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Editor: Terri Kathman

FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

By: Suellen Coito, President

The first regular Board meeting of 2021 will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, February 16th. The meeting will be broadcast on Zoom only and we will be announcing the details in plenty of time for you to participate. The Board currently has an opening and if you are interested in serving please submit your request in writing to the office by March 1st.

Some of our residents have expressed concerns that some cars do not have Pinestone stickers or guest passes. Please make sure that yours is not one of them and if your sticker is worn or faded please go to the office and request a new one. Residents have said they have seen cars speeding on the property, cars making u-turns from the mail area and cars backed in to their parking spots. I would like to remind everyone that if you see these things happening make a note of the license plate number, the time and the day and give it to the office. When rules are not being obeyed it is everyone's obligation to report the incident and notify the office with a signed complaint. If you see something say something. The Board requires a signed complaint or suggestions with specifics before the Board will consider it.

Some of our vendors have complained that they are being told by residents what to do. All our vendors are instructed to only take direction from the office. Also, all of our vendors work on a contract and not by the hour and on occasion they take breaks so please show them the respect they deserve.

I hope you have had a chance to observe the new and improved look in the mail area and in front of our trash areas. Also, we have finally secured the permits for the changes to the Pinestone entry way and work should begin shortly. Meanwhile stay warm and stay safe

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Editorial Comment by Terri Kathman, Editor

I think I see a light at the end of the tunnel, although I don't know how long that tunnel is going to be! Many Pinestone residents have signed up to get the Coronavirus vaccine but who knows how long it will take before we are all vaccinated. Until then we need to wear our masks, keep our distance and work together to keep each other safe until the time when we can resume our normal social activities.

It has been a very stressful year and it was especially nice to leave the cold, snowy north and arrive at Pinestone and see the beautiful landscaping cared for by our Plant and Beautification Committee. Some members of the committee, like Carol Estes, give it a hands on approach going above and beyond to make our community looking beautiful. While strolling around Pinestone after we arrived we noticed some delightful additions to some of the Palm trees. Hanging on the side of some of the trees were paintings which were beautifully done on palm frond bases that had fallen to the ground. Thanks to the creativity of Rick Pluese and the artistic talent of Nancy Breitfelder we have these beautiful paintings to enjoy while we walk around the neighborhood.

It is great to live here at Pinestone and every year I'm reminded that things may change but the basic reason for living here are the people. Even if we can't have our Friday Night Socials, Welcome Back Parties and Wonderful Movie Nights, we still can get together at the pool or outside our condos, social distancing and enjoying each other's company. Hope to see you around the Ranch!

PLANT AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

The Christmas trees, lights and decorations have been removed and the bromeliads from the tree have been planted throughout the community making our area so much more beautiful. Thank you to everyone who helped with these projects.

Because of the Coronavirus these amenities are open with the following restrictions until further notice:

CLUBHOUSE: *Masks are to be worn while in clubhouse.*

CARD ROOM: Four residents at a time while obeying social distancing of 6 feet unless wearing masks.

GYM: Two residents at a time.

LIBRARY: One person at a time.

THEATER: Closed.

POOL: Social Distance of six feet.

SPA: One person at a time limited to 20 minutes.

TENNIS COURTS: Open for doubles play.

PICKLE BALL: Open for doubles play.

When using the amenities please practice social distancing and sanitize before and after use to reduce the risk of possible exposure to the virus.

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• For your convenience Hand Sanitizers are •
• available in the Recycling and Compacting •
• Rooms. •
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The mailbox area has been painted with a tan speckled epoxy. This makes the area more attractive as well as being more durable. The lighting has also been updated. Take a ride by at night to appreciate its appeal.

The committee is asking residents to complete a maintenance slip for any landscaping/planting issues. Do not approach the landscapers directly as they are working on a set schedule. We will monitor any requests and take action accordingly. Thank you.

Our faithful volunteers continue to maintain our trees and shrubs so that our community is appealing to both our residents and guests and we really appreciate their efforts.

Patti Decina
Plant and Beautification Committee



Line Dancing has resumed on Fridays at 10:30 a.m. We have moved to the outside on the pool deck and will be social distancing in keeping with the clubhouse rules and limitations at this time. Everyone is welcome, no line dance experience is needed. If you wish to check it out before giving it a try, you are welcome to come and observe.

SUNSHINE LADY INFORMATION



Our Sunshine Lady, Liz Collister, is the one who sends cards to those Pinestone residents who are ill, hospitalized, have a special anniversary (25th, 50th), or to the family of those who have passed away. Just contact Liz at 941-925-0579 or bubbalizzy@aol.com if you know someone who could use a little sunshine.

