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Editor: Terri Kathman

FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

By: Rick Pluese, President

Greetings everyone! My name is Rick Pluese, and I am honored to be Pinestone's new Association Board President. Many thanks to all who voted for me. Also a sincere thank you to Suellen Coito for your many years of dedicated service on the Pinestone Board.

Some of you know me and realize that I am very interested in continuing to make improvements to Pinestone. We are currently undergoing what I call a “make over” in many areas of Pinestone, landscaping being one of the most visible focus areas. There are still many updates that need to be made, and we, as your acting board, Rocco, Frank, Steve, Marty, Tony, Rick and Brian, will need to work together to accomplish what needs to be done.

Dan, our Community Association Manager, has been here less than one year and has done a fantastic job. Dan has, and will continue to play a large role in the Pinestone updates. Please show respect to Dan, as we all know he has the toughest job here.

Please feel free to contact any of our board members with issues you may need resolved or just to ask

questions you may have. In closing, I can only say keep an eye out for the up-coming improvements.

We hope everyone has a healthy and great 2022!

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MANAGER'S REPORT
By Dan Pittaro, CAM

1. Change of address: For those who are not full time Pinestone residents, you must notify me of changes to your mailing address when you are here or back home. There is no way to automatically track your location or schedule mailing address changes.
2. Mailbox keys. Pick up if you haven't.
3. Pick up your recycling totes in my office.
4. Don't throw plastic shopping bags in the recycling bins when carrying recycling over. Use the totes.
5. The only place to put bulk trash is in the front of the recycling dumpster area. It is not to be left next to the trash compactor, nor is it to be left in the previous area that bulk trash was left. You must come in and get a sticker first from my office.
6. If anyone is selling or trading a car that has a headlight gate transponder on it, please contact me BEFORE disposing the car. I need to take all unused access control devices out of service for the security of the neighborhood.
7. Each unit has ONE reserve space under the carports. The proper space for each unit is marked by an identification number of the space. If your unit number is placed on the carport, this does not designate your space. Prior management placed the unit numbers on the carports to assist in identifying unit numbers for emergency medical response purposes only.
8. Please come see me if you are not sure how the call box and gate entry system works. Visitors and deliveries are jamming up the entrance on a regular basis by people who do not know how the gate codes work. Please

tell your guests that the gate instructions are printed on a sign next to the call box.

A NOTE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As you may have read in last month's issue of the Patter, our longtime editor Terri Kathman is planning to retire this year. Since the Pinestone Patter is an important vehicle of communication for our community, we really need to find someone who would be willing to fill this position. No experience is necessary, just a computer and a willingness to keep our community informed about what is going on here at Pinestone.

Terri has said that she will be happy to go over what is involved, write up some detailed instructions and be willing to assist the new editor in the transitional period. If you are a seasonal resident that would not be a problem since with the internet she was able to produce the issues whether she was here at Pinestone or up at her northern home.

If by some chance we have several people interested in this position, we could have co-editors which Terri was for the first year she was in that position.

Please give this some thought and hopefully there is someone who would be willing to help us maintain this valuable vehicle of communication with our residents. If you would like more information, please contact the office at pinestonemgr@gmail.com or Terri at tmkathman1@gmail.com.

Thank you,
Pinestone Board of Directors

Editorial Comment by Terri Kathman, Editor

The word is getting out that Pinestone is a wonderful place to be. The long list of new owners in last month's Patter gives an indication of how popular our community is along with the appreciating property values. It is great to see so many new faces

and hopefully before too long we will be able to resume the many activities that everyone enjoys. Our Friday Night Socials held outdoors by the pool have been well attended with a few new faces being welcomed by the old timers. Bring your beverage of choice and an appetizer to share and meet the many faces of Pinestone that make it a wonderful place to be.

Hopefully this pandemic will be controlled soon and we will be able to resume the many activities that we enjoy. But even if we can't resume all of our activities, we do have the pool and beautiful weather to help us enjoy each other's company. The newspaper from our northern home that we read on our iPad reinforces why we want to be here in Sarasota away from the snow and below zero weather, and as a bonus spend time in a wonderful community with delightful people. I hope things open up so that we can fully enjoy our life here at Pinestone.

We are pleased to report that we will be resuming some of our social activities but doing so with extreme caution. If you have not been FULLY VACCINATED against Covid 19 you are required to wear a mask and socially distance when taking part in activities.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The winter season has begun. I would like to start by thanking our Friday Night Host & Hostesses for January: Donna & Ron Adams, Judith Treloar, Diane & Neal Price and Joy & Tom Breckenridge. We will continue to hold our Friday Night Social outside when possible and ask that you bring an appetizer to share and what you would like to drink. We still need volunteers to host the Friday Night Socials in April please sign up in the library.

