

November



From the President: Rick Pluese

Hurricane season has been a rough one this year. Hurricane Milton being the first hurricane that made landfall as a direct hit to Sarasota in almost 100 years. The protective Sarasota Indians long reign has ended. Milton ripped through Pinestone leaving landscape damage, car port damage and roof damage. Building ten had some windows blown out by the strong winds. We are working on recovery and have made good progress. Landscape has been cleaned up, but there are many palm trees, hard wood trees and plants that are in critical condition. All are currently being nursed with hopes for full recovery. Some have shown positive signs of full recovery, some are struggling to survive. Either way, we will recover and have a beautiful place to live once again.

When the eye of Milton settled over Pinestone, it was very peaceful, with no wind perfect calm. At that point I received several texts from Pinestoners who stayed for the event, saying that the hurricane was over and the damage was not bad. I had to text back explaining in football terms that the first half is over. Now we must brace for the second half which could be worse than the first half. Some did not believe me and some were shocked. But sure enough about 30 minutes later, the second half was under way. We all survived thanks to our well built buildings and our location thirteen feet above sea level.

From the President: Rick Pluese (continued)

We have a small waterway across McIntosh Rd. and a small waterway behind buildings 5,6,7,8,9 and 10. These two flowing waterways usher rainwater away from Pinestone and dump the rainwater eventually into Sarasota Bay, which saved us from serious flooding during Hurricane Debbie which dumped 15 inches of rain on Pinestone. Realtors have been saying "Location, Location, Location". Pinestoners, we have that **Location** the Realtors are talking about. We all should be thankful, as I know I am very thankful to live here in Pinestone.

Enjoy what we have here at Pinestone. Stay healthy and Happy.

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From the Manager: Dan Pittaro

Thankfully October is nearly over. The past month brought two major hurricanes to the gulf coast, two weeks apart. Helene brought an unprecedented storm surge to the barrier islands. Milton was a direct hit on Siesta Key and Sarasota, with the eye passing directly over Pinestone with category 3 winds. The back side of the eye did all the damage locally. Aside from the window damage to building 10, the neighborhood suffered relatively minor damage. We lost roof shingles on many buildings and may have minor leaks to a couple of buildings. We are on the waiting list with Florida Southern Roofing for a complete inspection of all of the roofs. However, they are still working on emergency work and roof tarping before conducting inspections. The carports lost a lot of soffit panels. Many of the panels were damaged and need to be replaced with new panels which Yon can replace. Several sections of gutters and downspouts were damaged. Our gutter contractor had his home and workshop hit by a tornado, which also destroyed his work truck. He will be out to do the repairs once he can get back to work.

A special thanks should go out to Rick, who stayed behind to ride out the storm and keep me informed of the status. I was able to send out one call notices remotely, to keep everyone apprised. He also looked out for the 30 or so people who also stayed behind. Thanks Rick.

Backup generator: Joe Tabbitt contacted three companies for the purpose of installing a natural gas-powered backup generator to power the clubhouse and the trash compactor. It is intended to aid the residents in the event of an extended power outage, providing charging stations, air conditioning, and continued use of the trash compactor. It is not intended to establish the clubhouse as a safe shelter during a hurricane. The cost of the generator, if approved, will be built into the 2025 neighborhood reserve budget without a noticeable increase in monthly assessments.

We have much to be thankful for here in Pinestone. I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday with family and friends. See everyone soon!

From the Editor: Julie Wallace

We've just arrived at Pinestone and feel very lucky to see how great the community looks after Milton made landfall just a few weeks ago. The town is a bit "scruffy", with all the landscape debris in piles at the curb but overall I think it looks good. Considering!

When I am compiling the Patter and the monthly calendar, I'm relying on all of you to pass on information and details so I can send this on using the communication of the Patter and the calendar. I send out a reminder to people who are on committees or oversee an activity but if you're reading this and you have details to be included in an upcoming newsletter or calendar, please send me an email and I will add you to that distribution. Email is the best way to communicate with me with these details so I have everything in one place.

Looking forward to seeing everyone around Pinestone - whether you're a full-time resident, half-year resident or snowbird. Whenever you plan to arrive, safe travels to all.



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.

PATTER DEADLINE: the next Patter will be published at the end of November, our December issue. The **deadline** for that issue will be **Wednesday, November 21, 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



Greetings Pinestonians. Milton certainly gave us a scare. We are all so fortunate, as we could have had a much different outcome from this storm. Let us hope the Hurricane Season is behind us and let us look forward to some fun activities.



Due to the hurricane, it was decided to postpone the Western Chile Cookout till next year. We do apologize and thank you for understanding.

The Awesome Breakfast will be held on Saturday, November 9th at 10:30 am. The sign-up sheet will be posted on October 26th in the library. When signing up please indicate the category of the dish you will be bringing to share. This has always been a nice event to spend some time with your neighbors and share some yummy breakfast delights.

The Holiday Party will be held on December 14th at 5:30 pm. Please plan on bringing an appetizer to share. Each year we collect gifts for *Toys for Tots*. Please put your new, unwrapped gifts in the *Toys for Tots* box in the Clubhouse lobby or under the Christmas Tree. The sign-up sheet will be posted on December 1st.

Welcome Back Party will be held on January 24th at 5:30 pm. The theme will be Aloha. We look forward to seeing some brightly colored or floral garments to heighten the mood of the evening. We will have a DJ for your dancing pleasure and a Food Truck. "Aloha Everyone"

- **Bingo** will take place on November 20th at 7:00 pm.
- The next **First Friday Happy Hour** will be November 1st at 5:00 pm.
- Every Thursday **Movie Night** at 7:00 pm.
- **Bocce** is being changed to an earlier time on Tuesdays at 4:00 pm.
- Sunday and Monday night **Football in the Club House** Theatre

We would like to begin our Friday Night Socials on January 3rd at 5:30 pm. Please bring an appetizer to share and what you like to drink, To continue this much-liked event each Friday during the winter, we need volunteers to host. This is a simple one-night commitment. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the library.

Our next Social Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 8th at 10:00 am in the Club House Card Room. We welcome new people to join us and share in the fun of planning new events.

Happy Thanksgiving everyone we certainly have a lot to be thankful for.

RoseAnn Buglione, 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



There's a new game in town - Left, Center, Right. Come join the fun. Upcoming dates are Saturday, November 23 and Saturday, January 25

Tis the Season - come help decorate our Clubhouse for the upcoming holiday season. We will begin at 9:30 am on Friday, November 22. Hope you are able to join.



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*Source: MFRMLS data from 1/1/24-10/18/24

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Call Robert, your previous Pinestone Neighbor.**

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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- 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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