

# February



## From the President: Rick Pluese

January was a cool month, probably the coolest January we have had in a long time. Big hopes for a temperature rebound in February are high. The tennis court should be open, with a new color scheme, new nets, new posts, nice and level without cracks or pits. We expect the level of players to be comparable to Wimbledon Champions. The pool should return to its normal temperature of 84.5 degrees Fahrenheit if we have a mild February which will make a lot of people very happy.

Our two new full-time maintenance - landscapers (Yon and Adrian) would like to thank all who participated in the Christmas gift they received from our residents. They were both surprised and felt appreciated.

Oak trees will be trimmed behind buildings 11,12 and 13 this month. This will be a precautionary trim to protect our buildings from hurricane wind damage. Hopefully, we will not have an active hurricane season this year.

As the weather turns warm again, we expect that our amenities will be in full use. Enjoy what we have here, it's special, and make new friends.

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## **From the Manager: Dan Pittaro**

The 2024 winter season is in full swing. While the temperatures in January have been unseasonably cold, they are likely much warmer than the temperatures you left behind. Sunshine and warmer weather has finally arrived, bringing back smiles at the pool and around the neighborhood.

The front gate call box was recently replaced. The process for a visitor to enter your directory code changed slightly, though the general order is still the same. The revised instructions have been uploaded to the [pinestone.org](http://pinestone.org) website under the Community Information/Forms and Applications page. Copies are also available in the library on the back wall. The fobs and headlight transponders are unaffected by the change.

Please be advised that I will be removing all owner gate entry codes in the next couple of weeks. It has come to my attention that many of the entry codes have been shared and passed around many times over to unrelated parties. This creates security issues for the neighborhood since the activity log will not necessarily tell us who has actually used a particular code. I will assign a temporary code upon request when construction work is being done, or in certain cases when a guest is coming for an extended visit.

The tennis court resurfacing is now complete. The finished product of a resurfaced court along with the new lighting will be a showpiece for the community. Take advantage and try your hand at either tennis or pickleball. There are groups available for both sports.

MLB Spring Training tickets are now on sale. Take advantage of one of the winter pleasures Florida has to offer and go see your home team at one of the many local stadiums. It is a fun time for the entire family at an affordable cost.

Here are a few reminders during your stay at Pinestone:

- Be sure to lock your car doors and unit doors at all times.
- Remember that the application fee for sales and rentals increased to \$150.00 as of January 1, 2024. Be sure to use the updated application forms found on the website.
- All bulk trash must be reported to the office and tagged before being left in the recycling area.
- Pick up after your dog. There are three doggie waste stations around the property. Use them!
- All reports needed for insurance renewals or refinancing can be downloaded from the website. They can be found under Community Information / Forms and Applications. They include the current insurance certificate, the fire alarm inspection report, and the fire sprinkler inspection report. Wind mitigation reports have their own page on the website's home page.
- ARC applications are required for work such as replacing an HVAC system, windows and sliders, and second floor flooring. Applications can be downloaded off the website or picked up in the office.
- If you rekey your front door, remember to bring a key to the office. If you have a digital lock on your door, we still need a copy of the key. The batteries die, and they can lose the connection to your wifi network.
- If you have a headlight transponder and are selling or trading in your car, please notify me before you do so if you have more than one car. That way I can easily take the old transponder out of service.

Here's to a warm and sunny February!

## From the Editor: Julie Wallace

Pinestone has filled up with seasonal renters and the six month snow birds (that's me!). It's great to see everyone again and pick up with the friendships we've all forged over the years.

The weather seems to have now turned toward the type of weather we can brag about to our friends and family in other parts of the country. January was quite drab, cool and downright depressing. So cheers to sunshine and warm temperatures.

There are lots of activities planned for the next several months. Plan on attending any of the gatherings (lunch, parties, etc.) and maybe grab a racquet and join the Pickleball players. Lots of new dates/times have been put onto the calendar. Don't forget about the Book Club, the Pinestone Gals, the Friday Night Socials and Hump Day at the pool on Wednesday afternoon. If you have any questions about anything on the calendar, just send me an email: [jayayuu@gmail.com](mailto:jayayuu@gmail.com)



## BOOK CLUB



The book for February is: *"Hello Beautiful"* by Ann Napolitano. The Book Club will meet on Thursday, February 22 at 11:00 am.



