

November/December



From the President: Rick Pluese

What an incredible year 2023 has been for our community. Pinestone has become a beautiful place to live with plenty of activities. Some of the activities include pickleball, tennis, shuffleboard, corn hole, basketball, swimming, hot tub, movie theatre, card clubs, Friday night social, Holiday parties, conversation pits, book club, water aerobics, line dancing, women only group, billiards, walking groups, gardening, Sunday and Monday night football, to name just a few. I am sure I missed some. If you are not involved in any of the above, please see our event calendar or just walk around and see what you may like to get involved with.

Our budget was passed on November 21, 2023 with the insurance increase for 2024 being \$35 of the monthly increase received by each unit. The total that each unit will pay per month with the 2024 increase included just for insurance will be \$111.83. This is our largest line item for our budget. Our insurance representative Matthew Mercier spoke at the budget meeting to give us some insight on the increase. If you missed the meeting, please read the meeting minutes that are posted on the Pinestone website.

Sarasota experienced a drought this summer. We are down 16 inches of rain below normal. Our irrigation system saved most of our landscaping but did not save everything. Hopefully, we will have a wet winter.

The board wishes that y'all enjoy your holidays with your families.

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From the Manager: Dan Pittaro

2023 was a very fast and eventful year for Pinestone. We accomplished several major projects during the year. The largest by far was the resurfacing of the pool deck in June and July. We replaced the fire sprinkler riser assemblies in 15 buildings. And we are in the process of replacing the tennis court lights, though progress has been slower than anticipated. Once the lights are complete, the court will need to be resurfaced.

Projects planned for 2024 include completing the riser replacements in the other 11 buildings, replacing the electric main disconnect switches and meter banks in the remaining 23 buildings, and beginning the six-year cycle of painting the buildings. All the materials needed to do the electrical work are already stored onsite. Every building will show several thousand dollars allocated for replacing the electric main disconnect and meter banks. This was the cost of the materials. We are also going to modernize and upgrade the neighborhood camera system. We are getting high definition cameras and NVR recorder, and doubling the number of cameras around the common areas.

As everyone knows by now, the community insurance coverage sustained a large increase for the second year in a row. The subject was discussed at length during the last three board meetings. It was explained that the association had to borrow \$220,000 from its reserve account to pay the annual premium. On November 3rd the board voted to pass a special assessment of \$625 per unit to be used solely to repay the loan without depleting the money being collected to pay next year's premium.

The key component of any budget is the reserves, both for the neighborhood and especially for the buildings. The Pinestone neighborhood is approaching 30 years old. The infrastructure must be updated to maintain the structural integrity of the community. The expanded neighborhood reserves are to preserve and enhance the quality of life in the community. I have been constantly updating the building budgets to ensure that the money is available when things need to be done. This affects your property's value more than anything.

Manager's Report - Continued

The current board of directors is planning for the future. **YOUR** future. **IF YOU ARE NOT MOVING FORWARD YOU ARE FALLING BEHIND!** Pinestone has clearly become the Pearl of Palmer Ranch, desired by buyers and realtors alike. While real estate values have flattened elsewhere, Pinestone values continue to appreciate. Come out and enjoy all that Pinestone has to offer. Meet your neighbors and have some fun!

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a safe and wonderful New Year.

Christmas/Holiday Party

This event will take place on Friday, December 9 at 5:30 pm. Bring an appetizer to share; and bring an unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots. Hope to see you there.



Classic Monday Movies

Good news all Pinestone movie lovers! **Classic Monday Movies** is returning to Pinestone for its 12th year! Beginning **MONDAY, JANUARY 8** and continuing each Monday evening through March, movie fans will convene in the Clubhouse theater at 7:00 pm for a classic film (with a brief introduction by Pinestoner and film prof Bill Muzzillo). Popcorn, beverages, and the infamous traveling candy bowl are included! The suggested donation for each evening is a mere \$1.00 per person. (No quarters, dimes, nickels, or pennies, please!)



Specific film titles will be announced in the January issue of the Pinestone Patter. In the meantime, save the date (MONDAY, JANUARY 8) and be ready for a fun time!

