber-Security Tips, visit [www.secureflorida.org](http://www.secureflorida.org)

FDLE also offers a seminar, C-SAFE Cyber-Security Awareness for Everyone. If you would be interested in attending this seminar at the Lodge, please contact HOA Board Member Susie Brierton at 656-6326. If residents express an interest, the HOA will schedule a seminar.

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## The Snow that Never Melts

Please be sure to bag your trash before putting it into the can. Recently, a resident put a great deal of white packing peanuts in the trash unbagged. When City Waste Management came to collect the garbage, most of the packing peanuts did not make it into the truck, but were strewn into a neighbor’s yard. It looked like a substantial snowfall. When the neighbor complained to the city, they promised to pick up the trash. Naturally, that never happened. The moral of the story is to please bag your trash. Also, most mailing stores are happy to receive your unwanted packing peanuts. It’s better than sending them to the landfill.



Thanks to all Piney-Z residents who faithfully remove their trash and recycle bins from the curb in a timely manner. It really does enhance the neighborhood aesthetic and clears the streets of obstacles.