**PATTER DEADLINE:** the next Patter will be published at the end of February, our March issue. The **deadline** for that issue will be **Sunday, February 18, 2024**. 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](mailto:jayayuu@gmail.com)

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](mailto:bubbalizzy@aol.com) if you know someone who could use a little sunshine.



The social activities are in full swing during these winter months. I do hope everyone is taking advantage of all the activities and parties that give you the opportunity to have fun and socialize with your neighbors. Please remember that it takes volunteers to make all that we do happen. I am inviting you to come to a Social Committee meeting. Give me a call, or send me an email saying you would like to get involved or help just a little.

Are you a female who likes to sing, and are interested in being part of an **informal Duet?** This would be for fun only, singing pop, country, and oldies at one of our Friday night socials. If you like to sing this could be really fun. Please contact me, RoseAnn at 516-524-6282.

The **Welcome Back Party** was a wonderful success with 111 people signing up. It was fun to see all the different places we come from and to have the opportunity to dance the night away. A BIG thank you to **Renee Fagan** and **Michelle Klimek** your hosts for the evening. Thank you to the people who helped them make our first party of the season such a wonderful fun evening.

**Friday Night Socials** started up in January. This is an informal event where you bring an appetizer and what you would like to drink and join your neighbors for some socialization starting at 5:30 pm. Stop by the clubhouse and meet new neighbors and friends. We still have a few open slots to host a Friday Night Social. The signup sheet is in the library.

The **Super Bowl Party** will be held on **Sunday, February 11 at 5:30 pm**. Come watch and enjoy the game with your friends and neighbors 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 what you would like to drink. Dessert will be provided. You do not need to sign up for the Super Bowl Party.

The **Super Bowl Pool** will be available at the Friday Night Socials on **February 2 and 9**. "You can't win unless you are in", so come prepared to pick the winner and participate in our Super Bowl Pool.

**The 70's Party** will be held on **Friday, February 16 at 5:30 pm**. Singer Impressionist, Chuck Drager will be performing for your listening and dancing pleasure. A sign-up sheet for this party will be posted on Friday, February 2 in the Library. You are asked to bring a hearty appetizer. A small fee of \$10.00 per person will be charged to cover entertainment. Seating will be available inside and out. ***You must sign up to attend this party.***

**Monday Night Movies** are going strong. Please look at the calendar to see what film is showing each week on Monday nights at 7:00 pm.

The next meeting of **The Pinestone Gals**, which is a networking get-together, will be on **Wednesday, February 28 at 6:30 pm** in the Clubhouse.

**Bingo** will be held in **February on Wednesday the 7th and 21st at 7:00 pm**. If you win at **BINGO** please bring a dessert to the next Bingo night.



The **Book Club** will meet on **Thursday, February 22 at 11:00 am**. The book to be discussed is *Hello Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano. ALL are welcome to join the Book Club.

The **February Lunch Bunch** will be held on **Tuesday, February 27 at Noon at Farlow's on The Water, 2080 S McCall Road, Englewood**. The signup sheet will go up on Wednesday, February 14.

**Line Dancing** happens **every Friday at 10:30 am** in the Clubhouse. No experience is necessary and all are welcome. Come have fun and do some easy dancing to great music.

### Mark Your Calendars:

The **Pub Quiz** will be held on **Friday, March 8 at 7:00 pm**. There will be **10 teams consisting of 6 people on a team**. Start thinking about your teams, and your team names and sharpening your skills. This is a fun trivia night that is always a popular activity. The signup sheet will go up on Friday, February 23 in the Library. Please bring a dessert to share.

The last big event of the season is **The Pool Party** on **Saturday, March 23** with a rain date of March 24. There will be dancing poolside and our famous Pinestone Barbecue. More information to follow in the March Patter.