From the Editor: Julie Wallace

Pinestone is coming alive with the owners starting their six-month stay ... along with a few renters. Before we know it the new year will be here and our community will be filled with familiar faces. ***Welcome back, everyone.***

As you arrive back at Pinestone, you will notice a few things have been updated or in the process of being updated. For one, and I think a HUGE change, is the painting of the unit numbers backboard. They are now white and so much easier to read and see!

The tennis court lights are being changed out to newer, more energy efficient lighting. I'll have pictures in an upcoming Patter showing the transformation. The seating areas at the center of our community are looking great with additions of overhead lighting at one of "The Pits", which has become a nice spot to gather.



We extend our sincerest sympathy to their family & and friends. We mourn the passing of:

Greg Morano
Romuald Sadowski



Please welcome the newest member of our staff, Adrian Flaggs. Adrian was an Air Force brat for his first fifteen years. He was born in Tokyo and has lived in Turkey, Italy, Greece, and on many US Air Force bases. At fifteen he settled in Sacramento, California for four years. He worked in the family business after finishing school.

After moving to Arizona, he worked in the Laborers Union, where he learned carpentry and framing. He also drove a forklift. After 23 years in the business, Adrian is a master carpenter and framer. And like Yon, he is multi-talented in other areas that will come in handy in the neighborhood.

Adrian will be sharing the landscaping duties with Yon around the community.

Adrian's hobbies include scuba diving and shooting pool. Please join me in making him feel at home here in Pinestone.

Welcome Back Party

In the blink of an eye we'll all be back together at Pinestone. The theme of the **Welcome Back party** on **Friday, January 26** is "Hats Off To Our Hometowns." Please remember to pack a cap/hat to wear that celebrates where you're from. We'll have great music, a food truck and lots of laughs!

PUSH THE BUTTON!

Those crosswalk "flashing" lights in front of **Pinestone** on **McIntosh** are there for **your safety**. **Push the button**. Many of the Pinestone walkers and bikers don't. Why risk it?



Holiday Shoe Boxes for Seniors

We will be doing the Senior Shoe Boxes this year. We will meet on **Thursday, December 7 at 9:30 am** in the card room to wrap and fill the boxes. So save your shoe boxes for this wonderful gift idea.

For ideas on items to buy:

- Books, lotions, games, puzzles, stamps, stationery, slippers, crafting kits, sweets and treats.
- Remember, nothing that will break, leak or melt

Diverging Diamond - Clark Road



UPDATE: I-75 / CLARK ROAD DIVERGING DIAMOND TIMELINE
The diverging diamond at the I-75 and Clark Road interchange was to originally have been completed by the Fall of 2023. However, according to the Florida Department of Transportation, the interchange is now anticipated to be completed by **'early next year.'**

Building Riser Replacements:

Building 2



Before



After

Building 3



Before



After

Building 5



Before



After

Building 22



Before



After



It is fun to be able to tell you all about the many activities and events that will be taking place in December and January.

First a big thank you to Betty Angotti and Terri Kathman for hosting the Awesome Breakfast, which was most enjoyable and well attended.

The next event will be the **Christmas/Holiday Party**, which will be held on Saturday, **December 9 at 5:30 pm**. Entertainment will be provided by Kenny Angotti and you are welcome to share the Holiday Spirit by singing along. Please bring an appetizer to share. Each year we collect Toys for Tots so please put your unwrapped gift in the "Toys for Tots" box in the clubhouse lobby or under the Christmas Tree.

Mark your Calendars:

