

FEBRUARY



From the President: Rick Pluese

January flew by, February has arrived and Pinestone activities are in full swing! The board will continue to update and upgrade the twenty-five-year-old working parts of Pinestone. The electric meter banks and service disconnects are at the top of the list. We have replaced them on two buildings, 14 and 7, but the rest still need to be done. Building 2 is next, however, we are waiting on Florida Power and Light to issue the permit. Unfortunately, we are also waiting for receipt of the disconnect switches for the balance of the 23 buildings, which are now on a forty-eight-week lead time.

New tables for the pool have been delivered this month. The tables we have now are twenty-five years old and many are in bad shape. We continue to discard tables that are not safe due to legs rusting out.

Fire risers, which supply water to the sprinkler heads in each unit, are also twenty-plus years old. We have had several pipes that rusted out recently and caused leaking. The leaking causes the fire alarms to go off in the building. When this happens, we need to call for emergency repair, which means the building's fire sprinkler system must be shut down, and sometimes we need to hire a fire watch person to watch over the building until the leak is repaired.

As many of you have noted, the tennis court surface is cracked and needs to be refinished. The tennis court lighting also needs to be replaced. The board is currently taking bids for both. **IF** we accomplish all the above, 2023 will be a big year for taking care of many of the necessary updates to Pinestone.

Please get out of your condo, get to know your neighbors, reconnect with friends, and enjoy the many amenities Pinestone has to offer!

From the Manager: Dan Pittaro

They're baaaaack! Welcome back snowbirds and seasonal renters. Left behind are snowstorms, frigid temperatures, and barren grass. Take time to enjoy the sun, the warmth, and the beautiful colors so abundant at Pinestone. Take time to enjoy the many amenities, the pool and spa, Siesta Key beach, the



Legacy Trail, the many golf courses, and everything else our beautiful region has to offer. Monday Night at the Movies is in full swing, as is the Social Committee and its many planned events. Welcome back to all our winter residents.

I would like to remind all residents of the following points:

- **Owner's Portal:** Owners should sign up for the owner's portal containing the Progressive Community Management website PCMFLA.com. You can make payments, check your balance, and change your mailing address. It is especially helpful for snowbirds to change addresses when they are in Florida. You can set up or alter autopay for assessments and make immediate payments on account.
- **New seasonal tenants:** If you are leasing your unit for the season, be sure to submit a rental application and your application fee asap. Remind your tenant that they need to come to the office upon arrival to get a renter's parking pass for their vehicle. All first-time renters must schedule an orientation meeting with me as soon as possible. And as always, remember that renters are NOT permitted to have pets of any kind.
- **Bike Storage area:** The bike storage area is very crowded. If possible, we ask that all first-floor units use their storage locker to store the bikes if they have access. We will soon be doing a purge of the old, rusted bikes that have no identification on them. There were several bikes that seemed abandoned from the old racks that were moved to the fenced-in area. If the bike has no Pinestone sticker, it is being thrown away. Please do not give out the gate code to others.
- **Gas grills in the pool area:** Please clean off the grills after using them. This should go without saying, but sadly it must be said. There are cleaning brushes on both grills. They should be scrubbed down immediately after grilling, while the grills are still hot. This makes cleaning the easiest. By not cleaning the grills after use, grease builds up on the cook box. This leads to grease fires which will burn your food. It also causes a premature warping of the cook box. We have already had to replace one cook box, and the second is warped as well. The grills are only a little over two years old.
- **Guest passes:** As a reminder, ALL guests staying in a unit need to be registered with the office. All guests must have a parking pass on the back of their car. The form can be downloaded from the pinestone.org website. All cars parked overnight must have a parking pass, which can be obtained at the manager's office.

Have a great season. Relax and enjoy!



From the Editor: Julie Wallace

I don't like snow. I did in my youth, but that was then and this is now. I feel very fortunate to now live in Sarasota where it doesn't snow in the "Winter" as it does back in Cincinnati.

Speaking of Cincinnati - **WHO DEY!** What about those Bengals? Well -- it was all good until it wasn't. Best of Luck next year to my hometown team.

I've enjoyed the "season" here at Pinestone so far - so many options to socialize with the people I've met. By options I mean: water aerobics, pickleball, shuffleboard, bocce, tennis, bingo, movie night, and the list goes on. No reason to say "there's nothing to do". This is one of the many reasons we love Pinestone - so much going on and so many choices to keep us active.

As Dan mentioned in the last Patter, I am helping with the updating of the Pinestone directory. If you haven't filled out an Owner's Information Sheet, please do so by contacting Dan in the office or myself and we will send you the form. *Can't remember if you did?* Contact me (jayayuu@gmail.com) and I will verify with you, your details. We want to make sure we have your most current information and details to put into the directory. And if you don't want to be in the directory, we need to know that too. Opting out of the directory will only list your name and unit number.