The next **Social Committee Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, February 7 at 10:00 am** in the card room of the Clubhouse. Please join us, we welcome and need new members to continue our activities.

RoseAnn Buglione, Chairman



Do you have your "outfit" for The 70's Party yet? Here's some ideas to get you thinking about it ...



# 'FEBRUARY'S CLASSIC MONDAY MOVIES'

January's 'Classic Monday Movies' was a great success in Pinestone's Clubhouse theater, and February's titles are even more exciting! As always, each film presentation begins promptly at 7 p.m., and the suggested donation for each film is \$1.00 (which covers the cost of the refreshments). Be sure to get there early for a good seat!



## **MONDAY, FEB. 5TH "The Four Seasons" (1981)**

One of the most 'fun' movies of the 1980s, "The Four Seasons" was written by and starred Alan Alda, along with Carol Burnett, Rita Moreno, and Broadway's Len Cariou. Critics called it an adult story about three close couples who vacation together and somehow learn to tolerate all their eccentricities. It's a wildly funny film (beautifully photographed) that became one of the most talked about films in the '80s. See for yourself!

## **MONDAY, FEB. 12th "Driving Miss Daisy" (1989)**

At the age of 80, the great actress, Jessica Tandy, turns in the performance of a lifetime. Spanning 25 years, the story investigates the relationship between an elderly southern woman (Miss Daisy) and her Black chauffeur (Hoke). Morgan Freeman turns in another unforgettable performance as Hoke, the chauffeur, and dazzles on the screen. It's another major classic from the late 80's, featuring two of the finest screen actors ever!

## **MONDAY, FEB. 19th "Field of Dreams" (1989)**

Filmed in 1988 and released in the theaters in 1989, "Field of Dreams" became the most talked-about fantasy film of that year and was nominated for three Academy Awards (including Best Picture). The cast includes many wonderful actors, starring Kevin Costner, Amy Madigan, James Earl Jones — and even Burt Lancaster! Clearly, the '80s was a great decade for American cinema!

## **MONDAY, FEB. 26th "South Pacific" (1958)**

Rogers and Hammerstein wrote some of the most captivating and important Broadway shows in the history of the American theater, and "South Pacific" joins "Oklahoma," "The King and I," and "Carousel" on that list. Later on, they would add "The Sound of Music" to their accomplishments. It's no wonder that the filmed versions of these magnificent scores would be so popular. "South Pacific" ranks as one of their finest!

# Signs, Signs, Everywhere, Signs

A reminder -- Pinestone has many signs posted in the community for everyone's safety and all of us as community members should be aware of the signs and what they say. Here's just a small sample .....



## Tennis Court Upgrades

Our tennis courts have been "under construction" for a few months but are now ready for play. Enjoy!



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# Attention Pinestone Owners

Interest rates are trending down and inventory is trending up. Properties will no longer sell themselves as they have in the past few years. I can help you make your condo listing stand out! As a proud Pinestone owner myself, I possess an intimate knowledge of the community and its unique selling points.

I will help you get the most out of your sale and offer complimentary staging services (vacant or not) with any Pinestone listing. Get in touch today to start planning for the future!



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# Pinestone Market Update

FROM ROBERT AGNELLO, REALTOR®

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## PENDING



## ACTIVE



\*Source: MFRMLS data from 1/1/23 – 1/19/24

**Have you considered selling your Pinestone residence?**

**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*

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- Sandra & John Kelley #1913

"Brian, I want to thank you for all the help you provided in the selling of our condo. Since we were in Massachusetts at the time, you handled all the preliminary issues including scheduling and overseeing the inspection and any subsequent repairs, as well as finding a new buyer for our condo in record time! It was a difficult time for our family and your support and understanding was greatly appreciated."  
- Terry Green #927

"Seldom in today's world does anybody live up to expectations. In the case of Brian McGreevy he exceeded all our expectations. Brian suggested a listing price much higher than what we expected and at the time he predicted he would have it sold in a week. Well, he was 100% correct. From start to finish, he was everything and more."  
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"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."  
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