- **"The Pinestone Gals"**, which is a networking get-together will be meeting on **Wednesdays - December 13 and January 10 at 6:30 pm** in the clubhouse. Please bring what you would like to drink. The first gathering took place on November 8 and 29 attended.
- **Bow Bash** in the card room on **Tuesday, December 19 at 3:30 pm**. Make your gifts and holiday décor look tree-mendous, by learning bow making using ribbon and wrapping paper. Bring your own supplies; there will be limited sample materials for practice.
- **Line Dancing** will start on **Friday, January 5 at 10:30 am**. No previous experience is needed; all line dancing steps will be taught.
- **Friday Night Socials** will begin on **January 5 at 5:30 pm**. Please bring an appetizer to share and what you would like to drink. A sign-up sheet has been posted in the library to volunteer to host one Friday night.
- **Monday Night Movies** will return in the clubhouse theatre starting **January 8 at 7:00 pm**. More information to follow.
- The next **Social Committee Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, January 10 at 10:00 am** in the card room at the clubhouse. Please join us so we can continue to have all these fun events. We welcome new members and new ideas.
- **Bingo** will be held on **Wednesday, January 10, and January 24 at 7:00 pm**. They will continue on the second and fourth Wednesdays. If you were a winner at the last bingo, please remember to bring a dessert.



- **Book Club** will be held on Thursday, January 25 at 11:00 am. The book to be discussed is “Lessons in Chemistry” by Bonnie Garmus. All are welcome to join in the book discussion.
- **Welcome Back Party** on **Friday, January 26 at 5:30 pm**. The theme will be “Hats Off to Our Hometowns”. There will be a food truck for your enjoyment and a DJ for your dancing pleasure. If you can, wear a hat/cap from your home town. Please remember to sign up for this party. The sign-up sheet will be posted in the library on January 12.
- **Lunch Bunch** will be held on **Tuesday, January 30** at Noon at Stoneybrook. The sign-up sheet will be posted in the library on January 10. Only credit cards will be accepted for payment of lunch.

For many years we have had a **Pub Quiz** (trivia night) in March, but the couple who hosted this much-liked event will not be coming down this winter. Would anyone be interested in hosting this fun evening? If you have any questions or are interested, please call me at 516-524-6282.

A big thank you to **Liz Collister** for hosting Water Aerobics all year long. She challenges us to do the best we can and always with a smile.

Sunday and Monday Night Football continues in the Movie Theatre during December.

The **70's Party** will be held on **Friday, February 16**. If you want to plan to wear something that reminds you of the 70's, please feel free to do so.

The Social Committee would like to wish everyone a very Happy Health Holiday.
RoseAnn Buglione, Chairman



REMINDER:

Lock your car doors! We recently had four residents whose cars were gone through and stolen from. **None of these vehicles were locked.** A locked car will deter any thieves. Be prepared and aware.

Awesome Breakfast -- The Awesome Breakfast was held on Saturday, November 11. It was a big success with 40 people attending. We had a beautiful array of casseroles, fruit and many good pastries.

We celebrated Veteran's Day this year and honored our current and former veterans.

Betty Angotti and Terri Kathman, Co-Chairs



Pinestone Gals - Inaugural Gathering -- The first meeting was held on Wednesday, November 8 and was attended by 29 ladies of Pinestone. We had sign up sheets for different activities and events to gather with others who share the same interests. Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 13 at 6:30 pm in the Clubhouse.

Betty Lorenzo



Our Sunshine Lady, Liz Collister, sends cards to Pinestone residents who may be ill, hospitalized, celebrating a special anniversary, or to the family of those who have passed away. Contact Liz at: 941-925-0579 or email to: bubbalizzy@aol.com if you know someone who could use a little sunshine.

DEADLINE

PATTER DEADLINE: the next Patter will be published at the end of December, our January issue. The **deadline** for that issue will be **Monday, December 18, 2023**. If you have something you would like to put into the Patter, please send it to Julie Wallace before the above deadline at **jayayuu@gmail.com**



Free line dancing lessons will be held in the Clubhouse every Friday from 10:30 to 11:30 am beginning on January 5. The classes will continue every Friday morning through to 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.



Our library is a wonderful source , with many books, newspapers, along with puzzles and games (these are stored in the card room). Upcoming events and sign up sheets are also located in the library.

REMINDER:

As owners of a Pinestone unit, please be sure to share with your guests or renters the rules of the pool, the community, and the trash and recycle guidelines.

BOW
BASH

WHEN 12/19 (Tues.) | 3:30-4:30 | Clubhouse

WHY Make your gifts & holiday decor look tree-mendous. **Learn bow making** using ribbon & wrapping paper!

WHAT Bring your own supplies (for a helping hand with gift decorating); limited sample materials are available for practice.

