

April/May -- Spring Edition



From the President: Rick Pluese

Life as a Pinestone Board Member can be very satisfying. Some responsibilities of the board would be to maintain and improve common areas, and manage the budget in a way that allows for improvements so the value of Pinestone can grow significantly and the residents can enjoy a great place to live. The board complies with the governing documents, and somehow remains friends with the residents. Let's look at some of the specific responsibilities of our board members.

The pool and all its functioning equipment; the fire sprinkler inspection and regulations; false alarms from the fire alarm system; electrical power disconnects replacements; irrigation problems; palm tree trimming; oak tree trimming; monthly budget reviews to ensure we are operating within our budget; water leaks; off hours - "I'm locked out of my condo"; entrance and exit gate and call box problems; internet problems in the clubhouse; security upgrades; general landscaping; electrical problems; dumpster operating and pick up problems; recycling pick up problems; set up for events; BBQ grill problems; hurricane preparation; maintaining hot tub; weight room functioning of all treadmill and stationary bikes; bike corral organization; tennis courts; pickleball courts; solving the complaints we receive; and illegally parked cars.

These are just some of the responsibilities our board members handle regularly so you can enjoy your stay here at Pinestone. The next time you are walking in our community and pass by a board member, maybe just strike up a conversation or just say hello. The satisfaction mentioned above comes from the many compliments we receive from all of you. Enjoy life, we have a beautiful community and plenty of beautiful people here to enjoy life with.

From the Manager: Dan Pittaro



Another beautiful season has come and gone. Most of the snowbirds and seasonal renters have returned to the north. The season featured more wonderful social events, luncheons, gatherings, and sporting events than ever before. It was refreshing and rewarding to see so many people taking advantage of Pinestone's amazing amenities, and especially seeing so many people mingling and socializing. People took advantage of the nightly neighborhood walks, the Monday night movies, watching major sporting events in the theatre, and the Friday afternoon socials. Bocce, shuffleboard, and pickleball also brought people together, as did the Friday morning country line dancing. I think it is safe to say a pleasant time was had by all!

Before leaving for your northern homes, be sure to follow the guidelines posted on the website for closing your unit for the summer. If anyone forgot to shut off their water before leaving, please contact me so we can get it done. And remember to leave your air conditioner set no higher than 78 to prevent mold from invading your home.

The biggest project planned for the summer is the painting of the buildings and doors. Work will begin in early May and will continue into the summer. As I discussed at the 2024 budget meeting, the buildings will now be painted with paint that is warranted for 10 years, which will save the association a lot of money in the coming years.

The bike corral cleanup has been completed, and there is more room to move. Anyone who stored their bike in their unit while things were being done can return them to the corral. Thanks to everyone who helped make it possible.

During the next few weeks, Yon and Yoandris will be cleaning above the front doors to remove the wasp mud nests and spider webs as best as possible. They will also be pressure washing entrance ramps that need to be cleaned off.

Here are a few reminders for everyone to keep in mind:

- All guests should be registered with the office, even immediate family. All overnight visitor vehicles should have a guest registration card in their rear window.
- Do not feed any wildlife or birds. And bird feeders are strictly prohibited. The fallen seeds attract rodents and unwanted critters.
- Always be sure to lock your car doors at night.
- If you rekey your front door, remember to bring a key to the office. And if you have a digital lock on your door, we still need a key.
- If you have a headlamp transponder for the front gate and plan to sell or trade-in your vehicle, please notify me before you get rid of the car. It makes it much easier to deactivate the device.

Thanks to everyone for all the kind words and compliments I received this year. It makes my job so enjoyable! Have a safe and fun summer. Enjoy yourselves.



I am certain you will all agree we had a busy and fun winter season. For those of you who are traveling to your northern homes, we wish you a safe trip. For those of you who are staying, Betty Lorenzo has an active schedule of events planned for you through the spring, summer, and fall:

- Sunday, May 5th at 4:00 pm -- Cinco de Mayo Taco Party
- Thursday, July 4th at 3:00 pm -- Camp Pinestone Barbecue Pool Party
- Saturday, August 17th at 5:00 pm -- Pizza Party
- Saturday, October 19th at 4:30 pm -- Western Chile Cook-off Party
- The fee for the above parties is \$10

Your Social Committee has already started to plan next year's schedule of events and I have a new event to tell you about. Pinestone will have a Talent Night. We have so many talented people here in Pinestone and I plan to highlight these wonderfully talented people in a one-night show. With that said, please if you have a special talent, play an instrument, sing, dance, storyteller, poem writer/reader, comedian etc. please give me a call 516 524-6282 or email robug323@aol.com. Some of you have already volunteered to perform, but we have room for more. Mike Sanok has volunteered to MC this special night.