If you are picking this Patter up at the clubhouse, but are interested in receiving it electronically, send me an email and I'll add you to the distribution list. (jayayuu@gmail.com)

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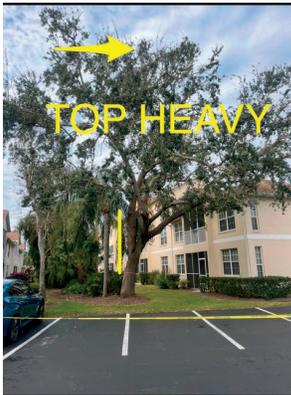
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Some of you may wonder why we have pull-in parking at Pinestone. Well, for a number of reasons. Our Pinestone sticker is on the back of the car (driver's side, rear window) and Florida only requires one license plate. So those two things help identify your vehicle for safety and security reasons while parking on the Pinestone property. The second reason - the exhaust from the vehicle if backed in causes damage to the landscaping, and those fumes also go into the windows of the units nearby.

If you are parking at a sidewalk entrance to a unit, please don't pull all the way up to the edge. This will allow people to walk in front of your car to get to the entrance sidewalks of the units.

The oak trees have been "hard trimmed" to prevent future damage from high winds to our buildings.



Thanks to Dan Pittaro and the Board Members for an informative and well-attended Pinestone Annual Meeting on January 17 -- both in person and on Zoom.

Shuffleboard



You can dress up or you can dress casual to play shuffleboard. Just play!

B-I-N-G-O



Stop by the clubhouse on Bingo night and try your luck -- this "young" person did!

BROWN BAG Concert Series

February and March - Thursdays, Noon to 1:00 pm

FREE ADMISSION - buckets for donations are passed around to cover musicians traveling expenses.

Bring your lunch and a lawn chair and enjoy a variety of musical genres.

You will most likely see Pinestone faces in the crowd.

February 2	"Siesta John" Sollazzo
February 9	Oceans 11 Big Band
February 16	Easy Street
February 23	Good Time Groove Big Band
March 2	Kitt Moran and Mike Moran Jazz Trio
March 9	Stephen Ditchfield
March 16	Drew Trapani Big Band
March 23	Jimmy Mazz
March 30	Sophisticated Swing Big Band

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PUB QUIZ !

The Pub Quiz is returning after a 2-year hiatus because of Covid. This popular event is scheduled for Friday, March 3 at 6:30 p.m., and lasts until about 9:00 p.m. There will be no social hour prior to the event, but there will be the break halfway through for desserts and beverages. You are asked to bring a dessert to share.

Teams may have up to 6 persons and there are only 11 slots for teams. Teams fill up fast, so sign up early. If you would like to play, but aren't already a part of a team from previous years, there are often spots available on other teams-just add your name. The cost is \$1.00 per person, payable that night, with all the monies being distributed to the **1st, 2nd, and 3rd** place winners. The quiz consists of 6 verbal rounds and 2 filler sheets, often pictorial in nature. Sign-up will begin at the Friday night social on February 10 and then be placed on the bulletin board in the library thereafter. Please, no players from outside Pinestone, with the exception of guests staying with you at the time. We want to make sure all Pinestoners have the opportunity to play.

Any questions, email Sue Hosler at: suehosler@yahoo.com



It has been so nice to see so many people enjoying all the activities at Pinestone. Please refer to the calendar in the Patter for dates and times of all our activities and parties.

The Welcome Back Party was well attended by 90 people. It was wonderful to see everyone dancing and enjoying the fun evening. I would like to thank the members of the Social Committee for their help and I would also like to thank the Pinestone Board of Directors for their support. Thank you to the helpers who came to set up for the party and break-down.

February is going to be another exciting and busy month with the Super Bowl Party on Sunday, February 12 at 6:00 pm. Enjoy watching the game on the big screen in the movie theatre and clubhouse. This will be a Pot Luck food function so please bring an appetizer or main dish to share and dessert will be provided.

The Super Bowl Pool will be available at the Friday Night Socials on February 3 and 10. "You can't win unless you are in" so come prepared to pick the winner.

Our next big party is Mardi Gras on Friday, February 17 at 5:30. Entertainment will be provided by Chuck Drager, Singing Impressionist. Please bring a hearty appetizer or dessert to share. There will be indoor and outdoor seating and dancing! The signup sheet will be posted in the library on Friday, February 3.

Our next Lunch Bunch will be held on Tuesday, February 28 at 11:30 am at Farlows Restaurant in Englewood. The sign-up sheet will be posted in the library.

Over 40 people enjoyed the luncheon at Deep Lagoon in January. Thank you Terri Rung for organizing.

March will bring Pub Quiz on Friday, March 3, and the Pool Party on Saturday, March 18. Please mark your calendars and more detailed information will follow next month.

Our next Social Committee Meeting will be on Wednesday, February 1 at 10:00 am and it is open to all to attend and we encourage you to join us.

RoseAnn Buglione
Chairperson

Welcome Back Party

A great event for everyone at Pinestone - full time residents, snow birds, and seasonal renters. Here are a few highlights from the event held on Friday, January 27.



CLASSIC MONDAY MOVIES

The February Classic Monday Movies continues to present cinema gems in the Pinestone Theater, hosted by Pinestone resident and retired film professor, Bill Muzzillo.

