

January



From the President: Rick Pluese

As we enter 2024, let's all be thankful for what we have. Over the past year, 2023, our community has come together and formed many friendships. Age is irrelevant in friendships here at Pinestone. We have a wide range of ages, at the top we have our 90-year-olds and at the bottom, we have our youngsters in single digits. Sorry, no names.

Activities have played an important part in forming friendships here at Pinestone, and we all are aware of the large variety of activities we have. There is an activity for everyone. All you need to do is sign up for one or show up. Make an effort to get involved.

The tennis court should be ready to open up in late January. Weather will play an important part in the final finish, as fifty degrees or higher is the magic temperature range for the color applications. The new tennis lights have been installed and work extremely well.

The board wishes all a happy and healthy New Year.



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From the Manager: Dan Pittaro

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a fun New Year. This is always strange because I am writing this BEFORE Christmas! By the time this goes to print the neighborhood will be alive with the return of the snowbirds as well as the seasonal renters.



The Social Committee has many fun events on the schedule. I encourage everyone to come out, participate, and meet your neighbors. The community amenities and social scene are two of the major factors that make Pinestone so special.

On behalf of myself, Yon and Adrian, I want to thank everyone who generously donated to the staff Christmas gift fund. And I especially want to thank Mo and Mary Lou Farakish for taking the time to contact everyone on the staff's behalf. Thank you all again.

2024 will be another year of improvements and growth for the Pinestone community. The infrastructure will be substantially upgraded and made safer once the remaining fire sprinkler risers and electric meter banks have all been replaced with new, modern equipment. The tennis court will be substantially upgraded as well with new LED lighting and a new playing surface. A new camera system with double the cameras and improved recording capability will enhance safety and security. And that is just what is already in the works!

In the coming months when so many owners have guests visiting, please remember to submit guest registration forms, even if you are going to be present. And make sure they come to the office and get the proper guest parking passes for their cars.

As a reminder, the application fee for both rental and sales applications goes up to \$150 effective January 1st. Be sure to download the most recent application forms, that can be found on the Pinestone website.

Here's to a healthy and happy 2024!



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From the Editor: Julie Wallace

Happy New Year - cheers to 2024.

For me, the year went very fast. It has been two years since I retired and at that time, I wondered how I was going to fill my time. Well, my calendar has not been idle, that's for sure. From being the Editor of two HOA Newsletters (Florida and Ohio); helping with my aging parents; attempting to perfect my golf game; and also keeping friendships alive and strong and learning new things -- yep, this is why my calendar tends to be pretty full. I wouldn't want it any other way, as keeping busy is the key to staying young, both mentally and physically.

Pinestone offers so many activities to keep us all in tip/top shape - mind and body. Be sure to check out the calendar with all activities and decide what you would like to be a part of.

Since taking over the Patter in April of 2022, I have maintained the previous schedule for distribution of the Patter. Nearly two years in, I am making a slight change to the distribution. We will still have 8 editions a year but will combine September/October and break out November and December into separate issues.

New Schedule:

January (distributed end of December)
February (distributed end of January)
March (distributed end of February)
April/May (distributed end of April)
June/July/August (distributed end of July)
September/October (distributed end of September)
November (distributed end of October)
December (distributed end of November)

Safe travels to all of you traveling to Pinestone.





Why is the grass nearest the lake behind the Wingate buildings not being cut? Research provided the following answer: The Master rules for the Palmer Ranch Association state that for conservation purposes, a two-foot wide/two-foot high grass barrier must be maintained to prevent erosion and allow for wildlife to be insulated from the property.

The morning doubles tennis group is welcoming new members. Tennis players of all levels, from basic beginners to advanced, are welcome. The group meets from 9:15 to 11:00 on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Please call David Clark at 248 -933 -4995 for more information.



Deadline

PATTER DEADLINE: the next Patter will be published at the end of January, our February issue. The **deadline** for that issue will be **Friday, January 19, 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**



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.



The holiday celebrations began with the **Pinestone Christmas/Holiday Party** which was a huge success with close to 80 people in attendance. A **BIG THANKS** to **Nancy McGill** for hosting. We would also like to thank our resident harmonica player, **Ken Angotti**, for providing the music and **Betty Angotti** for leading us in song. Thank you to those who helped Nancy make this celebration so enjoyable. Without all the people who volunteer to help, our parties would not be possible.

I would like to thank Pinestone residents for donating to **Toys for Tots**. Your generosity will make a child very happy.

I have wonderful news -- Mike & Ellen Sanok and Michael & Julie Wallace have volunteered to co-host the **PubQuiz** in March. Start thinking about your teams and sharpening your skills. More information to follow in February.

Friday Night Socials will begin on **Friday, January 5 at 5:30 pm**. Please bring an appetizer to share and what you would like to drink. Don't forget to volunteer to host one Friday Night. The sign-up sheet is in the library.

Monday Night Movies will be back in the clubhouse theatre starting Monday, January 8 at 7:00 pm.

The Pinestone Gals, which is a networking get-together, will be meeting on January 17, not the 10th as previously written.