The Pub Quiz was an exciting and challenging night thanks to our hosts for the evening Mike and Ellen Sanok and Michael and Julie Wallace. A **BIG** thank you to Sue Hosler for her guidance and trivia material for the night. Congratulations to our team's 1st Place, The Pinestoners, 2nd Place, The Quiz Kids and a tie for Third Place, the Nor...easterns and Undecided.

The last event of the season was the Pool Party, which was a great success. We danced the night away. A big thank you to Joy and Tom Breckenridge for hosting this party. Thank you to the cooks (hamburgers and hot dogs were done to perfection) and the others who helped Joy and Tom make this evening so enjoyable.

I'd like to express my gratitude to all the people who have volunteered in ways large and small to make all the activities we have possible.

A special thank you to Julie Wallace for being the Editor of our Pinestone Patter and for putting up with my last-minute additions.

RoseAnn Buglione, Social Committee Chairman

UNIT IMPROVEMENTS:

We have an eclectic community here at Pinestone and most likely a whole lot of ideas to make our cozy dwellings even more comfortable, functional, and attractive.

Have you made any improvements lately that someone else might find exciting and creative? Would you be willing to share the design concepts with your neighbors? If so, every Pinestone Platter edition will have a short feature story with a photo visual that details the improvement. Some ideas:

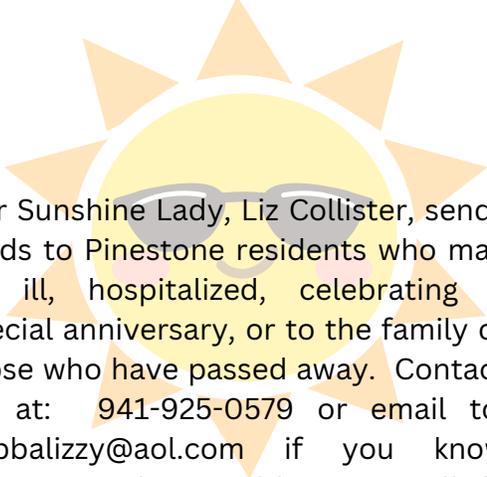
- Complete kitchen overhauls
- Complete bathroom redesigns
- Lanai floor plans and furnishings
- Adding a sliding barn door between the master bedroom and its adjoining washroom/bathroom/closet for more privacy where no original door existed.
- Adding sliding shelves inside the kitchen cabinets for ease and extra space.

The improvement should be described with basic details and a photo or two. You may or may not want to share budget details along with names of the contractor(s) and retail outlets.

We hope you like this idea and will share your stories with Pinestone residents. You might also wish to remain anonymous and we will honor your privacy.

Text me - Michael Sanok, 716-473-0248

Shout Out to Anna !



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.



Molly Stoloff, a long-time snowbird resident of Pinestone, passed away on February 27, 2024 after a brief illness. Molly and her late husband Murray were one of the original owners of a Pinestone condo, purchasing their Player's Place unit back in 1997. She loved coming to Florida every winter to escape the frosty winters of Massachusetts and was a regular participant in the Friday evening pot-luck suppers. She had many friendships in the Pinestone community and especially enjoyed it when her daughters and grandchildren came down for a visit. She also loved going to the Sunday night drum circle on Siesta Beach, sampling the many restaurants Sarasota had to offer and strolling Marie Selby Gardens. She will be greatly missed by her family and by those who were lucky enough to know her.

deadline

PATTER DEADLINE: the next Patter will be published at the end of July, our June/July/August combined issue. The **deadline** for that issue will be **Friday, July 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**

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Pinestone Market Update

FROM ROBERT AGNELLO, REALTOR®

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*Source: MFRMLS data from 1/1/24-4/19/24

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

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



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"Thank you so much for the great job you did! We felt confident in your answers to all of our real estate questions due to your many years of experience. Your knowledge of Pinestone & its regulations made for a smooth closing. Even when we were on the train going north you were there at the closing making sure everything was done right. We appreciate all your efforts."
- 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."
- Mike & Suellen Coito #2411

"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."
- Tom and Nancy Pasternak #2410

"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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