



## NPOA BULLETIN JANUARY 2021

- **Security Team Message:** Please call Security in advance of guests, contractors, vendors or other service providers coming into National for deliveries, visits or work. This will assist you and the Security Staff in getting these visitors through the security gates quickly and efficiently. Call: 910-295-4381.
- **ARB Note:** The ARB will begin sending out a quarterly news message on construction and other ARB matters. Updates to the current ARB Guidelines are in the works and will be sent to all residents via Constant Contact once completed as well as being posted to the NPOA Website.
- **Fox & Wildlife Update:** The Wildlife Professionals that were hired to take out the foxes from National have completed their work. No additional rabid foxes were reported and there have been less sightings of foxes recently. The professionals did remove several raccoons & possums. They have been called back to our community recently to catch a coyote that has been roaming National. During the monitoring for the coyote, a fox was just caught and removed from the National, along with two raccoons. We will keep you posted on the outcome with regard to the coyote.
- **Drainage Work:** Drainage work continues in National. Two drainage projects have been completed – one on National Drive and one in Ballybunion Park. Currently, Butler Constructs is working on the drainage basin and ditch on Royal Dublin Drive. Once that project is completed, they will move over to Leven Links to work on a drainage project there.
- **A Special Note to National Residents:** The comfort stations on the golf course are for human use only. Housekeepers have observed residents and their dogs utilizing the comfort stations on the golf course – both throwing away pet refuse and allowing pets to drink from the toilet. The toilets contain chemicals that mix with the water to help keep the toilets clean and are not safe for pets to drink. Often times, the stations are left quite dirty and smelly after a pet's visit.
- **Yard Debris Schedule for 2021.** A schedule of the dates for pickup of yard debris is shown on the last page of the Bulletin below and also available as an attachment for downloading.

## Thank You, Pinehurst National Garden of Friends



On a cold and damp morning in early December, the Garden Friends of Pinehurst National performed their traditional miracle of transforming our neighborhood with holiday wreaths and ribbons. This tradition began many years ago when the original National Garden Club wanted to show off their decorating skills, and here we are these many years later still taking pride in our neighborhood.



Please read the heartwarming story below, written by Laurie Griffin, and let's all tip our hats and offer gratitude to those garden elves who brought us much needed cheer during this past holiday season.

*This year we decided not to ask for many volunteers due to Covid but hopefully next Christmas we will be able to have more volunteers. Peter and Judy Vanica retrieved all the containers that Dave Bowbliss was so kind to store for us at the maintenance building. The Vanicas hung them in their garage, then Judy, Janice and myself later fluffed up the bows and got them ready to be displayed in the neighborhood. Peter and Judy were leaving before it was time to hang all the Christmas decorations so they couldn't help out as Christmas elves.*

*The three groups of elves that hung all the beautiful Christmas decorations this year were; Keith and Janice Ellstrom, Cathy Roofe and Nancy Lewis, Charlene Cobb and Laurie Griffin.*

*We've already taken the decorations down due to the wet weather coming in. Keith and Janice Ellstrom, Tim and Laurie Griffin and Charlene Cobb retrieved them and have them hanging in the Vanicas garage to fully dry out. Janice and I will pack them up at a later date and take them back to be stored until next Christmas.*

The residents of Pinehurst National #9 continue to demonstrate how a community of friends working together can bring joy to so many. Thank you!

If you are interested in joining the Garden of Friends, contact one of the coordinators: Judy Vanica ([judyvanica@gmail.com](mailto:judyvanica@gmail.com)); Janice Ellstrom ([kjellstrom@nc.rr.com](mailto:kjellstrom@nc.rr.com)) and Laurie Griffin ([laurielgriffin@aol.com](mailto:laurielgriffin@aol.com))