We have some fun events for February starting with our Valentine Night on Friday, February 11th at 5:30 pm in the Club House. For this event we ask that you bring an appetizer or main dish or dessert to share. Music by singing impressionist Chuck Drager will begin at 7:00 pm in the Club House. There is a charge of \$5.00 per person which will be collected at

the door. Chuck Drager performed for us two years ago to rave reviews.

Our next fun event will be the Super Bowl Party on Sunday, February 13th starting at 5:30 pm hosted by Jill & Dave Notter. This will be a Pot Luck food function so please bring an appetizer or main dish and a Super Bowl Cake will be provided. The Super Bowl Pool will be available at the Friday Night Socials, January 29th and February 4th. Wear your favorite team colors and come join us for a fun evening. Bingo will begin on February 2nd at 7:00 pm in the Club House. Anyone interested in playing Bridge on the second and last Wednesday at 6:30 pm please sign up in the library as there is room for more players.

The popular Pub Quiz is coming on March 4th, hosted by Sue & Mike Hosler. There **will not** be a Friday Night Social before the Pub Quiz. The Pub Quiz will start at 7:00 pm. Teams can consist of up to six people and there will be 11 teams. The cost will be \$1.00 per person. Sign up begins February 18th at the Friday Night Social and thereafter a sheet will be posted in the library.

It is only through our volunteers that the Social Committee at Pinestone can offer all these wonderful activities. We are eager to hear about events that you would like to see happen at Pinestone.

Our next Social Committee meeting will take place on March 2nd at 10:00 am and all are welcome.

RoseAnn Buglione, Chairman
Pinestone Social Committee



VALENTINE NIGHT PARTY
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dessert to share
Music by singing impressionist Chuck
Drager
beginning at 7:00
\$5 per person charge

Informal Outings

Although these events are not planned Pinestone activities, you will probably find Pinestone people in attendance.

The Brown Bag

Concert Series will begin on Thursday, February 3rd at Phillippi Estate Park, 5500 S. Tamiami Trail. For those of you who are not familiar with these concerts, they take place at the gazebo in the park from noon until 1:00 p.m. every Thursday during February and March and they are free. So bring your lawn chairs, pack something or stop and pick up something and enjoy a variety of musical genres while you enjoy your lunch. Oh, by the way, although the concerts are free, they do pass a bucket for donations to cover the musicians traveling expenses. The dates are as follows:



Feb. 3	Kim Jenkins - 60's Music
Feb. 10	Oceans 11 Big Band
Feb. 17	Easy Street
Feb. 24	Good Time Groove Big Band
March 3	Kitt Moran and Mike Moran Jazz Trio
March 10	Stephen Ditchfield
March 17	Drew Trapani Big Band
March 24	Jimmy Mazz
March 31	Sophisticated Swing Big Band

Silent Movie with Theater Organ Accompaniment

Though not a Pinestone event, but attended by many Pinestoners, is the silent movie every February (pre-Covid) accompanied by Clark Wilson performing on a Wurlitzer theater pipe organ. Clark is one of the finest practitioners in silent movie scoring in the world and is guaranteed to leave you laughing. This year will be a 1923 Buster Keaton movie, "The Navigator."

The performance is Sunday, February 20 at 2:30 p.m. at Grace Church, 8000 Bee Ridge. For advance tickets at \$15 each, go to <http://>

www.theatreorgans.com/MTOS/ and click on "Buy Tickets" underneath Clark Wilson's name. You can also reserve tickets by calling 941-776-3668 (Mary and Ken) up until 6 p.m. the night before the concert and get the \$15 price to be paid upon arrival. Tickets at the door cost \$18, cash or check only.

DRYER VENTS

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.

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 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. For household items to be disposed of you can call the office and they will give you a sticker to put on the item and schedule a pickup. **These items should be put at the back of the recycling room.**

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.

Chuckles for the Month

Three fathers-to-be were in a Minneapolis hospital waiting room while their wives were in labor. The nurse arrived and announced to the first man, "Congratulations sir-you're the father of twins!" "What a coincidence, I work for the Minnesota Twins baseball team." The nurse returned in a little while later and announced to the second man, "You sir, are the father of triplets." "That's amazing!" he exclaimed, "I work for 3M!" At that, everybody's attention turned to the third man, who stood up and gasped, "I should never have taken that job at 7-Eleven."

For the first time in many years, a man drove into the city to see a movie. He stopped at the concession stand to purchase some popcorn. "The last time I came to the movie," he huffed, "popcorn was only 15 cents."

"Well then, sir, you're really going to enjoy yourself," the cashier replied with a smile. "We have sound now."

You know you are over the hill when you try to straighten out the wrinkles in your socks and discover you aren't wearing any.

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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 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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Pinestone Market Update

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PRICE RANGE

\$210K—\$325k

PENDING

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PRICE RANGE

\$275k—\$319k

ACTIVE

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PRICE RANGE

*Source: MFRMLS data from 1/01/21—12/16/21

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.

Call me to discuss your real estate needs and see how your home fits into today's market!

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