Each film is not only 'classic' in nature, but also restored and presented in its original format. Many have been saved from deteriorating film-rot, and have not been seen on the big screen for decades. On Monday nights, Bill offers a brief history of the film and encourages audiences to remain afterward for a Q&A session.

A suggested donation (which includes refreshments) is \$1.00 - Such a bargain! Showtime is **7:00 p.m. sharp**, and audiences are encouraged to get to the clubhouse theater early, as seating is limited and saving seats is not permitted.

For those who are Covid-conscious, the door to the theater remains open during the evening, and the ceiling fan is 'on' at all times. The wearing of masks is always welcome, but optional.

Here's the lineup for Mondays in February:

FEB. 6th – “Double Indemnity” (1943) Nominated for Best Picture, “Double Indemnity” blew the roofs off the theaters and defined the entire genre of Film Noir. Starring Barbara Stanwyck, Fred MacMurray, and Edward G. Robinson, it remains one of the finest American classic thrillers and is still studied today by aspiring film students.

FEB. 13th – “The Untouchables” (1987) Here it is—one of the greatest crime stories in all American cinema! Robert DeNiro’s portrayal of Al Capone is unforgettable, and Sean Connery took home an Oscar for his performance as a Chicago cop. Filmed in the Windy City, this one is really remarkable...and untouchable!

FEB. 20th - “Shadow of a Doubt” (1943) Here’s another Alfred Hitchcock classic that critics consider one of his best! Starring Joseph Cotten and Teresa Wright, Hitchcock’s film about a murder in small town America continues to keep audiences at the edge of their seats. See for yourself!

FEB. 27th – “Amadeus” (1984) Nominated for ‘Best Picture,’ Amadeus chronicles the amazing life of Wolfgang Mozart and his astonishing output of music before his tragic death. It’s a unique and dazzling film, filled with music and Oscar winning performances. Simply put, it remains a landmark achievement on film. Directed by the great Milos Forman.

Mark your calendars accordingly, and see it all on the big screen!





Kalooki !

Each Friday at 1:00 PM at the Clubhouse Card Room come and play a fun card game called Kalooki. It's easy to learn and fun to play.

All are welcome. Hope to see you there.



Free line dancing lessons will held in the Clubhouse every Friday from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. The classes will continue every Friday morning through the end of April. No experience is necessary and all are welcome. Come have fun and do some easy dancing to great music. It's good for the mind and body. For more information, please contact Carol Johnston at 518-332-0538.

Bocce

As many of you may have noticed, our Bocce court is finished. Hoping there may be some folks that are interested in getting a group together to play once or twice a week. You don't have to be an old pro or a brand new player. It's an easy game and much fun. Hoping we can get some folks that would like to start a group. For those interested, please drop me a note at jfgrenke@icloud.com and see if we can put that new court to use.

Mardi Gras Party

Come join your friends and neighbors for an evening of music and dancing as we gather for an early celebration of Mardi Gras 2023 on February 17 at 5:30 PM. Entertainment will be provided from 7:00 PM until 9:00 PM by Chuck Drager, a singing impressionist. Tables and appetizers will be set up both inside and out for everyone's comfort. Be prepared to show what you know about Mardi Gras by participating in a Mardi Gras trivia contest. Get in the spirit by wearing a creative mask (optional). Beads will be provided to add to the festive look. Bring a hearty appetizer or dessert to share and your own beverage. There will be a \$5.00 charge, payable at the door to help cover the cost of the entertainment.

Wear your Pinestone name tag if you have one. If you have previously signed up for one and haven't picked it up, Terri will have them available. She will also be collecting the names of those who have never signed up for one.

Look for a sign up sheet in the library beginning February 3rd. Indicate whether you will be bringing an appetizer or dessert.

See you there!



PATTER DEADLINE: the next Patter will be published at the end of February, 2023. The **deadline** for that issue will be **Monday, February 20, 2023**. If you have something you would like to put into the Patter, please send it to Julie Wallace at jayayuu@gmail.com



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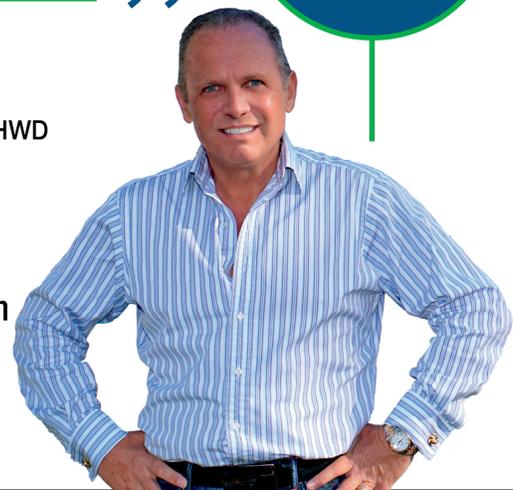
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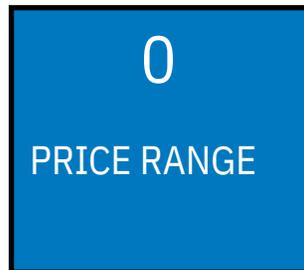
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