Upcoming Book Club Selection

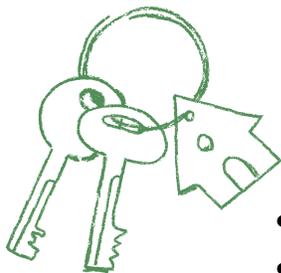
-- Meeting will be held on

Thursday, January 25

at 11:00 am

"Lessons in Chemistry" by

Bonnie Garmus



≡ Welcome ≡

to all new owners in 2023

- Randy and Joan Belsley - Unit 310
- Lea Graf - Unit 925
- Mark and Lisa Vorst - Unit 927
- Mike and Shirley Collison - Unit 1024
- Peter and Pasqua Girani - Unit 1511
- David and Debbie Linton - Unit 1521
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"I want to thank Brian for being a great Realtor he not only sold my condo but he was very patient and compassionate. I would tell anyone that needs their home sold to call Brian, he knows how to sell your place and get it done quickly and treat you like family. Thank you for everything!" - Michelle Olenick #1715

"Brian was exceptional with helping me navigate the challenges of buying a condo in this current market. He was extremely knowledgeable about all aspects of the buying process and guided me through each step with professionalism and care. He was very personable and easy to communicate with and I always felt that he had my best interests in mind. I would definitely use him again and would recommend him to others." - Roxanne Siff #1614

"I couldn't be happier with Brian and his team. They took care of everything I did not even need to fly down for my closing. Exceptional service!" - Rosetta Fraleigh #2423



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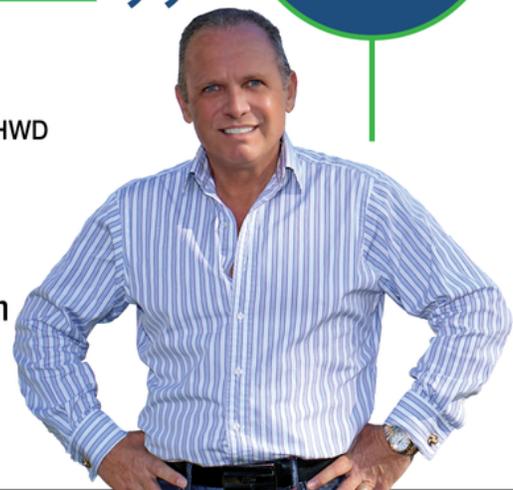
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Pinestone Market Update

FROM ROBERT AGNELLO, REALTOR®

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*Source: MFRMLS data from 1/1/23 – 11/20/23

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Now is a great time to get on the market with inventory low in Pinestone after an active year.

Recent Reviews from Customers:

"My experience with Robert was very positive. At our first meeting, you clearly understood what my requirements were, and what I was trying to achieve. He was helpful in suggesting alternatives to solve any snags we had once the condo was listed. We had several offers in a very short period of time. Robert was very helpful during the negotiations and dealing with whatever issues came up. I would recommend him to others looking for a REALTOR." John McManus Unit 1024

"Words cannot express how much I appreciated your expertise during the selling of our Pinestone condo. You walked me through the entire process and made it easy for me to understand. You answered every call and email, quickly and with professionalism knowledge and honesty. I clearly appreciate the time you spent helping me navigate the sale." Marian Valentine Unit 512

"Just a note to express our gratitude and thank you for making the sale of our Pinestone property go so smoothly. You made the process easy for us and were there whenever we had questions about the process. I don't think a property sale could have gone any smoother." Don and Linda Miller Unit 2612

"Robert Agnello handled all aspects of the sale of our Pinestone at Palmer Ranch condo and the purchase of our new home in Sarasota. We could not be happier about the job he did! Our condo sold in three days at a price we didn't dream we'd be able to get for it. He also guided us through the process of bidding on, and arranging financing for, our new house. Robert knows this industry inside and out. It's hard to imagine another agent working harder for his clients. Most importantly, Robert is a man of high integrity who delivers on his promises. Plus, he's got a great sense of humor! Thanks for everything, Robert!" David Yamin Unit 211

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



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