“Rules of the Road”

When we enter our beautiful complex by car we leave the world of government traffic enforcement behind us.... Now the rules of our safety come into being. We have walkers, bikers, people backing out of spaces, other drivers and children all using the same roads. There are speed limits (16 MPH), stops signs and other safety measures to eliminate accidents. Please, if you see someone with backup lights on trying to back out stop and give them a break. This is especially a problem on Players Place where people speed up after getting through the gate. We don't have policemen to enforce the rules. We shouldn't have to. Common sense, awareness, and following the rules should do the job.



TRASH and RECYCLING ETIQUETTE

It seems that some of us need a little refresher course in recycling and trash room etiquette. As you probably know we have two rooms in the mailbox area – one is for trash, paper and cardboard and one is for glass, aluminum and plastic recyclables. Trash, paper and cardboard go in the large compactor where you open the door which is on the side and throw in your bags of trash, etc. and then shut the door of the compactor. You must break down any boxes before you put them in the compactor. In the recycle room there are 4 large bins where you put your glass, aluminum and plastic recyclables. **If you are renting or letting a friend use your condo, be sure they are made aware of the trash room etiquette.**



In addition, please do not leave household items, paint cans, carpets, electronics, etc. in the trash area. If you have large usable items to be disposed of you can call Goodwill Industries (1-941-351-8946) or the Salvation Army (1-800-728-7825). For medium household items you can call the office and they will give you a sticker to put on the item and schedule a pickup. **There is no charge for this service but you must notify the office and have a sticker.** We would really appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Are your Dryer Vents performing properly?

Those residents living in first floor units should check their clothes dryer exhaust vent. These are located outside your unit in the front of the building. They should be clear of any leaves and other material that could reduce their effectiveness. You should also check to see that flap that seals off the vent when not in use is actually there and in the closed position. If it is missing the vent hood will have to be replaced. That is if you want to keep the creatures out. This is an owner responsibility. The vents are not costly and can be obtained at any hardware store. If you are in need of someone to clean your dryer vent you can contact Amerovent at (941) 705-5468 or online at www.amerovent.com.

Do I Need Approval for any Improvements or Changes I make to my Condo?

It seems that some people were not aware that they need to get approval for certain improvements or changes that they make to their condo. Just to make sure everyone understands, before you have any of the following items changed or installed please get a copy of the Architectural Change Approval Form from the office and have it completed in a timely manner **before you contract with a vendor to do work in your home.**

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The next Patter will be published in March. The deadline for that issue will be February 25th. Information can be sent to Terri Kathman at (tmkathman1@gmail.com).

Pinestone Market Update

FROM ROBERT AGNELLO, REALTOR®



*Source: MFRMLS data from 1/1/20 - 12/31/20

Inventory is low after an active year in Pinestone. It's no wonder demand is so high with a convenient location and resort-like amenities.

Have you considered selling your Pinestone residence? Now is a great time to get on the market.

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- Tracy Ali #1924

Brian was our Realtor on the purchase of our Pinestone condominium. He listened and found us the perfect condominium. Throughout the sale he worked with us and the seller perfectly. He was knowledgeable, honest, trustworthy and very professional throughout and even after the sale. We love our new home and if you'd like to know more about our experience please feel free to contact us. - Gary & Marilyn Barker #611

We worked with Brian on 4 Pinestone sales and 2 rentals. His honesty, professionalism and knowledge of Pinestone is the best. We wouldn't trust anyone else for Pinestone real estate.
- Ted Unkel #2322

We inherited my father's Pinestone condo after he passed several years ago. In 2011 we contacted Brian to rent out our Pinestone condo for several years. This year we decided to sell. Brian kept us well informed of open houses, showings etc. Brian sold the condo and as with the rentals, everything went smoothly. We highly recommend Brian for any of your real estate needs. - Kathleen Centner #310

Brian was very helpful and professional selling my parent's Pinestone condo. This estate sale occurred after our Mother's passing. My brother and I live in New Hampshire, he made it easy for us to electronically receive, review and sign offers and fill out all paperwork. He also gave us advice and resources to use in order to donate and sell furniture and home items. We recommend Brian. He has a good knowledge of the Sarasota area market and helped us to expedite our closing. - Chris Webb #421

We listed our condominium with Brian McGreevy of Sarasota Home Realty and were very satisfied. His knowledge and guidance through a challenging market resulted in the smooth and stress free sale of our property. - Mike & Kathy Andersen #1913



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