Wednesday Night **Bingo** will start on **January 10 at 7:00 pm**. Please check the calendar for the dates each month. *If you were at the last bingo in March and won, please remember to bring a dessert.*

The **Book Club** will meet on **Thursday, January 25 at 11:00 am** and the book to be discussed is "Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus. All are welcome to attend.

Lunch Bunch will be held on **Tuesday, January 30 at Stoneybrook at noon**. The sign-up sheet will be posted in the Library on Wednesday, January 10. Only credit cards will be accepted for payment for lunch.



January's big event is the **Welcome Back Party** on **Friday, January 26 at 5:30 pm**. The theme will be "Caps/Hats Off to Our Hometowns". There will be entertainment by DJ Mike Fernandez of Crew Entertainment and GitChewSum (Voted Best of Venice Barbecue food truck) will be available for you to purchase food. *There will be a small entertainment fee of \$10 per person.* You must sign up to attend this party. The sign-up sheet will be posted in the library on Friday, January 12. For those of you who want to attend the party, but will not be in Pinestone to sign-up please email me (robug323@aol.com) with your name and unit number and I will put you on the list to attend.

Mark Your Calendars: The **Super Bowl Party** will be held on **Sunday, February 11 at 5:30 pm**. Come and enjoy the game with your friends and neighbors. The game will be shown in the movie theatre for serious fans and on the TV in the Clubhouse. Please bring a dish to share and what you would like to drink. Dessert will be provided.

That 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. If you want to plan to wear something that reminds you of the 70's, please feel free to do so. The sign-up sheet will be posted on Friday, February 2 in the library.

I have been asked the question why do we have sign-up sheets for parties? There are many different answers to this question and here are a few:

- We need to know how many people are attending, so we know how many tables and chairs to set up both inside and out.
- We do have to abide by a fire code maximum number of people allowed in the Club House.
- Depending on the food arrangements, which are different for each party, we need to know in advance to make sure we are prepared. Please help us by signing up, so we can plan and accommodate all who wish to attend our parties.

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, we welcome new members and new ideas.

Your Social Committee wishes you all a very Happy Healthy New Year.

RoseAnn Buglione, Chairman

‘CLASSIC MONDAY MOVIES’

The new year 2024 will bring all kinds of activities and celebrations to Pinestone, and among those is the continuing series of *Classic Monday Movies* in the clubhouse theater. Hosted by Bill Muzzillo, retired professor of Literature and Film, this twelfth season will present 12 classic films, most of which have not been seen on the big screen in decades. Before each screening, Bill will give audiences a brief overview of the film and its significance in the canon of American cinema. Everyone is encouraged to remain for a few minutes after each film to exchange comments and ideas about what was shown.

Beginning on **MONDAY, JANUARY 8**, each film will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m., and be accompanied by free popcorn, beverages, and the ever-popular traveling candy bowl. Suggested donation for each screening is **\$1.00 per person**, to cover the cost of the goodies. The best bargain in town! Plan on joining Pinestone friends for another season of classic films on the big screen each Monday night. Mark your calendars accordingly, and be sure to get there early for a good seat! Here are the films for January:

MONDAY, JAN. 8 - “Flower Drum Song” (1961) What better way to start this new season of classic films than with a rousing Rogers and Hammerstein musical? And this is one of their best! Nominated for five Academy Awards, “Flower Drum Song” became a cinematic landmark as the first major Hollywood film to have a mostly Asian-American cast. Wonderful music for a fun opening night!

MONDAY, JAN. 15 - “Lust For Life” (1956) This glorious film spotlights the story of Vincent Van Gogh and his paintings, through Kirk Douglas’ powerful portrayal. As his story unfolds, viewers of this film are treated to many of VanGogh’s original paintings, courtesy of art museums throughout the world. And look for Oscar winner Anthony Quinn’s portrayal of Paul Gouguin. Vibrant orange and yellow sunflowers, and rippling yellow grain all come together in this Technicolor masterpiece.

MONDAY, JAN. 22 - “Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil” (1997) One of the great American films of the ’90’s, “Midnight” is a true story about a famous murder mystery in Savannah, Georgia. Director Clint Eastwood weaves murder, mystery (and a little voodoo) into an unforgettable film based on John Berendt’s best-selling book. You won’t forget meeting these characters or their story! We’ll have lots to talk about...

MONDAY, JAN. 29 - “The Man Who Knew Too Much” (1956) Everybody wants an Alfred Hitchcock film, so here is one of his best! Starring James Stewart and Doris Day, this gripping thriller has captivated audiences for decades and can now be seen on the Pinestone theater screen. It’s everything you’d expect from a Hitchcock film, and even includes Doris Day singing ‘Que Sera, Sera.’ You won’t want to miss this one!





Christmas/Holiday Celebration



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.

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We are looking to rent space in a first-floor storage unit for 2 bikes from 1/7/24 to 4/22/24. Can you help? Call Marcy -- 585-737-0810

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Attention Pinestone Owners

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Pinestone Market Update

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*Source: MFRMLS data from 1/1/23 – 12/15/23

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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

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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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"Phenomenal is the only word that describes Brian McGreevy. We not only received the asking price on our condo, but it happened in twenty four hours. Brian is the type of Realtor you want on your side, he not only does his job effectively and efficiently but becomes a true friend."
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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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